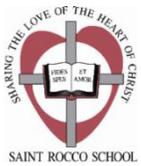


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JANUARY 5, 2023

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Notes



**St Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!



January 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

I would like to wish everyone a happy and blessed New Year. I know that with everything that is going on in our world, it can sometimes be difficult to be optimistic embarking on a new year. Thankfully, this is where our Faith and Hope in the Lord can give us the strength we need to be strong. With this strength, we receive the courage to greet each day and do our best.

One resolution for families in the New Year is to be more spiritually connected. This week, we are sending home a "Family Faith Pledge Card". This is an invitation to engage in more faith-filled activities in the new year. As the quote from Pope Francis on the front of the pledge card reads: "But the most beautiful thing God made- so the Bible tells us- was the family." I hope you enjoy using this pledge card as a guide to spending more time in family activities, such as prayer, that can strengthen the thread of your family's faith.

Also being sent home this week is the monthly "Partners in Faith". This is another wonderful guide for opening up faith-filled communication in the household. What resonated the most with me was the description of what "Grace" should look like in the home. It states: "Our homes must be safe places filled with love. Family members need to know that love, not perfection, is the point of the family and that mistakes aren't fatal. Children will encounter hostility, judgement, antagonism, and criticism out in the world. A Christian home should be a place of comfort, rest, and healing."

Health Update...

Please take a few minutes to read the most recent community COVID information being sent home (both hard copy and digital) today. In addition, each month Nurse Cheryl diligently puts together her Nurses's Corner with the most current information on all things health related. Please read this and use it as a resource for when you have questions. Nurse Cheryl is a tremendous resource for our students and staff; but also, for our parents.

Coming up...

Please join us for First Friday Mass tomorrow at 8:45. Our Seventh Grade will lead the Mass and our First Grade will be presenting the Virtue of the Month, Charity, after the liturgy. All are welcome!

I pray that it is a peaceful week for everyone.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand



Lunch News: We need your help; it is increasingly becoming part of the norm instead of the exception for some students to forget their lunch money and/or to order in the morning. We realize there are times when they may forget it at home, in the car, etc. however, it makes it very difficult to have orders given to the kitchen with the correct count and in a timely manner. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Just a few reminders:

- Lunch is \$3.50.
- Payment should be placed in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice.
- It would greatly help if you enclosed the exact amount of cash or a check.
- You may also choose to prepay for the week or month.
- 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.
- If you owe lunch money for your child, please send it in the next day.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Feel free to reach out to Mrs. Okolowicz if you have any questions.

Breakfast: Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:00 am. The cost is \$2.00. 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.

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!

 **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 February ~ 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)

Aftercare Reminder: Please address any concerns with you bill as soon as possible.

Prayer Bags: Sister Donna is still taking orders for Prayer Bags. They are \$4.00 each and the forms are on our Website under Thursday Packets.

Inclement Weather for Statewide Busing Students: Please see the website below for Statewide Busing when there is Inclement Weather:

<https://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx#1817595-inclement-weather--school-closingdelay-policy-information>



St. Rocco School continually offers challenging and exciting choices for our students to bring forth growth academically, spirituality, athletically and socially. Listed below are the programs available.

Please submit your form and fees; checks only payable to St. Rocco School. If your child wishes to enroll in any of these programs, please do so prior to the start date.



Friends of Jesus ~ (K-8) Classes held on **Monday** from 2:35 to 3:15 pm.

Leader: Sr. Daisy ~ This program runs the whole year.
See enclosed flyer for specific details.



Dance Program (K-4), *Denise's Dance*, classes held on **Wednesdays** from 2:35 to 3:30 pm.
Instructor: Miss Denise ~ This program runs the whole year.

See enclosed flyer for additional details.

SPECIAL NOTE: A student may join the "Friends of Jesus" or "Dance Program" for the Winter/Spring even if they did not participate in the Fall.



Strings ~ The Winter/Spring Session will begin at the end of the month for students **who are already participating**. There will be specific days for each grade.

Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni

- **Tuesdays** for Grades K-4 2:35pm - 3:15pm
- **Wednesdays** for Grades 5-8. 2:35pm - 3:15pm

See enclosed flyer for specific details.

Crazy8's Math Club (3-5) Classes will begin on **Thursday**, January 12th. Crazy 8s is a math club unlike any other! It offers unique, high-energy math activities that appeal to children of all math abilities. The club is designed for students to come together to have fun.

Instructor: Mrs. Fuller

See enclosed flyer for additional details

CLASSROOM NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH – MS. SABRINA VALENZA

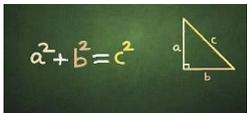


We have had a great year so far in middle school math! It has been so wonderful getting to know all of the students, and it has been such a pleasure teaching them so far. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade have all been doing an excellent job and have exceeded the expectations. Each Monday through Thursday the students have homework to complete which they have done a great job staying on top of.

Recently in fifth grade, we finished working on multiplication with whole numbers, two, three, and four digits, as well as multiplying with money and zeros. We are now moving onto long and short division. The students are very excited about this!

In sixth grade, we are working on dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1,000, whole numbers, zeros in division and dividing decimals in the dividend and divisor. This has been really fun for the kids to learn! After, we will be moving onto multiplying and dividing expressions.

In seventh grade, we are working on subtracting, adding, multiplying and dividing inequalities. The students seem to love this as it has been fun for them to learn! After this, we will be learning about rational numbers which they are looking forward to!



Lastly, in eighth grade, we are working on the pythagorean theorem which has been fun for the students to learn. It shows them new ways and strategies to solve problems using a right triangle! After this, we will be moving onto expressions and equations in algebra!

As always, each student is applying consistent effort into their work and is constantly applying the rules and strategies that we learn daily. They are continuing to impress me each day with their work and skills! They have done a wonderful job of effectively applying mental discipline as well as encouraging themselves and other classmates. As they learn new strategies, it helps to show every day and future connections and possibilities.

I am looking forward to all that's to come the rest of this year!
Ms. Sabrina Valenza

Parent Association News

We need volunteers to assist with our *Catholic Schools Week Book Fair*. Mrs. Grady and Mrs. Scotti have both generously volunteered to co-chair this event. This event will take place starting Monday, January 30th and run through February 2nd. It will take place during the school day, very similar to the Christmas Shop. We are also looking for volunteers to assist with a new activity, an *Indoor Snowball Event*, for Grades K-4 during Catholic Schools' Week (2/3). Mrs. Marcello has volunteered to chair this event and is looking for volunteers to set up on 2/2 and helpers to run the event on 2/3. If you are available to assist with either event, please call the school office. Just a friendly reminder that you need to have an up-to-date BCI and Safe Environment.

We are also in need of chairpersons for the *Father/Daughter Dance* and the *Mother/Daughter Breakfast*. If you are interested in chairing one of these events, please contact the school office. Just a reminder that all the events run by the Parent Association need to volunteers to be successful.

Save the date: *Father/Daughter Dance- Friday, April 21st*

Mother/Daughter Breakfast-Saturday, May 6th

More details to follow....

6th Grade Making God's Eyes



Virtue of the Month - Faith

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*



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