



## St. Rocco School

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

## THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter

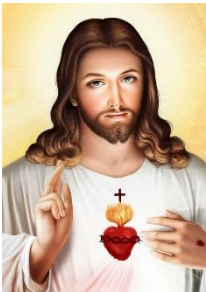


SAINT ROCCO SCHOOL

### ***A Note from the Principal...***

Dear Parents,

Over the past few weeks, I have written about **resilience**, **responsibility**, and **perseverance**. These three traits when developed result in confident, competent, and independent children. Being **independent** means being able to do things for yourself. This in turn leads to **confidence** and **competence**. For the next two weeks, I am challenging our grade K-3 students to demonstrate resilience, responsibility, and perseverance in learning to tie their own shoes if they cannot already do so. Achieving this task is one way in which they can show their independence.



This coming Tuesday we will have our Enthronement Mass at 9:00 am led by our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students. This beautiful Mass honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus exemplifies the very foundation of St. Rocco School. "Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ" is the first line of our school's mission statement and one that our students and staff frequently hear during morning announcements. When we celebrate Mass in this way as a school community, it reminds us that each day in a Catholic School truly is a blessing. All are welcome!

Next Wednesday is an Independent Learning/Professional Development Day for our school. While the faculty and staff are taking part in a retreat, students should be completing the days' assignments to be returned on Monday.

Finally, the first trimester is winding down quickly. Students should be busy studying at night for unit assessments, and in the older grades, exams. The trimester officially ends on November 28th. Report cards will be posted to the portal on December 7th.

As always, I thank you for your continued support. My prayers go out to you and your families as we approach this season of gratitude and giving.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal



### ***Friendly reminders...***

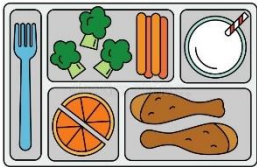
The following is a reminder of our Dress Code from the Parent/Student Handbook:

#### **Dress Down Days**

Students who choose to "dress down" must abide by the following rules and regulations:

- No flip flops
- No open-back shoes, Crocs or Boots
- No miniskirts or very short shorts (3" above the knee)
- No halters, tube tops, or suggestive tops
- No "spaghetti" strap shirts or crop tops
- Tank tops must be worn under a shirt or blouse.

- No pajamas or slippers
- No ripped jeans or pants
  - Leggings are permitted only with a long shirt, sweater or sweatshirt over them.
- No obscene, rude, or suggestive messages on clothing
- No **Hooded** shirt/sweat shirt.
- Payment must be submitted to dress down. The money collected will be donated to a charity). If payment (\$1.00) is not received, then the student will not be able to “dress down” on the next scheduled dress down day.
- Dress down passes cannot be used on any Mass days or in the month of September.
- Dress down passes are good for current year and are not transferable.



**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!

**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!

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:00 am. The cost is \$2.50. 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.

**Aftercare Reminder:** Please address any concerns with you bill promptly.

**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 DECEMBER ~ 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)



**Spiritwear:** Looking for a great Christmas gift? How about a St. Rocco's sweatshirt for your child, grandparent, aunt or uncle? We have plenty of sizes in stock, but they won't last! Please contact the office and we'll get them ready for you for the holidays!



Also, we have our very own Angela Moore bracelets. Regular price \$50.00 on sale for \$30.00. Send a note to the School Office.



**Religious Articles News:** Due to the overwhelming response to Sister Donna's sale of "The Infant of Prayer Statue" she has depleted her supply but most certainly wants to thank each and everyone of you for supporting her and the church religious booth.

Thank you to those who donated to our Dress Down Day for Charity today.  
We raised \$177.00! ALL PROCEEDS will be used to provide meals for The Emmanuel House.



### 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 30<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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.

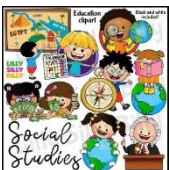
## Classroom News



### Classroom News...Mrs. Fuller. Grade 5



We are busy learning in 5th grade! We have been learning about worshipping our Creator. Throughout the year we will be taking a close look at each of the Seven Sacraments. So far, we have studied Baptism and Confirmation. We have learned that each sacrament brings us closer to God. We have also created a class book called, *What Kindness means to Us*. The children shared a time when they experienced kindness. We enjoyed sharing our stories of how we have been and can be Christlike.



In Social Studies, we are reading and discovering the story of the United States. We have been focusing on the early settlers and will continue to learn about explorers. The students were eager to learn how to read maps and enjoyed exploring the different climates and geography of the United States.

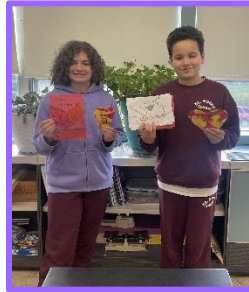
Math is one of our favorite subjects. The year started with place value and multiplication. This week we started learning long division and short division. We have learned a lot and are excited to continue learning together.



# St. Rocco's Snaps



8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Honor Society-creating Sun Catchers for Nursing Homes



PK4B Having Fun!



## ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

*Where our Children always come first!*

Thank you to those that attended the Parent Association Meeting on Tuesday night! Thank you for sharing your suggestions and feedback – they are so important to making this a great year.






- **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.
  - Dress is Festive Sunday Best
    - Photos from Photographer will be available for purchase. Digital Photo Booth will be there to download digital photos!
  - Thank you to those who have already volunteered. There is still time to volunteer! Contact Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) or Danielle Cazzarro, [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com)



- **Santa Shop - December 4-6** in school at Café Rocco
- **Enclosed in this week's Packet is the Info. Packet and Shopping Envelope**
  - More details will be coming soon!
  - If you would like to volunteer to help during the course of the event, please reach out to the office. Thanks!

Don't need your Christmas or Halloween decorations or games? We would welcome any donations of games or decorations that you have for Christmas or Halloween so we can use them at School Events! Please reach out to the office or Maria Cassisi, [maria\\_cassisi@hotmail.com](mailto:maria_cassisi@hotmail.com) if have anything you would like to donate!

## After School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Friends of Jesus</b>  Postponed until Further Notice  Thank you for your Prayers for Sr. Daisy  	<b>Strings/Violin Lessons</b>  Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm  Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni  	<b>Dance Program</b>  Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm  Instructor: Miss Denise  	<b>Newspaper Club</b>  Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm  Advisor: Mrs. Scotti  	<b>Culture Club</b>  Grades 5-8 2:35pm-3:30pm Last Class 11/17  Advisor: Mrs. Muccio  

## Basketball Practice Schedule

Junior Boys	Middle School Boys	Middle School Girls
Monday 4:00-5:30	Wednesday 2:30-4:45	Monday 2:30-4:00
Wednesday 4:00-5:30	Friday 4:00-5:45	Friday 2:30-4:00

### 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

Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thurs. & Fri, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am/Full Dress Uniform

**Independent Learning/PD – 11:30 am**

Thanksgiving Recess



# December Activity Calendar

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Family Christmas Party – 6:00-9:00 pm/Cranston CC

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

High School Placement Test/Make up Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

Dress Down Day - \$1.00 – Adopt A Family

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Immaculate Conception Mass – 9:00 am

Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

Early Childhood Christmas Program – 9:00 am Café Rocco

Christmas Program Gr 1-8 ~ 6:00 pm in Church

Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

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

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

11:30 am Dismissal – **NO AFTERCARE**

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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](http://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~