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**St Rocco**  
**School**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

# THURSDAY PACKET

*Weekly Parent Notes*



Dear Parents,

Our time in the season of Advent is moving quickly. This week we embrace “Joy” represented by the third candle and the only one that is rose. I was once told that the three letters that make up the word **JOY** can teach us all we need to know about how to live a Christian life. By putting **J**esus first, **O**thers second and **Y**ourself third, we are truly “preparing the way of the Lord”.

*“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.” – Matthew 11:4-5*



The following is Advent advice from Pope Francis. He said that it is important to welcome God with humility and not bravado. “Each of us needs to confess our own sins, our own failings, our own hypocrisy. It requires getting off the pedestal and being immersed in the water of repentance.

Advent is a moment of grace to take off our masks — every one of us has them — and line up with those who are humble, to be liberated from the presumption of the belief of being self-sufficient, to go to confess our sins, the hidden ones, and to welcome God’s pardon, to ask forgiveness from those whom we have offended. This is how to begin a new life.”

Pope Francis

## **Congratulations...**

To all of our students for the amazing Christmas Programs they put on in Café Rocco yesterday morning and St. Rocco Church yesterday evening. The hard work they put in to preparing for these programs was evident in all they did. Special thanks to Mrs. Rachdouni, our music teacher, for preparing the students so well. It was wonderful to celebrate the season with our programs in person this year.

## **Tomorrow...**

The band from Bishop Hendricken High School will be here to give a Christmas concert for all our students.

Also, our middle school students will enjoy an afterschool gingerbread house activity from 2:30-4:00. Special thanks to all the middle school teachers for giving their time to make this event possible.

May Advent continue to be a blessed time for all our St. Rocco School families.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal



## NURSE'S CORNER NEWS

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### NOT FEELING WELL:

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.** If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Students who are absent more than 3 consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor's note before returning to school. Please contact the nurse with any questions.

## Parent Association News



The Santa Shop took place last week. Thank you to Ms. Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez for chairing this event for our school children. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted with this event to allow our school children to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Looking ahead to the New Year, we need volunteers to assist with our Catholic Schools Week Book Fair. Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Scotti have both generously volunteered to co-chair this event. This event will take place starting Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup> and run through February 2<sup>nd</sup> during school hours. We need some volunteers to assist with this event. If you are available to assist with this event, please reach out to the school office. Just a friendly reminder that you need to have an up to date BCI and Safe Environment.

Save the date: Father/Daughter Dance- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mother/Daughter Breakfast-Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
More details to follow....

### **Inclement Weather for Statewide Busing Students: Please see the website below for Statewide Busing when there is Inclement Weather:**

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx#1817595-inclement-weather--school-closingdelay-policy-information>

**Lunch Reminder:** Lunch is \$3.50. Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. **It would greatly help if you enclose the exact amount of cash or a check.** You may also choose to prepay for the week only. Thank you to all of the parents We **cannot** guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. If you owe lunch for your child, please send it in the next day. Thank you!

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:00 am. The cost is \$2.00. If your child is receiving breakfast, please have them inform the teacher on duty at Café Rocco as soon as they get in, so that they can receive their breakfast asap.

**Lunch Menu:** The Monthly Lunch Menus can be found on the **SRS website:** Go into **Parent's Page** dropdown, Click on **For Your Child**, Click **Monthly Menus** and choose the month you need. Thank you to one of our parent's for letting us know it was not easy to find!



**Monthly Dress Down Passes:** Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ Mondays only for the cost of \$5.00. Deadline for December Passes is November 21st. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (Checks ONLY)

**Aftercare Reminder:** Please address any concerns with you bill as soon as possible.

**Prayer Bags:** Sister Donna is still taking orders for Prayer Bags. They are \$4.00 each and the forms are on our Website under Thursday Packets.

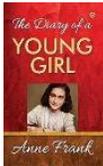
**Spirit Wear:** Looking for a great Christmas gift? How about a St. Rocco's sweatshirt or hoodie for your student, grandparent, aunt or uncle? We are also selling SRS Jewelry and Umbrellas. The Angela Moore Bracelets (custom made for our school) are on sale for \$40.00, SRS Bangle's and Corded Bracelets are \$15.00., and the SRS Umbrellas are also \$15.00. Please see the enclosed order form for the jewelry and contact the office for any other Spirit Wear item you'd like.

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## Classroom News

### ELA/Literature – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Miss Samantha Tripp

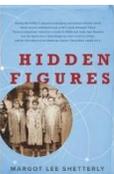
We have had a great year so far in middle school Literature and ELA! It has been so nice to get to know the sixth grade students as this is my first year having them. To start our year off we read *Anne Frank* the play where we learned all about Nazi Germany as well as the elements of a play. Students also wrote their own diary through the point of view of a member of the Secret Annex, we even included the cat! We are now moving on to reading *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. We will be learning about three different refugee situations in three different stages of history. We are excited to continue reading and learn how they may all be connected. In ELA students have been hard at work exploring all the different aspects of pronouns.



In 7th grade we wasted no time and jumped right into our first book of the year with Malala Yousafzai's memoir *I am Malala*. Students learned about the basics of Islam as well as the geography of Swat Valley and the courage that Malala displayed when standing up to the Taliban. After Malala we are now moving into a light and fun novel *Stargirl* by Jerri Spinelli. We are looking forward to making predictions about who Stargirl really is and what she is all about. We are also moving right along with our grammar and have just finished up pronouns and have started verbs!



8th grade has just finished reading *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. We have enjoyed learning about the development of NASA as well as the Cold War. We will now begin our play unit of the year with *The Monsters are Due on Maple Street* by Rod Serling which will bring us to reading our large play of the year *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder. In ELA we are continuing with grammar and are beginning verbs.



As always all grades are diligently working on their writing skills and are always impressing me with their work!

I am looking forward to another great year and all of the exciting things we will be doing!

# Calendar of Events for Spirit Week 2022

Dear Parents,

Once again, St. Rocco School students will have the opportunity to accessorize their school uniform daily.

Please refer to the chart below.

No deviations are allowed. This is a fun and optional activity for the students.

**Remember, SCHOOL UNIFORM MUST BE WORN each day!**  
 (uniform to reflect their schedule i.e. gym uniform for gym day)

<p><b>Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Christmas Hat or Hair Accessory</p> </div>  </div>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Christmas Socks and/or Sweater/Sweatshirt</p> </div> </div>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Free Dress Down Wear <b>RED</b> OR <b>GREEN</b></p> </div>  </div>

*Thank you,  
Ms. Hand*

# December Activity Calendar



December 16<sup>th</sup>

Afterschool Activity Grades 5-8 - 2:30-4:00 pm

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Break Begins



Virtue of the Month- Charity - *Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned. 1 Timothy 1:5*



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**-CHRIST** is the Reason for this school.

*-in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts-*

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