



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Weekly Principal's Letter

Dear Parents,

I want to take a moment to share how proud I am of our students this week. During Mass today, our children followed along so beautifully, and our 8th grade students did an outstanding job leading the liturgy. Their presentation on the virtue of *kindness* was truly inspiring and a wonderful reminder of how we can live out our faith each day.

We also enjoyed celebrating our *Students of the Month* with **Pizza with the Principal** this week. It is always a joy to sit down with the children, hear about their favorite things, and listen to what they love most about being part of our St. Rocco School family.

On Monday, the Johnston Fire Department will visit our school to kick off Fire Prevention Week. Our firemen reinforce safety measures and ideas for our children. They do an amazing job making children aware of ways to prevent fires and ensure safeness at home.

As a friendly reminder, I kindly ask all parents to be extremely cautious in our parking lots during arrival and dismissal times. Many children are crossing the pavement to reach the school or the field and playground. For everyone's safety, please drive no more than **5 mph** and always park in the designated, lined parking spaces. The safety of our children is our highest priority, and your cooperation helps us greatly in keeping them safe.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

With gratitude,
Mrs. D'Amico
Principal



Reminders/Housekeeping

****IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL**, please keep them home and call or email the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially, **the phone call/email must be to the School Office first**. Please **DO NOT** send a notification of absence through **Class Dojo**. If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions.

Please call to notify the School Office by 8:30AM if your child will be absent. If your child is going to be late and will be ordering school lunch, please call the School Office no later than 8:30AM so we may plan accordingly. **PLEASE DO NOT NOTIFY THE TEACHER THROUGH CLASS DOJO IF YOUR CHILD IS SICK.**

Student Data/Custody Concerns – Please notify the School Office if any information regarding your child has changed since the submission of your child's application for enrollment. Any custody concerns require immediate notification to the School Office.



DRESS CODE: – We take pride in the appearance of our students. The way a student dresses and appears often influences behavior and learning. Uniforms must be worn at all times unless it is a casual "Dress Down Day". Please refer to the School Handbook available on the School Website.

DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY/MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, beginning in October, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for November for the cost of \$5.00. The "Dress Down Day" passes are for **Tuesdays only**. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form, your child's name and grade, along with your payment. (**Checks ONLY**) by October 29th. There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for charities, celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted.

Reduced and Free lunch: Anyone wishing to apply or feels they may qualify, please fill out an application and submit it the school office.

*Just a friendly reminder: If you received free or reduced lunch last year, a new application has to be submitted again this year. If one is not received, your benefits will end as of **October 9th**. The applications for Free and Reduced Lunch are available online on the School Website. Please call the office if you need a hard copy. Applications are accepted all year long.*

IMPORTANT Any payment sent in for your child **MUST BE IN AN ENVELOPE, CLEARLY LABELED WITH:**

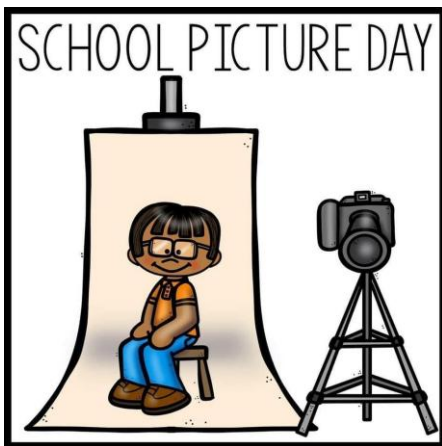
- Student's Name
- Student's Homeroom
- Indicate what payment is for
- Lunch Choices if applicable

Please Note: We are a **PEANUT, TREE NUT, SODA, SMOKE and GUM FREE ENVIRONMENT**. Also, **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** are to be used for a student's lunch or beverage.



St. Rocco School Flu Clinic

The St. Rocco School Flu Vaccine Clinic will take place on Wednesday, October 15th, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Flu Vaccine Clinic is for all faculty, staff, and students. The flu mist will be available. If you prefer your child to receive the flu mist, please indicate this on the registration form. Any questions, please contact Nurse Cheryl.



Lifetouch Picture Day – Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 16th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. **All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures**



Jr. Tennis players are continuing to learn and apply their skills. We recently defeated St. Augustine's! We want to thank the parents who are helping with scoring & clean up. We also want to thank the Casale's family for donating skorts to give us a united front. We are looking great on the courts with our New Jerseys and Warm jackets as well. Come support our Raptors this Friday, at Johnston Memorial Park, at 4pm for our home game!

Classroom News

PK4B – Mrs. Abjornson



Our Pre-K 4 B class has been very active! We started the school year by emphasizing the presence of Jesus in our hearts. During the initial weeks, the children visited St. Rocco church and prayed for special intentions.



Our curriculum features a mix of small and whole-group learning activities. Throughout September, we explored thematic units such as All About Me, Apples, and Autumn. Our centers are aligned with our themes and weekly lessons, promoting collaborative play and independent learning.



In our literacy activities, we have been honing our ability to write our names in both uppercase and lowercase letters. We've also been concentrating on a specific letter each week, and we've just completed our focus on the letter D! During our circle time lessons, we have been utilizing the Heggerty Phonemic awareness curriculum to practice identifying rhyming words, recognizing alliteration, segmenting sentences, and counting syllables.



In science, we've been exploring the scientific method by studying apple oxidation and chemical reactions. In October, we're excited to learn about the life cycle and parts of a pumpkin. Our math lessons include counting from a given number, number recognition, and number writing practice. .

In our Pre-K discussions, kindness takes center stage. We emphasize the importance of kind words and actions, and we strive to be helpful friends, fostering a sense of "Pre-K family" in our classroom.



It's going to be a fun Fall in Pre-K!

Share
your
Thoughts

Saint Rocco School Parent Association

News

BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION

10-02-25

We ♥ our
Volunteers



Our 1st Dine Out

Let's Get Together



Community is Key

Parent Association Meetings: Our *next meeting is Tuesday October 7th at 6:30.* All our meetings will be held 6:30-7:30pm in either the Conference room or Cafe Rocco. Anyone who has filled out a form will be contacted via email with a reminder.

Upcoming Events: Trunk or Treat in the School Faculty Parking Lot **Sunday October 19th 2:00-4:00pm.** This is a school wide event. Please feel free to have your siblings and grandparents attend.

The Halloween Games Extravaganza has been moved to Thursday October 30th 8:30am-12:30pm. Please reach out to sign up or let us know if the change impacts your ability to make it. Reach out to sscarcella@cpsd.net or the office to let us know.



It's not too early to sign up to decorate a Trunk at our Trunk or Treat.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C05NDAWAF28A2FDC34-58308980-saint-#/>



Family & Friends!

Volunteer Opportunity Updates

Notices for Room Parents & Snack Shop are going out this week! If you have signed up to volunteer for either or both: you should be receiving an email and envelope in your child's communication folder! Thank you so much! We cannot run these great programs without you!

If you missed sign ups for any event at the Back to School Nights you can still sign up to volunteer for any event throughout the year! Sign up at a Parent Association Meeting or email/call one of the Parent Association Officers.



Be sure to say Hi to Twizzlers! And feel free to donate some candy to support the event.



Save the Date
11/18/25

Thank You SRS Families!

Thank you everyone who supported our **1st Dine Out Night** at Bon Asian Bistro this past **Monday! It was a great success!** **Everyone enjoyed** an amazing dinner and so much fun connect with friends and raise money for our school! **Please Join Us for the next one Tuesday November 18th!**

Calendar Raffle Update

We Need Your Help!
Donate or Help Secure Donations for our Calendar Raffle:
The Calendar Raffle will be sold in October/November. But we would LOVE your *help now* collecting donations to fill prizes for each day. We are continuing to accept donations through this week and next till October 10th!



Parent Association Officers

Alison Anderson - President + Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez - Vice President
+Selaina Scarcella -Treasurer + Dayna Hudick-Secretary

SRS PARENT ASSOCIATION 2025 FUNDRAISER CALENDAR RAFFLE

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SRS Parent Association 2025 Fundraiser Calendar Raffle

November

Please Donate To Or
Sponsor
Our SRS Parent
Association
Raffle!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Get Your Business In Front of 200+ Local Families! 100% of proceeds go directly to programs and events for the students					01 restaurant gift card	02 cash prize
03 cash prize	04 store gift card	05 Walmart gift card	06 restaurant gift card	07 your business here	08 amazon gift card	09 cash prize
10 cash prize	11 restaurant gift card	12 donated item	13 Your business here	14 restaurant gift card	15 activity gift card	16 cash prize
17 cash prize	18 your business here	19 restaurant gift card	20 store gift card	21 activity gift card	22 Your business here	23 cash prize
24 cash prize	25 Thanksgiving Turkey	26 activity gift card	27 Your business here	28 restaurant gift card	29 activity gift card	30 cash prize

Have Your Business Featured on Saint Rocco School's Website & Social Media Accounts

If You are interested in Donating. Please fill out the form below, contact the School Office at: 401-944-2993 or

Alison on the Parent Association at 508-801-4275



How It Works

- \$10 per Calendar
- Each calendar purchased is 1 ticket
- Each \$10 Calendar purchased is entered to win daily prizes throughout the Month of November
- Each ticket(s) stays in the raffle every single day
- Each day in November a ticket will be drawn at 2:00pm at school
- Weekends too! Saturday and Sunday tickets will be drawn on Monday.
- Purchase your tickets in the school office or using the form - Tickets will be sold all of October
- You don't have to attend Saint Roccas to participate: Students, friends, family, co-workers are all welcome to enter!
- Purchase as many Calendars as you like
- Winners will be announced at the end of the day, posted on the school website and notified via email



Yes I'd Like to Donate! (Suggested Donation is \$25/\$50 Gift Card)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Business/Address: _____ Item Donating: _____

For every 5 calendars each student sells they are entered into a student prize raffle!



Friday, October 3rd

Monday, October 13th

Wednesday, October 15th

Thursday, October 16th

Sunday, October 19th

Friday, October 31st

First Friday Mass, 8:45 am

Columbus Day – **No School**

Flu Clinic

Picture Day – **Full Dress Uniform**

Trunk or Treat – SRS Faculty Parking lot

Halloween Games Extravaganza – 8:30-12:30/In School

Grade PK 3-5th



*Courage: “Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord.” Psalm: 31:24*

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St. Rocco School



CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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