



St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



SAINT ROCCO SCHOOL

A Note from the Principal...

Dear Parents,

Sr. Daisy Update...

I want to thank you for all your kind words and prayers for Sr. Daisy. Both Fr. Carusi and I were able to visit Sr. Daisy yesterday and she is making progress. Her spirits are good, and her Faith is strong. She wanted everyone to know how much she appreciates the prayers.

Some of you have asked where you can drop cards for Sr. Daisy. If you send them into school with your child, we will make sure she gets them.

As I said yesterday, Sr. Daisy is a strong believer in the power of prayer. Let's continue to pray as a community for her recovery.

Veteran's Day...

Tomorrow our Grade K-8 students and staff will recognize Veteran's Day with a very special prayer service in the church at 9:00am. Please join us in honoring all those who have given so freely of themselves for this country. There will be pews reserved in the front for veterans.

Monday we will recognize the official Veterans' Day and there will be no school.

The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month

To all veterans who walk and work among us, we offer our sincere thanks. We will not forget.

Vocations...

This week is National Vocation Week. It is a time for us to show our prayerful support for those discerning a religious life as well as for those already living a religious life. We are blessed to have the Sisters of the Daughters of our Lady of the Garden with us each day as well as Fr. Carusi and Deacon Troia. Please join me in thanking them for their service to St. Rocco's and their commitment to Catholic Education.

*O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
send Your Graces upon those
You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor;
preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.*

Next week we will begin to circulate the Vocation's Crucifix throughout the school beginning in PreK 3 with Mrs. Angell and Sr. Donna.

Dear God,

I give thanks today for our veterans and their willingness to risk all for the sake of freedom. I pray You will bless them and their families. Protect them and heal them; comfort their hearts and grant them peace. May their dedication and honor never be forgotten.

Amen

Perseverance...

Finally, last week I wrote a little bit about resilience and responsibility. Perseverance is a trait that goes hand-in-hand with these other traits. Students who work at and develop perseverance are more motivated and give up less easily than those who do not develop this trait. Children who have perseverance do not give up in the face of setbacks. They think that their efforts will pay off and so they continue to work hard and finish what they start. Encouraging children to try and try again is a good start to strengthening their ability to persevere when things get difficult, or first efforts fail. Like resilience and responsibility, perseverance is a trait that can be “grown” one task at a time.

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

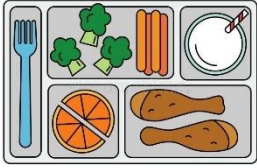
A Prayer for Sister Daisy...

One of our 2nd grade moms, Mariah Little, designed this prayer card for Sister Daisy. She has made copies and they have been distributed to all the 2nd grade students. Thank you, Mrs. Little, for this very kind gesture for Sister Daisy and her very special students!



Glorious Archangel Saint Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, you are illustrious for your gifts of wisdom and grace. You are a guide of those who journey by land or by sea or air, consoler of the afflicted, and refuge of sinners. I beg you, assist me in all my needs and in all the sufferings of this life, as once you helped the young Tobias on his travels. Because you are the “physician of God,” I humbly pray you to heal the many infirmities of my soul and the ills that afflict my body. I especially ask of you the favor {mention your petition for Sister Daisy} and the great grace of purity to prepare me to be the temple of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Friendly reminders...



Ordering Lunch ~ Lunch is \$3.50. If ordering an extra entrée it is an additional \$2.00. Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. You may also choose to prepay for the week only. 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. Thank you!



Feinstein Golden Ticket

Don't forget to follow The Feinstein Foundation on Facebook. There you will find winning Golden Ticket numbers, Jr. Scholar news, and much more!
<https://www.facebook.com/feinsteinfoundation.org>

Community Outreach Programs



St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive

St. Rocco School began its Food Drive, that will continue throughout the school year. This month begins our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items... Of course, donations will be accepted any other time. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one -Mother Teresa



Coat Drive

Our "Annual Coat Drive" will be held **October 30th – November 30th.**

All coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco.

Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.

Student Council Fundraiser



Wreath Sale - 12" Balsam Fir Decorated Wreaths ~ sponsored by The Student Council ~ Cost: \$20.00 Each (20" outside diameter) ~ **All Order Forms Must Be In By November 15th** ~

CHEERLEADING NEWS



"We'd like to build a cheerleading squad for the upcoming basketball season. This is open to grades 4th-8th and all abilities are welcome. If your child is interested, please contact the main office by Friday, November 10. Co-coaches are also needed so please contact the main office with any questions." This will only be possible with enough interest! More info to follow.

Thank you, Janet Heywood



Classroom News

Fourth Grade News...*Mrs. Lisa Ciunci*

Fourth grade has had a busy first couple of months at St. Rocco School. The students have settled in easily and are working hard. In English they have written personal narratives about a special memory. Topics have included a special basketball, football or soccer game, a birthday party, an escape room, getting a new pet, riding a roller coaster, a hayride, a plane ride, picking out a cookie, a gymnastics meet and a dance competition! Students have learned how to concentrate on one small moment in time and make their reader feel like they were there using sensory details. These stories have helped us get to know one another and were so fun to share.



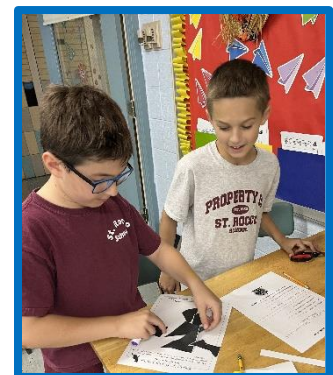
Our new reading book is both exciting and challenging. We are exploring the question, "how can a place affect how we live?" Students are reading various literary works including biographies, autobiographies, magazine articles and informational texts. They are learning to make predictions, use background knowledge, make inferences, and analyze text structure. Students continue to expand their knowledge in science and social studies studying cells, plants, animals, habitats, maps, and geography. They have created their own islands and are currently learning all about Rhode Island.



In Math we are working hard daily on computation, estimation, counting money, making change, problem solving, and multiplication facts! We are using our Chromebooks to practice typing skills, math, and reading comprehension. Students have been using websites such as Typing Club, ReadWorks, Spelling Training and Boddle. We will also be working with Word and PowerPoint this year.

Religion lessons remind us to think before we act, and to treat others the way we want to be treated. We have learned that God reveals Himself through Jesus and he wants us to show love and concern for all the way Jesus did. Students have also learned that their faith will grow through prayer and that the saints pray for us every day.

Fourth grade is such an exciting year. These students are bright and creative. It is a blessing to watch them grow academically and spiritually.



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

- **Parent Association Meeting, November 14 at 6pm** at Café Rocco.

- We will talk about the year so far and would like to get your thoughts. We need your help to make this a great year!

- Hope to see you there!

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- **Family Christmas Party - December 1** at the Cranston Country Club

- Sign-ups due by November 21st!!!

- Kids have the choice between Roasted Chicken and Chicken Fingers for dinner.

- We are looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please reach out to Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com,



Color A Thon



Thank you to all the students who registered and raised money for our Color A Thon event. We have raised over \$35,000.00. Thank you so much for those volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help with our **Second Annual Color A Thon/Food Event**. Thank you to those parents who assisted with checking in students and distributing the students' prize packets, monitoring the obstacle course and to those who

stayed to help clean up. These events would not be possible without parent involvement, especially all of you.

Thank you to Ms. Hand, Mrs. Montecalvo and the Faculty and Staff for also taking time out of their weekend to make the Color A thon a memorable event for our students. Thank you to Mr. Mike Montecalvo for being the MC for this event. The Parent Association appreciates all of you for your dedication and commitment to St. Rocco School. Thank you to those businesses who have donated to our Second Annual Color A Thon event: Henry Oil Company, Superior Electric, Ralph's Catering, Woodlawn Funeral Home, Nardolillo Funeral Home, JWM Equipment, Shore's Market, Central Nurseries, Royal Exteriors, The Friel Family, Wicked Fresh, Venus Wafers, St. Rocco Church Holy Name Society, Cassisi II, Ms. Regina M. Hand, JoJo Loves You, St. Rocco Church Women's Guild, My Cousin Vinny Rentals, Rev. Angelo N. Carusi, Catanzaro Design Group and Kitchen Cabinet Manufactures Representatives. Thank you also to the **Sisters of the Daughters Our Lady of the Garden** for their timeless effort to get the school over the \$30,000 mark in donations.

It was wonderful to see all the children's faces as they were going through the Color A Thon event Obstacle course.

Thank you again -





The Parent Association



Autumn has fallen at St. Rocco School!



After School Clubs

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>Strings/Violin Lessons</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 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>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Culture Club</p> <p>Grades 5-8 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p>

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 prepares students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the **world**.*

November Activity Calendar

Friday, November 10th

Monday, November 13th

Thursday, November 16th

Tuesday, November 21st

Wednesday, November 22nd

Thurs. & Fri, Nov. 23rd & 24th



Veteran's Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am

Veteran's Day Holiday – No School

Dress Down Day \$1.00 – Emmanuel House -Wear GREEN

Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am/Full Dress Uniform

Independent Learning/PD – 11:30 am

Thanksgiving Recess



December Activity Calendar

Friday, December 1st

Saturday, December 2nd

Wednesday, December 6th

Friday, December 8th

Wednesday, December 13th

Friday, December 15th

Thursday, December 21st

Friday, December 22nd

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am

High School Placement Test/Make up Dec. 9th

Dress Down Day - \$1.00 – Adopt A Family

Immaculate Conception Mass – 9:00 am

Christmas Program 6:00 pm in church

Dress Down \$1.00 – Keep the Heat on -Wear Red

11:30 am Dismissal – NO AFTERCARE

Winter Vacation Begins



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.

*Thankfulness - O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.
1 Chronicles 16:35*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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

