

**St. Rocco
School***Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!***THURSDAY
PACKET****Weekly Parent Newsletter****Dear St. Rocco School Families,**

I hope you and your children enjoyed the energy and spirit of **Reading Week**! It was a joy to see students so engaged in storytelling, literacy games, and author explorations. We are also deeply grateful for the love and appreciation shown during this same **Teacher Appreciation Week**—thank you for partnering with us to recognize the dedication and faith-filled service of our amazing faculty and staff.

As part of our school's safety protocols, we will be conducting a **lockdown drill** next week. Please know that this is a **routine safety measure** we practice twice a year to ensure that all students and staff know what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency. Teachers will explain the purpose of the drill in an age appropriate way to reduce any feelings of worry or fear. Our goal is always to create a calm, safe, and secure environment where students feel cared for and protected.

We're also looking forward to the upcoming **Middle School Dance**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our 6th–8th grade students to come together for a fun, supervised evening with their classmates. In preparation, please take note of the **expected dress code** to ensure all students are dressed appropriately and respectfully for a Catholic school environment:

Middle School Dance Dress Code Guidelines:

- Dresses or skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee.
- No low-cut, backless, strapless, or midriff-baring tops or dresses.
- Dress pants or appropriate jeans are allowed; no ripped or sagging pants.
- Shoulders must be covered (a sweater or shrug may be worn if needed), no spaghetti straps..
- Clothing with inappropriate language, graphics, or logos is not permitted.

Students who are not dressed in accordance with the guidelines may be asked to call home for a change of clothes or may be unable to participate. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a joyful and respectful atmosphere for all.

Thank you for your continued partnership in nurturing the hearts, minds, and souls of our children. Let us continue to walk in faith together as we grow through this final stretch of the school year.

With gratitude and blessings,

Melissa D'Amico, Principal

A few reminders:



Yearbook orders are still being taken. If your child is in 8th grade, it is already ordered for them. If you have ordered/paid for it online, your child will be reimbursed.



Busing - Beginning on April 1, 2025, the Statewide Transportation System has started open enrollment and new transportation requests for the upcoming **2025-2026** school year. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of the school next year, **both current and new riders** must register by **July 31, 2025.**



It would be wonderful if Every child has a pair of Rosary Beads! Sr. Donna is selling rosary beads during the month of May, which is dedicated to Mary. The cost is \$5.00 for 3 pairs. This is a great opportunity for your child to own a pair and share a pair with family members.



Parents, please remember to park only in the **designated-lined parking spots** for everyone's safety and to keep traffic flowing smoothly. Thank you for your cooperation!

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our families for your special cards and gifts celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurse's Day! Thank you also to the Parent Association for their very special Charcuterie Treats! As always, your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.



Classroom News

News From Mrs. Ciunci's Fourth Grade...



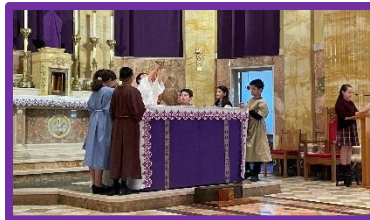
Stations of the Cross

Fourth grade continues to be both busy and exciting! During the Lenten season, the fourth graders presented a moving reenactment of the Living Stations of the Cross. This portrayal of Jesus' journey to Calvary, as seen through Mary's eyes, served as a beautiful and solemn reminder of His final days on earth. The students followed his path with reverence and did a wonderful job bringing this powerful story to life.

In addition to Religion, the fourth graders have continued to excel in all areas. In Reading, we are exploring a variety of genres through our textbook while practicing important comprehension and literacy skills. During Reading Week students will have daily Drop Everything and Read time as well as many fun activities and surprise guest readers! In math, students are strengthening their computation skills daily. They dove into measurement, graphing, and probability. We have also worked on adding and subtracting fractions and are looking forward to beginning our unit on decimals soon.

In Science our focus is on matter, and we will soon be moving into force and motion – complete with fun and engaging experiments. In Social Studies, the students are hard at work on their state fair projects. Each student has selected a U.S. state to research, and they are creating projects that include facts about the state, its climate, coat of arms, a recipe, and a famous person from the state. They've written to Chambers of Commerce requesting information, and the mail is rolling in! Students are also creating a slide show presentation using their chrome books. They have learned how to add text, pictures, backgrounds, animation and transitions. They will share their finished projects with parents and the school community later this month.

It's hard to believe we are already in the third trimester. I am so proud of each fourth grader and the hard work they have put in. I am excited to see what they will accomplish in the coming months!



PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Saint Rocco School Parent Association

News

MAY EDITION

05-08-25

Teacher
APPRECIATION
WEEK

Do small things
with great love
-Mother Teresa



Mother & Daughter
Brunch

Father & Son Bowling!

It's On! Your dedicated team of Parent Association members have made sure we have a Father & Son Event this year! Join us Sunday May 25th 1:00-3:00pm (See attached flyer.) Please sign up by May 19th. If you would like to help out at this event. Contact: aanderson@stroccoschool.org/text 508-801-4275



Happy Mother's Day



Thank you to everyone who
came out to our Mother & Daughter
Brunch



Our Staff is a
Cut Above the Rest



Dine Out

The Next Dine Out Night will be at Red Robin Warwick on Tuesday May 20th! Please join us to connect with friends and support our school!

Teacher Appreciation

On Wednesday the Parent Association gave a special thank you to all the SRS staff by delivering Individual Charcuterie Boxes! A big shout out to Chrissy Libby for heading up this initiative.



Save The Dates

Thank you to all our Volunteers and Supporters! Please save the date for our **Thank You Event** happening **June 6th** in Cafe Rocco. Immediately following 1st Friday Mass. All are welcome!

Next Parent Association Meeting is Tuesday May 27th 6:00 pm.

Save the Date for the Saint Rocco's Feast August 14-17th. Come help us in our Parent Association Booth!

VOTE!

Nomination forms for next years Parent Association Officers are being accepted. Please consider joining our team or making a nomination.

We ♥ Our
Volunteers

Together,
We make a
Difference

We are so thankful for our volunteers & our community! We look forward to more events that foster connections creating lasting memories!

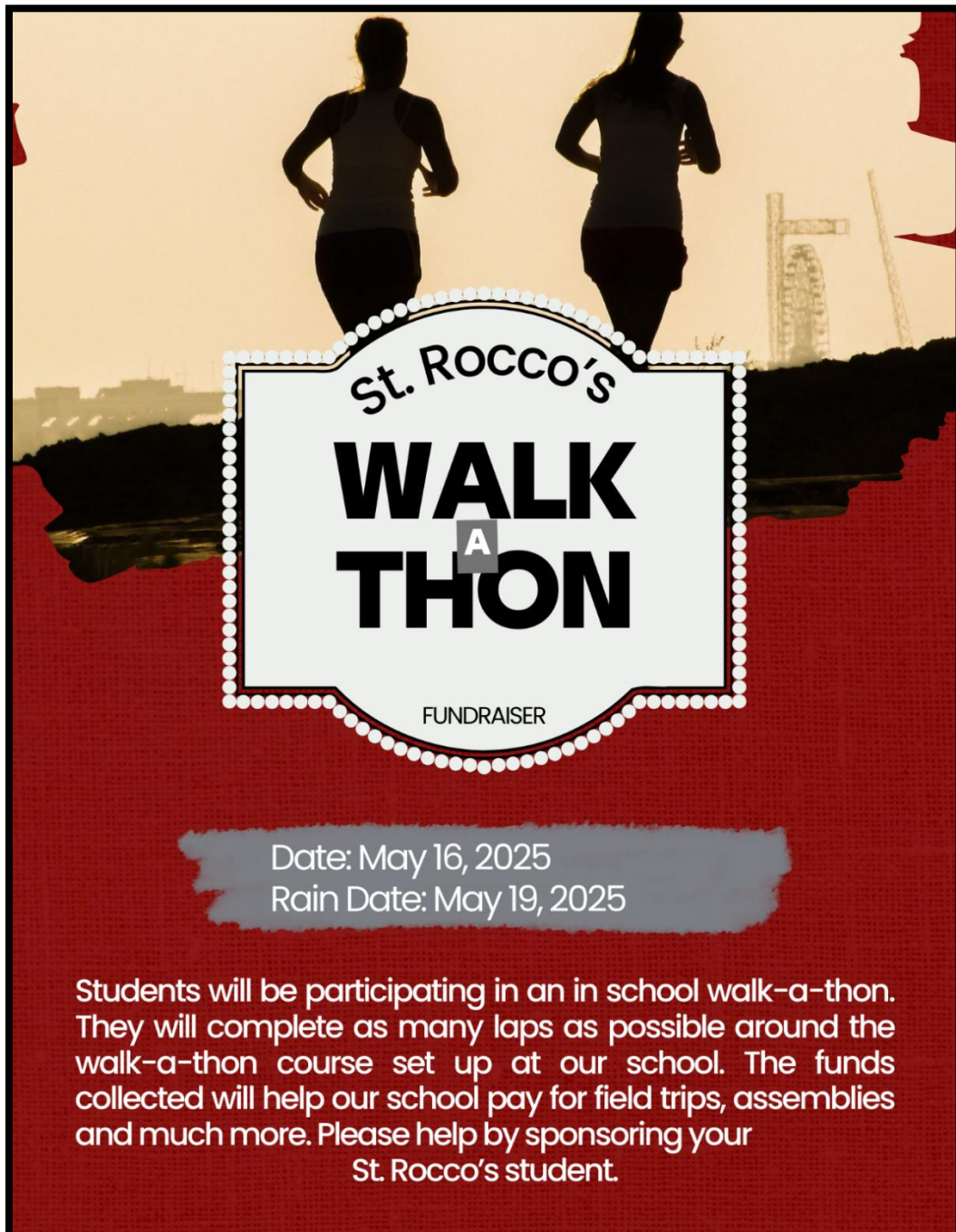
Parent Association Officers

+ Alison Anderson - President + Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
+ Selaina Scarcella - Treasurer + Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez - Secretary

COMING SOON

St. Rocco School Walk-a-Thon

Pledge forms went home last week
in your child's Thursday Packet

The poster features a central graphic with two silhouettes of runners against a sunset background. A large, white, shield-shaped badge with a dotted border is overlaid on the image. Inside the badge, the text reads "St. Rocco's WALK A THON FUNDRAISER". Below the badge, on a dark red background, is a grey brushstroke containing the dates "Date: May 16, 2025" and "Rain Date: May 19, 2025". At the bottom, a paragraph of text explains the event and asks for sponsorship.

St. Rocco's
WALK
A
THON
FUNDRAISER

Date: May 16, 2025
Rain Date: May 19, 2025

Students will be participating in an in school walk-a-thon. They will complete as many laps as possible around the walk-a-thon course set up at our school. The funds collected will help our school pay for field trips, assemblies and much more. Please help by sponsoring your St. Rocco's student.

Father-Son Bowling



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Where our Children always come first!



Join us for an evening of bowling, delicious pizza & drinks, and great company: Show off your skills on the lanes and compete for the highest score of the night!

DATE: SUNDAY MAY 25TH, 2025

1:00-3:00PM

LANG'S BOWL-O-RAMA

225 NIAN TIC AVE, CRANSTON, RI 02907

Package: \$28 per person:
Includes: 2 Hours of Bowling
Bowling Shoes
1 Cheese Pizza
1 Pitcher of Soda

2 dads and 2 sons per lane (can accommodate more for siblings)

Cash or Check. Please make checks payable to Saint Rocco School & return with this registration form to the Saint Rocco School Office by Monday May 19th.

LANE ASSIGNMENT WILL BE BY GRADE OF THE OLDEST CHILD UNLESS NOTED BELOW. LANES OF 4 CAN BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE. ANY FATHER FIGURE OF THE STUDENTS CHOICE MAY ATTEND.

Child/Children Name(s): _____ Grade(s): _____

Adults Name: _____ Number Attending: _____ x \$30= _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Food allergies or accommodations needed: _____

LANES OF 4 MAY BE ACCOMMODATED. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY USING NAMES AND GRADE

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SAVE THE DATE



Friday, May 9th

Saturday, May 10th

Wednesday, May 14th

Friday, May 16th

Friday, May 23rd

Tuesday, May 27th

Thursday, May 29th

Monday, June 2nd

Wednesday, June 4th

Monday, June 9th

Thursday, June 12th

Friday, June 13th

Middle School Dance

First Holy Communion – St. Rocco Church

May Crowning

In-School Walk-A-Thon

State Fair – 4th Grade

8th Grade Trip

Ascension Thursday Mass – 9:00 am

Sports Banquet – 6:00 pm

Middle School Class Night

8th Grade Graduation

Kindergarten Graduation

End of Year Liturgy – 8:45 am

11:30 Dismissal - Happy Summer!



*Honesty ~ But that on the good ground are they, which an honest and good heart,
Having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Luke 8:15*

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St. Rocco School



CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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

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