



Dear Parents,

As we go through the 5th week of Lent and move closer to the end of our Lenten journey, I share the following from Pope Francis:

“Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. It is also a time for showing concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.”

The following poem (that I have shared before) is in keeping with the Pope’s message that we all belong to the one human family. It is a simple guide for promoting peace in our daily living and being our best Christian selves.

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be patient

Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

Thyme for each other

Thyme for family

Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow ~ Author Unknown

Welcome...

I would like to welcome Miss Katie Evans as the new School Counselor. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a graduate from the MSW Program at Boston College. She will be collaborating with our K-4 teachers to implement the Second Step social-emotional learning program for the third trimester. The program focuses on four areas: Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotion Management and Problem Solving.

Congratulations...

To the Fifth Grade for leading Stations of the Cross this week. They did a wonderful job. Please join us next week at 1:15 pm for the "Living Stations" presented by the Fourth Grade class.

To the boys' maroon junior basketball team for their 32-27 win against St. Luke's in the Championship Game this past Saturday. Anyone who was there was treated to the most exciting game of the season. The boys played hard every minute to pull out the win. It was a huge team effort. We are so proud of the boys and their coaches for their hard work and sportsmanship on the court.

Players: Nico Iacobo, Andrew Walker, Jaxson Scipione, Dominic Boccanfusco, Owen Chester, Joseph Porreca and Malakai Moan.

Coaches: Mr. Walker, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Iacobo.

Finally, please take a few minutes to complete the Family Survey that is part of our NEASC Self Study. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Your input is important to us. The link is: <https://surveys.neasc.org/s3/S25-NEASC-CIS-Family-Survey?id=28>. It would be great to get **100% participation from our families**. The deadline for the survey is April 12th.

Have a blessed and peaceful week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand





SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27th at Johnston High School. All parents **MUST** have a ticket to attend the show. All students **Must** have 1 adult present at the show. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!! There are only a limited number of tickets available!



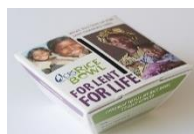
Easter Basket Raffle

STUCO is holding an Easter Basket Raffle this month. This is an annual fundraiser to support our Student Council. This is available to all grades! **Deadline is Friday, March 22nd.**

Meadow Farms Fundraiser



The Order deadline is **4/5/24**.
This is a **DELICIOUS** way to meet your fundraising goal!



Rice Bowl

Donations are due **Tuesday, March 26th!**
Please send in your donations if you haven't yet!



Save the Date....SRS Parent Association Mother Son Dance

Friday, April 5th - Valley Country Club - This event is for Boys - K-8th Grade

Ticket deadline is **March 26th!** If there is not enough interest, this event will be cancelled.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



Mother/Son Dance (K-8) – Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm – Valley Country Club

Event registration is due by **March 26**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Stephanie Fava, 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 or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, 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, the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com

Last Week's Pop-up Dress Down – Thank you all for your generous donations to support the Pope/Rodriguez family. Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.



PK4A Wearing Green on Dress Down Day!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Mrs. Lisa Ciunci -

News from 4th grade...



The fourth-grade students continue to learn and grow every day here at St. Rocco School. In Religion the students are learning about the Commandments as well as Lent, The Triduum and Easter. Students are reminded that we honor God by believing in Him, praying to Him, worshiping Him and loving others. On March 27th, fourth grade will be presenting The Living Stations of The Cross. This portrayal of the journey of Jesus to Calvary is a beautiful and touching reminder of the last hours of Jesus' life and God's immense love for us.



In Math students are working on fractions. They are learning how to add and subtract fractions, compare, and order fractions, simplify improper fractions, and solve word problems. In Reading students continue to challenge themselves with works of fiction, as well as informational texts. They have recently finished reading the chapter book, *Shiloh*, and have had wonderful discussions about themes such as determining right from wrong and the importance of family and friends.

In Science students are learning about the earth and will begin a Rocks and Minerals unit. We will be using our Foss kits and breaking "mock" rocks apart like real geologists to see what they are made of. Students will test the rocks for hardness and calcite.



In Social Studies fourth grade continues to study the 50 states. Each student will be assigned to a state to research for a State Fair Project. Students will write letters to the Chamber of Commerce in each of their states requesting information. They love receiving mail! They will also research foods, fun facts, geographical features, and famous people from their state. Students' State Fair projects will be on display for parents and school children in May. Fourth grade is a year of transition and growth. Students are learning to study, plan their time, and become more independent. These students are up for the challenge!





UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Dress Down for \$1.00 – Wear Purple for Rice Bowl

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Living Stations of the Cross – 1:15 St. Rocco Church

Thursday, March 28, 2024

11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday – No Aftercare

Friday, March 29, 2024

No School ~ Good Friday

Monday, April 1, 2024

No School – Easter Monday

Friday, April 5, 2024

Mother/Son Dance – Valley Country Club

April 15 – April 19

Spring Vacation

April 27, 2024

Spring Production (1st-8th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Volunteer Mass/1st Thursday Mass ~ 8:45 am

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

IL/PD Day ~ NO SCHOOL



March Virtue of the Month ~ Caring

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*



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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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