



**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

Open House



*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.*

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the families who came to school in the past few days to complete the reregistration paperwork and meet with Fr. Carusi, Sr. Donna, and Sr. Daisy. This one-on-one meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for mutual connection and sharing. We know that you are busy and appreciate the efforts you made to make your meeting. If you are unable to make your scheduled time, please call the office to reschedule your interview for next week. Open registration for new families begins on January 28th with our kickoff for Catholic Schools Week. We will celebrate our opening of Catholic Schools' Week Mass at 10:00 followed by our Open House. We will be opening the school to both current and prospective families after Mass from 11:00-1:00. New families will be given tours and current families are welcome to visit the classrooms and join us in Café Rocco for refreshments. Please look at the Catholic Schools' Week flyer being sent home today. It is full of all the activities that we will have here at school during that very special week at St. Rocco School.

Happening ...

Beginning today through January 25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is an annual time for Christians around the world to collectively take part in praying for visible Christian unity. This is another opportunity for us to share with our students and children the importance of being united as one Christian family in bringing love, justice and peace to others. The theme for this year is:

"You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27

This theme highlights the call for charity, mercy, justice and unity in all of our relations.

Congratulations...



To our 4th Grade Spelling Bee winners: Ava Bernardeau and Nico Iacobo. They will represent their class at the school Spelling Bee this Tuesday at 9:00am. Grades 5-8 will conclude their class Spelling Bees this week. The top two finishers will qualify for the Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Mary's on Wednesday, January 31st at 4:00pm.

Basketball and Cheerleading News...

This weekend all four of our basketball teams have home games at Rainone Gym with our cheerleaders making their debut during the Junior Boys' Maroon Team vs Immaculate Conception game at 9:00. The rest of the games are:

Junior Boys' White Team vs. Good Shepherd @ 10:00
Grammar Girls vs St. Mary's Sacred Heart @ 11:00
Grammar Boys vs Bishop Hendricken @ 12:00



Please come out and cheer our teams on. Go Raptors!

Special thanks to Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Cazzarro, Ms. Ciampanelli and one of our own alumni, Ashley Scotti, for volunteering to coach the cheerleading team.

Coming Up...

School Choice Week kicks off this Sunday with a "School Choice Fair" at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Warwick from 12:00-3:00pm. National School Choice Week is celebrated throughout the week. School choice allows every family to choose the school that best fits the needs of their children. The students will be making pictures and writing short essays on what they like about St. Rocco School and why they enjoy coming here. Students will be given special wristbands and/or stickers that they can wear all week. On Wednesday, they will be allowed to wear something yellow or gold (hair adornments, socks, hats, sweatshirt, etc.) with their uniform to celebrate National School Choice Week.

I hope everyone has a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand



THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Kickoff: Sunday, January 28th, at our Open House

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

St. Rocco School's Mission Announcements

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 to 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://.onlinefactsmtg.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

CLASSROOM NEWS

Spanish – Mrs. Alessandra Muccio



¡BIENVENIDOS!
CLASE DE ESPAÑOL

¡Hola!

I am very proud and excited to say the children have done nothing but flourish in Spanish. In grades 4 and 5, students are learning a variety of Spanish songs and activities that relate to subjects like: common expressions, body parts, family members, months, days of the week, seasons, and so much more. Students will also have the opportunity to practice these new words through creating their own riddles, songs and games. A student favorite game, “Simon Says” is back. It’s a race to see who can listen and act when Simon commands. We will squeeze in some number practice by playing a ball tossing game, it’s all about counting as high as we can before the ball drops.

Topics are introduced in early grades and built upon each year, therefore, in grades 6-8, we will be working on written expressions along with how to conjugate verbs. This will help with the ability to formulate and process complete sentences. We will be giving personal characteristics to ourselves and friends using the verb ser and adding adjectives to formulate sentences. To demonstrate their learning, students will be creating superheroes or super villains attached with a writing portion.

Language is a gateway to understanding culture and boy did Seventh Grade succeed! During the month of November, the whole school came to watch Grade 7 bring Dia de los Muertos to life.

Gracias for giving us the opportunity to share the love with Spanish with your Niños Sinceramente,

Mrs. Muccio

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

After School program

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
<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</p> <p>Begins in February</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm</p> <p>Grades 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm</p> <p>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> 

St. Rocco's Students off to a busy start in 2024

Honor Society making Valentines for the nursing home



Boys Junior Maroon Basketball Team



3rd Grade Practicing Multiplication



Faith Buddies making crowns for the Epiphany



Sixth grade working on creating stories with hieroglyphics after making papyrus from paper bags!



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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Jan. 17th -Jan. 31st

Friday, January 19, 2024

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Friday, January 26, 2024

Sunday, January 28, 2024



Friday, February 2, 2024

Friday, February 9, 2024

Feb. 19-Feb. 23

Schoolwide Baby Shower Collection of Items

Dress Down Day \$1.00

Wear **Pink** or **Blue** for Right To Life

Schoolwide Spelling Bee (Grades 4-8)

Independent Learning/Professional Development Day - NO School

Invention Convention (Grade 7)

Family Mass 10:00AM

Catholic Schools Week Begins

Open House 11AM-1PM

Father/Daughter Dance

PK3-K Valentine Celebration

Winter 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](https://www.instagram.com/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~