

*St. Rocco*  
*School*

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

**THURSDAY**  
**PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

As we continue our journey through the season of Lent both individually and with our families, it is important for us to take time ...quiet time...to feel God's presence in our lives. During this second week of Lent, I share the following prayer with you.

*Loving God,  
I hear your invitation, "Come back to me"  
and I am filled with such a longing to return to you.  
Show me the way to return.  
Lead me this day in good works I do in your name  
and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith.  
I ask only to feel your love in my life today. Amen*

I pray that in the coming week, you each feels God's presence in your lives and in the people around you. I know that God's presence can be felt at St. Rocco School in so many ways each day.

**This Week...**

Our Eighth-Grade students led Stations of the Cross and our Fourth Grade students had their first opportunity to hold the cross and candles during the morning Stations of the Cross. Both grades did a wonderful job. Grades K-5 attended a "Mindset Assembly" this morning with NED. They learned to "Never Give Up", "Encourage Others" and "Do Your Best". They were a great audience and took great messages away from the assembly. Please see the follow-up flyer in the Thursday Packet.

**Sporting News...**

Congratulations to our cheerleading team and their coaches (Mrs. Heywood, Mrs. Cazzarro and Mrs. Ciampanelli) for a great first season. With only 7 girls and a late start, the team did an amazing job! They made it a point to cheer for all the basketball teams and were a positive presence at all the games they attended this season. The goal is to double the number of cheerleaders for next year! Come see them as they cheer for the Junior White team this Saturday.

**Cheerleaders**

Julia Moretti    Natalie Heywood    Gabrielalla Ciampanelli    Sophia Ribera  
Emily Ramos    Dayana Ribera    Angelica Price

This is the final weekend of the regular season for our basketball teams. Any teams that qualify will move on to the play-offs beginning next weekend. Go Raptors!

3/2 Junior White Team vs Immaculate Conception @ Immaculate Conception @ 9:00am  
3/2 Grammar Girls Team vs St. John the Evangelist @ Mt. St. Charles @ 10:00am  
3/2 Grammar Boys Team vs Our Lady of Mercy @ Fr. Doyle @ 11:00am

Please join us for First Friday Mass tomorrow at 8:45am. The Third Grade will be responsible for the liturgy as well as presenting the virtue of Charity after Mass. Our PreK 3 class will be joining us for the first time. The following students will be baptized during tomorrow's liturgy: Max and Giuliana Montella, Mila and Olivia Paolucci, Giselle Jenkins-Guilmette and Avielle Hernandez. Congratulations to them and their families. All are welcome!

Wishing you a blessed Lenten week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

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## Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school. 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](http://www.stroccoschool.org).
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** If you haven't reregistered, please call the office ASAP to schedule an appointment. 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 2023 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.

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## SPRING PRODUCTION



### A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Johnston High School. If you have any questions about your child's role or participation, please see the packet that was sent home last week. Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio are expecting full participation from all students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If your child has a previous commitment on this day, please notify Mrs. R. or Mrs. M. as soon as possible. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!

# ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Where our Children always come first!*

## Upcoming Events:

Please join us for our upcoming **Parent Association Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 6pm** at Café Rocco! We welcome your attendance and would like to hear your feedback on how the year has been going. You will also hear about the rest of the year's activities.

## Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



- **Early Childhood Family Hoe Down (Pre-K3 to Pre-K4) – Sat., March 9 from 4 to 7pm – Café Rocco** Family fun for grades Pre-K3 through Pre-K4! **Deadline for ticket purchase is March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please reach out to Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) or Alison Anderson, [alisonalta@yahoo.com](mailto:alisonalta@yahoo.com) if you would like to volunteer.



- **Mother/Son Dance (K-8)– Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm – Valley Country Club:** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) or Stephanie Fava, [scd1024@aol.com](mailto:scd1024@aol.com). We also need fathers to assist with this event. If any dads are available to assist with this event the day of, please contact the school office to make sure you have your BCI and Safe Environment.
- **Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club:** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com) or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, [shayanna38@gmail.com](mailto:shayanna38@gmail.com)

## Looking for donations!

- **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 at school, contact the office or reach out to Danielle or Shay.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to the office, [office@stroccoschool.org](mailto:office@stroccoschool.org), the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com)



## Cookies, Cakes, and Snacks – OH MY!!!



Our Spring Fundraiser packet is being sent home today in the Thursday Packet. The Order deadline is 4/5/24. this is a DELICIOUS way to meet your fundraising goal!



# N E D



Our grades K-5 had a great time at the **NED** Assembly today. We learned to **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others and **D**o your best. To continue with the **NED's** Mission, we are selling Yo-Yo's in the office. The proceeds from the purchase of Yo-Yo's will pay-it-forward to another school to receive an assembly, because another school paid-it-forward to us!

We have attached the order form to this week's Thursday Packet and sent home an order form as well (Grades K-5).

# CLASSROOM NEWS

## First Grade – Ms. Danielle Messier

We have been very busy here in first grade! We are almost at the end of the second trimester, and we are working so hard to be ready for second grade.

In Writing, we are working on writing paragraphs by using “5 Star Writing”. We are starting to learn about topic sentences and working on adding more details to our writing.



In Reading, we are working on spelling and reading words with digraphs and blends. We are becoming more independent with reading now that we are at the end of the second trimester. We absolutely love partner reading our weekly decodable books!

In Math, we have been working on the place value of digits. We are excited to be moving on to money and time soon! Then we will end the year with adding and subtracting two-digit numbers.

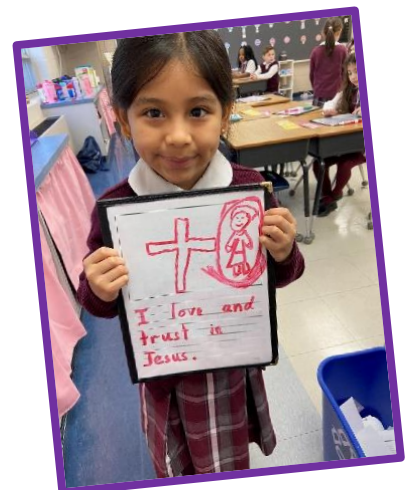
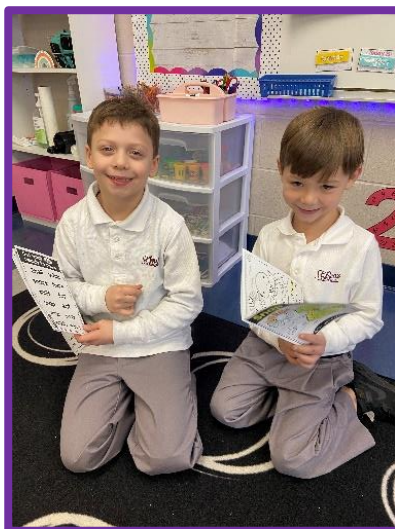


In Religion, we have been talking about the season of Lent. We each have our own Lent booklet that we colored and can read all on our own!

In Science, we have been learning about living things. We talked about life cycles of both plants and animals. Our favorite was definitely the frog!



In Social Studies this week we finished up talking about Black History Month. We learned about Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, and even Stevie Wonder! This has been such a fun and memorable school year, and we can't wait to see what the last few months bring!



# UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 1, 2024	First Friday Mass – 8:45
Friday, March 8, 2024	Second Trimester Ends
Saturday, March 9, 2024	Hoe Down – Pk3 & PK4 – 4:00-7:00 pm Café Rocco
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	IL/PD Day
Thursday, March 21, 2024	Spring Picture Day – Order Forms going out next week
Thursday, March 28, 2024	11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday
Friday, March 29, 2024	No School - Good Friday
Monday, April 1, 2024	No School – Easter Monday
Friday, April 5, 2024	Mother/Son Dance
April 15 – April 19	Spring Vacation
April 27, 2024	Spring Production (1 <sup>st</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> ) 6:30pm
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Volunteer Mass/1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Mass - 8:45
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	IL/PD Day



February 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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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website [www.stroccoschool.org](http://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~*