



St. Rocco
School

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Weekly Parent Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

During this month of Mary, it is important for us to reflect on the life that Mary led. When she was faced with circumstances beyond her understanding and control, she trusted in God. This is a lesson that we can all learn from. There are so many things in our life that are truly out of our control and that we cannot understand. I must believe that Mary felt this way. And yet, she trusted in God. So, when things get tough, we can all try to follow the example of Mary, our Mother, and “trust in the Lord”.

In line with the month of May, the voting for this year’s May Crowning took place this week. Congratulations to Adrianna Insana who will crown Mary and Arielle Ainabe who will be the crown bearer. We are proud of all our 8th Grade girls for exhibiting the virtues attributed to Mary. This year’s May Crowning will take place on May 17th at 9:00 am.

Happenings this week...

Congratulations to our students in Grades 1-8 for the amazing job they did in last Saturday night’s Spring Production. “A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco” was most definitely a night to remember. Huge thanks to our incredible Music Teacher, Mrs. Rachdouni, and Art Teacher, Mrs. Muccio, for all their hard work and their ability to find each child’s gifts and let them shine. Thank you to the parents, grandparents and relatives who came to the concert. With your support, the students were able to perform to a sold-out crowd!

Congratulations, also, to our Early Childhood classes for the wonderful job they did in yesterday’s Spring Concert. Under the direction of Mrs. Rachdouni and with the support of their teachers (Mrs. Angell, Mrs. Tavares, Mrs. Abjornson and Mrs. Regnault), the children put on an amazing Spring Concert. It is incredible that the entire concert was in sign language learned this spring in Music class! Everyone who joined us can attest to the enthusiasm exhibited by the children and the joy that they brought to everyone present. I cannot thank Mrs. Rachdouni enough for her creativity, patience, and hard work with all of the students this year.

Today we celebrated Mass as a school community and recognized all the volunteers who have donated their time to St. Rocco’s this year. Please know whether you were able to attend Mass and the reception today or not, we are so grateful for you and the time you gave to the children this year.

Dear Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless all our volunteers. With their many gifts and talents, they bring so much to our school community. We look to them with gratitude for the selfless work they do to enrich the lives of faculty, staff and students. Amen.

Reading Week has been a huge success so far! The students have enjoyed all the activities that the faculty and staff prepared for them. Thank you to our Grade 1-3 parents for taking the time to join your child in the classroom for an activity this week. Your children loved having you here as did the teachers. Thank you, also, for the effort you put into helping your child come prepared for the “Parade of Words” on Monday. They were terrific! Reading Week will end tomorrow with Grades 1-5 traveling to the Stadium Theatre for a live performance of “Mary Poppins” and our Middle School students welcoming Attorney Stephen Angell and the Honorable Alfredo Conte for Law Day. The topic for this year’s Law Day is “Voices of Democracy”. Thank you to Mrs. Reitz for arranging this for our older students.

Tomorrow...

The Kindergarten class has their first “Parents, Pops and Playground” event tomorrow immediately after dismissal. Please pick your child up at dismissal and head to the playground for some play time with classmates and an opportunity to connect with other parents. Each child needs an adult.

Coming Up...

We are looking forward to our 60th Anniversary Mass this Saturday at 5:00pm. Mass will be followed by a reception in Café Rocco. All students, alumni, faculty, staff and families are welcome to join us. Sixty years is certainly something to celebrate!

This Sunday is the Mother/Daughter Brunch at the Cranston Country Club from 10:00-1:00pm. Thank you to the chairpersons, Mrs. Cazzarro and Mrs. Jenkins-Hernandez, as well as the committee members who put so much time into planning this event.

Students in Grades K-8 will begin their third trimester Star Testing next week. Testing will take place over several weeks. Please make sure that your child gets enough sleep, is on time and eats a good breakfast each morning. Being well rested is crucial to performing a student’s best on tests and assessments. As a parent, you can assist your child by reminding them to relax, take their time and review their work.

Next week is “Teacher Appreciation Week”. Please join me in recognizing our incredible teachers for all their hard work, patience and caring for the students every day. I am truly grateful for each teacher on our staff.

Finally, our soccer and volleyball teams are off to a great start. Our soccer team has a home game tomorrow at 5:00pm and our volleyball team plays Wednesday at Bishop Hendricken at 6:15pm. Why not come out and support the players. Go Raptors!

Wishing everyone a peaceful week!.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal



We are looking forward to seeing all our St. Rocco School Families at our

60th Anniversary Celebration Mass on Saturday, May 4th at 5:00pm!

There will be a reception after mass in Café Rocco. All are welcome!

We are especially looking forward to seeing our alumni and former teachers!

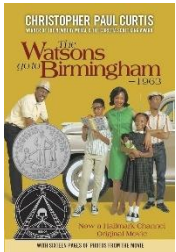
Classroom News

ELA/Lit Grades 6-8

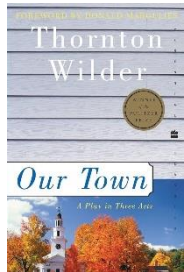
Ms. Samantha Tripp

We have been having a fantastic year so far in ELA and Literature!

All classes have been working very hard on their grammar units. So far, we have covered nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, and prepositions! This semester we will continue to focus on our writing skills. 6th grade finished writing about themes and will soon be creating their own dystopian worlds! 7th grade has been working very hard on their *The Outsiders* essays as 8th grade is passionately trying to prove that Napoleon is a tyrant in *Animal Farm*.

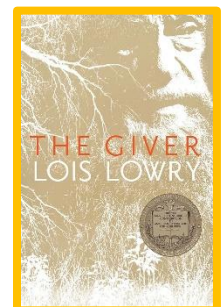
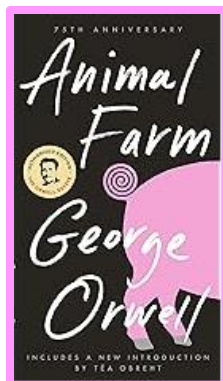
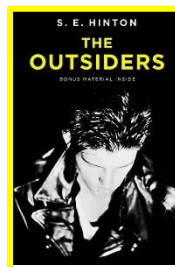
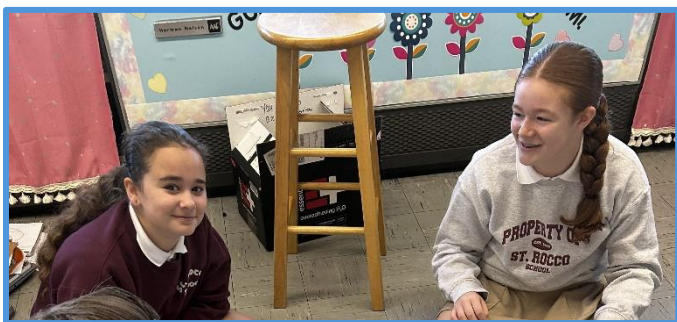


Students in sixth grade have just finished reading *The Watsons go to Birmingham* where we learned about the Civil Rights Movement and Birmingham, Alabama. We completed many different projects including making board games that represent the novel (see below!). We are now beginning *The Hunger Games* and are excited to learn about dystopian worlds as well as make connections with Greek Gods to the themes and characters within *The Hunger Games*.



Eighth grade is just about done with reading *Animal Farm* where we explored the many types of government and how tyrants rise to power. To finish our final year together we will be reading *Our Town* and taking a deep dive into the many phases of life.

Eighth grade has also been busy getting ready for high school! Students have applied and have been accepted to many great high schools. We are also preparing for our May Crowning, Class Night, field trip and more! I am so excited to finish out the year with such a great class!



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

A big thank you to everyone for your overwhelming support. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Mother/Daughter brunch this Sunday. Because of your generosity, we have been able to put together over 30 baskets for our raffle which include everything from Matunuck Oyster Bar gift cards, swag from the URI Rams Women's Basketball team, Swarovski crystal jewelry to wine baskets. We don't have everyone's name to send out personalized thank yous, but want to make sure that you know we truly appreciate everything you have done to help make our raffle and last event of the year a huge success.

Upcoming Events:



- **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 or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, shayanna38@gmail.com
- **Of note:** The Family Field day has been moved to the beginning of the 2024-25 school season. Stay tuned for details and dates.



Parents, Pops and Playground Event

“Where our Children always come first!”

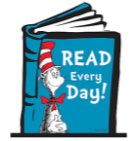


The “Parents, Pops and Playground” activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, April 26 th & May 17 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, May 3 rd and 24 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, May 10 th and 31 st	2:30-3:30pm

Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult

Reading Week at St. Rocco's School



Parade of Words Winners: Pre-K 3: Max Montella (Turtle) **Pre-K 4:** Isla Piverger (Sun), Genesis Marcello (Rainbow), Nicholas Manacchio (Fast)

Kindergarten: Oliver DeAnseris (Artist), Lilly Thompson (Rainbow), Marley Baynes (Skittles) **1st Grade:** Raisa Sorensen (Zest), Victoria Semedo (Recycle) **2nd Grade:** Aiden Marsland (Ingredients), Emilia Merlino (Bibliophile) **3rd Grade:** Aydyn Hudick (Rival) Gabriella Mercier (Statue), Autumn Mercier (Enormous), Mia Mercier (Marionette)

4th Grade: Selena Hines (Snacks) **5th Grade:** Oliver Heywood (Colonist), Nicholas DiMascio (Stanley Cup), Amaya Hudick (Competition) Owen Chester (Ring of Fire), Isabella Rodriguez (Skittles)

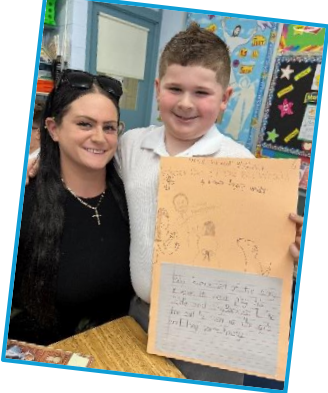
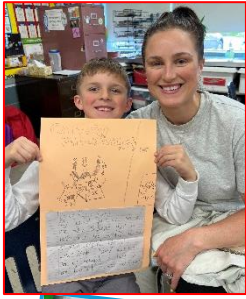
Middle School Literary Character Winners: 6th Grade: Amelia Orsini-Rachdouni (Hermoine – Harry Potter), Sofia Catanzaro (Nancy Drew) Mikaela Merceier (Taril – *The Hobbit*), Savannah Horton (Pete the Cat) **7th Grade:** Samaira Dhamija (Lara Jean – *To All the Boys I've Loved Before*), Aidan Cox (Harry Potter) **8th Grade:** Arielle Ainabe (Katherine Johnson – *Hidden Figures*), Alessandro Fava (Sherlock Holmes)



Beach Party and Book Reading!



2nd Grade- Parents/Student Reading Activity



May Day Baskets for local Nursing Homes -Made by SRHS



PreK and K Getting ready for their Spring Concert!





UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Saturday, May 4, 2024	60 th Anniversary Mass and Reception – 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	IL/PD Day - NO SCHOOL
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Ascension Thursday Mass – 9:00 am
Saturday, May 11, 2024	First Communion 12:30pm
Friday, May 17, 2024	May Crowning – 9:00 am
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	State Fair – 4 th Grade
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, May 31, 2024	8 th Grade Field Trip to Boston
Wednesday, June 5, 2024	8 th Grade Class Day and Class Night – 6:00 pm
Friday, June 7, 2024	First Friday Mass – 8:45 am
Monday, June 10, 2024	Pk3 Graduation – 8:45 am/8 th Grade Graduation – 6:00 pm
Tuesday, June 11, 2024	PreK4A & PreK4B Graduations/Kindergarten Graduation
Wednesday, June 12, 2024	End of Year Liturgy-8:45 am/Last day of School – 11:30 dismissal



May Virtue of the Month ~ Kindness

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32



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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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