

A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 25, 2024



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 28 at 10:00AM
followed by our

OPEN HOUSE/INVENTION CONVENTION EXHIBIT/SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
11:00AM - 1:00PM



If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour. Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words. If you do so, we have a referral program. Forms are included in your registration packet.

January 25, 2024

Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools' Week begins this Sunday with the opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. Our students who are altar servers and who are in the Student Council, Honor Society, and Choir will be taking part in this special Mass. The recipients of the David M. DeCosta Scholarship will be recognized during the liturgy as well. Mass will be followed by an Open House 11:00-1:00pm with refreshments, tours, and the opening of the Book Fair. Seventh Grade will have their inventions from the "Invention Convention" on display and classrooms will be open with student work displayed. This is the first time in several years that we have been able to open the school to both our current and prospective families. We are really hoping for a wonderful turn-out for Mass and at our Open House. All are welcome!

Some background on Catholic Schools' Week:

Fifty years ago, in 1974, Catholic Schools Week was established by the National Catholic Education Association as an opportunity to celebrate the value of Catholic education, not just to the Church, but to society as a whole. "I remember that first Catholic Schools Week well. At the time, I was teaching literature and religion to 7th and 8th graders, directing the school's plays, coaching girls' basketball, and serving as a substitute cheerleading moderator and Girl Scout leader. In those days, like today, everyone who taught or worked in a Catholic School pitched in and took responsibility for all aspects of the school's life and culture. We worked together to ensure that the Catholic school experience was---for each member of the community---an education for life."

The above excerpt (that I share each year!) was taken from an article written by one of my previous Catholic School teachers. I was one of those 7th Graders on the basketball team, in the school play and sitting in that ELA classroom. While I did not know at the time that being an educator in a Catholic School would be my vocation, I did know that there was something very special about going to a Catholic School. Today I know that it is not just something special, but everything special. While education has changed tremendously since 1974, the Faith, respect and nurturing environment in Catholic Schools has remained the same. St. Rocco School is more than just a school. It is a home away from home for our students to return to long after they graduate.

Along with the opening of Catholic Schools' Week Mass this Sunday, it is also the beginning of open registration for the 2024-25 school year. If you have not had your interview and re-registered, please call the office to arrange this. If you know of someone who is interested in attending St. Rocco School, now would be

the time for them to inquire and schedule a tour. We will continue with our Referral Program this year. Please see the attached letter outlining this program. Basically, by referring someone who registers for St. Rocco School, you can earn a monetary or tuition credit of either \$250 or \$500 off next year's tuition if they remain an active student through December.

Last week a hard copy flyer was sent home in the Thursday Packet describing all the activities that will be taking place next week as we celebrate our school community and Catholic faith. A copy of these activities is being sent again as an attachment. First up on Monday is Career Day, an opportunity for all students to "dress as their career" and share their career hopes with their classmates and Faith Buddies. Students should come to school dressed in the dress of their career.

Congratulations to our class Spelling Bee Winners:

3rd Grade: Americo DeFazio (1st), Gabrielle Mercier (2nd) and Avril Pina (3rd)
4th Grade: Ava Bernardeau and Nico Iacobo
5th Grade: Oliver Heywood and Nicholas Galvez-Cortez
6th Grade: Mia Gorgievski and Malakai Moan
7th Grade: Samaira Dhamija and Nakayla Chao
8th Grade: Alessandro Cassisi-Wood and Nicholas Scotti

Additional congratulations to Mia Gorgievski (1st) and Samaira Dhamija (2nd), the school Spelling Bee Champions. They will represent St. Rocco's at the Diocesan Spelling Bee January 31st at St. Mary's.

Finally, congratulations to Fourth Grader, Jaxson Scipione. He was the Feinsein Golden Ticket Winner this week. This means that the school receives \$5,000 and Jaxson and his family get to choose a charity to receive \$500 as well.

There truly is so much to celebrate! Have a wonderful Catholic Schools' Week!

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand



**ALL BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR ARE
SCREENED FOR APPROPRIATENESS FOR A CATHOLIC
SCHOOL.**

St. Rocco School's Mission Statement

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco school community.

We are dedicated to creating a safe environment that instills Catholic values and nourishes the development and growth of the whole person.

We are committed to excellence in academic standards that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the world.

Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 28th at our Open House. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at www.stroccoschool.org.
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** Re-registration will take place the week of January 17th-26th. Appointments were scheduled and sent home with your child last week. Tuition must be current to re-register.
- Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.
- The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2017 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2023 income tax return, you may use your 2022 income tax return and your 2022 & 2023 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.
- We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://.onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

Parishioner Status ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.

Reminders and Announcements



Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning February 5th unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 26th. Passes cannot be purchased after this date- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders: St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school. Also, no glass containers are allowed. All students have access to water all day; however, they need to bring in their own water bottle.



Payment Policy Reminder: Lunch is to be paid on the day it is ordered, however, you may prepay for the week. We do understand that unexpected situations occur, but it would be greatly appreciated if the lunch payment is paid the next school day.



Subject Night Change – Tuesdays will now be ELA/LIT and Thursdays will be Science

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

We have a busy 2024 coming up! Save the date in 2024 for:

Snowball Event – February 2 – in school

Book Fair – January 29 to February 2 – in school



Father/Daughter Dance – February 2 – Valley Country Club. Registration information is attached to this Thursday's packet. Please contact Alison Anderson, alisonalta@yahoo.com, to volunteer.







Looking for donations!

- **Christmas Decorations:** Do you have any recyclables from the Holidays you don't know what to do with? We are looking for any decorations you might want to donate so we can use them for future SRS events! Thank you in advance.
- **Mother Daughter Brunch Raffle Items:** We are looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother Daughter Brunch. You can drop them off or contact the office.

More details will be coming as will the ways to register. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com



St. Rocco School offers an Afterschool Program. We continually expand the variety of programs offered for the students to reflect their interests and talents. The Winter Session Forms for the Afterschool Programs are included in your child's Thursday Packet as well as posted on the school website. **A completed form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.** Please adhere to the deadlines

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Postponed until Further Notice</p> <p>Thank you for your Prayers for Sr. Daisy</p>  | <p>CHESS CLUB</p> <p>Grades 4-8 2:35pm-3:30pm</p>  <p>Strings/Violin Lessons Begins in February</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm Grades 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p>  | <p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p>  | <p>My First Hot Cocoa Stand</p> <p>Grades K-2 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p>  | <p>Italian Club</p> <p>Grades 1-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p>  |

ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Junior Boys

M. S. Boys Grammar

M. S. Girls Grammar

Cheerleading

Monday 4:00-5:30

Wednesday 2:30-4:30

Monday 2:30-4:00

Tuesday 2:30-3:30

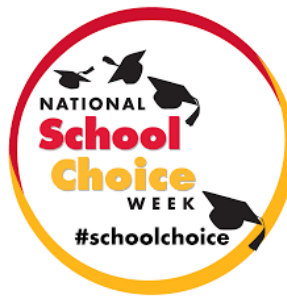
Wednesday 4:00-5:30

Friday 4:00-5:45

Friday 2:30-4:00

Thursday 2:30-3:30

Our students and faculty representing SRS at School Choice Event



Bishop Henning takes a photo with SRS!



SRS Boys Grammar Basketball Team

SRS Girls Basketball Team

UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Jan. 17th -Jan. 31st

Friday, January 26, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024



Friday, February 2, 2024

Friday, February 2, 2024

Friday, February 9, 2024

Feb.19-Feb. 23

Friday, March 1, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Friday, March 29, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

April 15 – April 19

Schoolwide Baby Shower Collection of Items

Invention Convention (Grade 7)

Family Mass 10:00AM

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Open House 11AM-1PM

11:30 Early Dismissal

Father/Daughter Dance



PK3-K Valentine Celebration

Winter Vacation

First Friday Mass

IL/PD Day

11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday

No School - Good Friday

No School – Easter Monday

Spring Vacation



January Virtue of the Month ~ Hope

*“As for me. I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more.”
Psalms 71:14*



Please follow us on Instagram @ [saintroccoschool](#) for updates and photos!

Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website www.stroccoschool.org for important information and updates.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~