



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Each year on November 1st the Catholic Church celebrates All Saints Day, an acknowledgement of all those holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we attend Mass. Our school Mass will be at 9:00am. Our Kindergarten, First and Second Grade classes will be leading the Mass. Parents and family members are welcome. Seating will be in the back portion of the church. Pictures for these grades will be taken on the steps outside the church after the liturgy, and an "All Saints Day Parade" around the school will follow the Mass. On the very next day, November 2nd, we celebrate All Souls Day, a day that we remember and pray for all the faithful departed. It is a day to pray for those we have lost. We can all strive to be saints in our daily lives. We do this by loving God and loving our neighbor.

"If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

The Colorathon!



It is all happening this Sunday, October 29th, right here at St. Rocco's. The Del's food truck, obstacle course, D.J. and our very own M.C., Mike Montecalvo, will be kicking things off beginning at 12:30. Registration/packet pick-up begins at 12:45 and the actual event begins at 1:30. Come early and enjoy lunch with the family and join in the fun. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs, pizza chips, snacks, and drinks. Food will be cash only!

Happenings this week...



Our Kindergarten class enjoyed their 1st Place Colorathon prize of a pizza party in Café Rocco. Special thanks to the Italian Bakery for donating the pizza for this celebration. The PreK 3 and 2nd Grade classes enjoyed an ice cream sundae celebration also this week for placing 2nd and 3rd.



The Cross Country team was treated to a Pizza Lunch in the Church Hall on Wednesday compliments of the Fava family.

Our 8th Grade class had a field trip to Providence College where they heard from current students, had a tour, and took part in a marketing class where they bought and sold stocks – in candy!

And today, our PreK3-Grade 5 students enjoyed a wonderful Halloween Event in the Church Hall. Thank you to Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Scotti who chaired this event and all the parents who volunteered to make this such a fun, traditional activity for our students. The students and teachers always look forward to this event and fun was had by all!



Our annual Enthronement Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 21st at 9:00am. All students in grades K-8 should be in full dress uniform for this Mass. **Congratulations to Michael Ramos who will crown the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Nicholas Scotti and Alessandro Fava, who will be the attendants.** These boys were voted for by their classmates and their teachers as being true examples of Jesus in how they live their lives.

Of Note...

The first trimester ends on November 28th. This means that there are just over four weeks before grades close. The teachers are working with the students to stay current with their assignments and prepare for subject assessments. Teachers post grades on Plus Portal and these grades are always available for parents to see. I say this because now is the time to contact the teacher if you have questions about your child's progress or to increase your child's academic efforts at home to improve in their subjects. If your child waits until the end of the trimester, it will be too late to make any change.



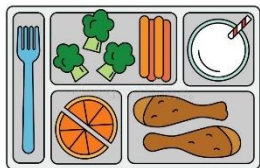
We transition to our winter uniform on Wednesday, November 1st. Please use the Parent-Student Handbook for guidelines. Of note are the shoes for the boys and the skirts for the girls. All boys should be wearing either black shoes or black low-cut sneakers that resemble the school shoe. There have been many boys coming to school in hi-tops and multi-colored sneakers. These are not part of the uniform. For the girls, please be aware of the length of the skirt. If your child has gone through a growth spurt and outgrown their skirt, there are many skirts available in the Uniform Closet.

Just a reminder that there is no Strings Program this Tuesday. The next class is November 7th.

Wishing everyone a blessed week!

Respectfully,
Regina M. Hand/Principal

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!



Homework if your Child is out sick ~ Please let us know if you are picking up homework for your child, when you call them out in the morning. Homework will be in the office from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. If you cannot make it here by 4:00, you can request it be in the desk outside the front door of the school.

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. Many thanks!

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



Birthday Dress Down

Just a friendly reminder, because birthdays are so special, students are allowed to "dress down" on their birthday! As always, appropriate clothing please!



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>



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 - flyers went out in last week's Thursday Packet

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

"Where our Children always come first!"

Parents, Pops and Playground Event

The Parent Association has planned an event for the younger students. The Parents, Pops and Playground activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Grades 1 & 2

Friday, November 3rd

2:30-3:30pm

**Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult*

Upcoming Events



The Color-A-Thon, Sunday October 29th, check in begins at 12:45pm - If you would like to volunteer, contact, Stephanie

Fava, churchofstrocco@gmail.com



Family Christmas Dance - December 1st at the Cranston Country Club

This is going to be a fun family night! We are looking for volunteers to help with this event. Please reach out to Co-Chairs: Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com.

****Our next parent association meeting is on November 14 at 6pm at Café Rocco. We hope to see you there!**

Color-A-Thon - Sunday, October 29th at 12:45 pm



This Sunday, October 29th is our Colorathon! We look forward to seeing everyone there! Don't forget, due to everyone's extraordinary fundraising efforts, there is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday. So come out on Sunday – Throw Color, Get Color, Eat, Dance and have a great time, knowing you have all day Monday to rest! If you have not registered and paid the \$30.00 fee, you can still participate at the Color A Thon. It is a \$10.00 entry fee Sunday, but you will not get color packs, t-shirts, etc., with Sunday registration.



Classroom News

God made us very special, and we are a gift of God



In second grade, we recognize that we are God's gift and we share our gifts with others. We learned that, through baptism, we became children of God and received the gift of faith. Jesus calls us to give ourselves in love and gives us the Great Commandment; Love God and Love Others. Keeping this in mind, we pray Hail Mary for peace in the Holy Land. We are looking forward to our All Saints Day celebration. Come and celebrate with All Saints!



In Math we are learning how to solve various problems, adding and subtracting, understanding place values, comparing numbers, rounding, estimating, etc. We are looking forward to learning Data and Graphs: using operations. It is going to be a lot of fun!

Our new Reading program brings us excitement and curiosity. Besides reading, grammar, and Phonics, we are focusing on reading various types of stories, such as Realistic Fiction, Informational text, and Poetry. We are excited to write our own stories using our five senses. Now we are getting ready to write about a scarecrow. Watch! It is on the way!



Science is fun! We learned about plants, animals, and their life cycles. We enjoyed doing hands-on activities and projects. Our Scholastic News Magazine articles enrich us with knowledge, proficiency, and excitement. We had so much fun observing trees and finding out information. We also had a lot of fun with our Pumpkin activity and learned about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin. Our Pumpkin was 13 pounds, 12 inches, and had 477 seeds in it.

In Social Studies, we learned about the 3 types of Communities, Government leaders, their responsibilities and functions, the 3 Branches of the Government and their functions. We loved the projects! Now we are getting ready to travel to the White House. We are looking for an educational and enjoyable trip!



Well, we are so busy learning and having fun that the day goes by without even realizing it. Second grade is so much fun!

Sr. Daisy Kollamprampil, FMH

Basketball News

There will be a mandatory Parents Meeting on November 2nd, at 6:00 pm in Café Rocco. Any student who is playing basketball this season needs to have a parent present at this meeting.





Haunted Happenings at St. Rocco's School



Pumpkin Decorating Contest

- 1st Place - 6th Grade - Mickey Mouse Haunted House - Angelica Price, Mikaela Mercier, Mia Gorgievski
- 1st Place - 7th Grade - Spooky Movie Time - Aidan Cox
- 1st Place - 8th Grade - Mike Wazowski - Leilani Delgado

After School Clubs

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Friends of Jesus Grades K-8 2:35pm-3:15pm Instructor: Sr. Daisy  | Strings/Violin Lessons Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni  | Dance Program Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm Instructor: Miss Denise  | Newspaper Club Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm Advisor: Mrs. Scotti  | Culture Club Grades 5-8 2:35pm-4:00pm Advisor: Mrs. Muccio |

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**.*

October Activity Calender

Friday, October 27th
 Sunday, October 29th
 Monday, October 30th

Independent Learning/Professional Day
 Color-a-thon 12:45
 No School – “Pastor Day”

November Activity Calender



Wednesday, November 1st
 Friday, November 10th
 Monday, November 13th
 Tuesday, November 21st
 Wednesday, November 22nd
 Thursday, November 23rd
 Friday, November 24th

All Saint’s Day Mass – 9:00 am
 Veteran’s Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am
 Veteran’s Day Holiday – **No School**
 Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am
 Independent Learning/PD – 11:30 am dismissal
 Thanksgiving – **No school!**
No School



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.

Courage - “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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