

St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY
PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Yesterday we attended Mass as a school community for Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. Our First Grade class presented the virtue of Hope which seems most fitting as we begin our Lenten Journey.

“Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of the heart that does not lock itself into darkness, that doesn’t dwell on the past, that does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see tomorrow. And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness.” Pope Francis

In last week’s newsletter, I talked about the three practices of Lent (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) and how important it is to incorporate them into our daily family life during these 40 days. I encouraged you to get ready as a family to fully participate in this liturgical season. At St. Rocco’s, one of the faith-filled practices we participate in during Lent is Stations of the Cross, a Catholic devotion that remembers Jesus’ last days on Earth as a man. These fourteen stations help us to remember the events of that day and provide us with an opportunity to meditate and pray on their meaning in our own lives. We will attend Stations of the Cross every Wednesday (Grades 1-4 at 9:00 and Grades 5-8 at 1:45) beginning 2/28 with a different class leading the afternoon prayers. Eighth Grade will lead us the first week. You are welcome to attend and pray along with us. Our Grade 3-8 students will also be taking part in the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. On March 27th of Holy Week, our Fourth Grade students will be presenting the Living Stations at 1:15pm. All are welcome!

Spring Sports...

Coaches will begin practices in mid-late March with games beginning at the end of April. If you have not returned your registration packet, please do so by tomorrow. We will have one 5-8 soccer team and one 6-8 volleyball team this year. Thank you to Miss Tripp who will be coaching the volleyball team again this year and to Mrs. Cazzarro who has volunteered to be the Assistant Coach. We are still in need of coaches for the soccer team. Go Raptors!

There are no basketball games this weekend.

Other Happenings...

Auditions for the spring production, “A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco”, took place this past Monday. Congratulations to the students who auditioned for parts. It takes a lot of courage to get up in front of others and perform. Thank you to Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio for planning this special event for our school community. The performance date is April 27th at 6:30pm at Johnston Memorial High School. March 8th marks the end of the second trimester. Please work with your children as they take their end of trimester assessments/exams when we come back from the winter break. Report cards will be uploaded to the portal on March 14th. A tutorial on using “Plus Portal” is being sent as an attachment today.

I hope that you have the opportunity to enjoy time with your families during the winter break. Wishing you peace and blessings in the week ahead.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word! If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at www.stroccoschool.org.
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** **If you haven't reregistered, please call the office ASAP to schedule an appointment.** Tuition must be current to re-register.
- Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.
- The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2023 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2023 income tax return, you may use your 2022 income tax return and your 2022 & 2023 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.
- We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://.onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

Parishioner Status ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Upcoming Events:



- **Early Childhood Family Hoe Down (Pre-K3 to Pre-K4) – Sat., March 9 from 4 to 7pm – Café Rocco** Family fun for grades Pre-K3 through Pre-K4! Please reach out to Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Alison Anderson, alisonalta@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



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

CLASSROOM NEWS ...

Kindergarten – Mrs. Nicole Regnault



We have reached the 100th day mark and there have been a lot of great things happening in Kindergarten!

The students have now added a “Calendar Journal” to their morning routine and look forward to it daily! The students must apply the skills that have been taught and use the resources around the room to help guide them in completing this task.

They are working very hard in applying their letter-sound knowledge to spelling words on their own, along with beginning to write a complete and proper sentence...starting with a capital letter, using finger spaces between words and adding ending punctuation.

The students have been busy reading and writing CVC words, along with reading decodable books with high-frequency words. The high-frequency words they know are highlighted in their “Poem of the Week” every Friday. They have also been learning about characters, plot and setting and alliteration.

They have been continuing to practice their handwriting skills by learning how to form letters and numbers correctly. They have been going over place value, ordinal numbers, number words, ten frames, patterns, more than, fewer than, equal to, graphing and double-digit numbers. We are gearing up for addition, subtraction and measuring!

We have been busy discussing the themes of Winter, Snowflakes/Snowmen, Penguins, Hibernation and Migration, 100 Days of School, Valentine’s Day, and the upcoming season of Lent. Two of the favorite activities were reading the story, *Snowmen at Night*, along with writing and drawing about what they would do if they were snowmen at night and creating special snowflakes using colored ice cubes! The 100th Day was also a lot of fun as the students drew a picture of what they look like now and what they think they will look like when they are 100 years old!

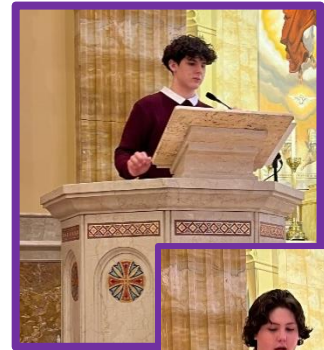
We look forward to Easter and remembering Jesus for everything he did for us. The Spring season is right around the corner, which means First Grade here we come!



St. Rocco's Weekly Pics



Ash Wednesday Mass



A Little St. Valentine's Spirit at St. Rocco's



Grammar Boys' Basketball Team & Coaches

Jaxson Scipione gives a \$500. check from the Feinstein Scholarship Fund (Golden Ticket Winner) to the Salgi Esophageal Cancer Research Foundation – Jaxson's choice of charity.



UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Feb.19 - Feb. 23

Friday, March 1, 2024

Friday, March 8, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Friday, March 29, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024

April 15 – April 19

April 27, 2024

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Winter Vacation

First Friday Mass – 8:45

Second Trimester Ends

IL/PD Day

11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday

No School - Good Friday

No School – Easter Monday

Mother/Son Dance

Spring Vacation

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

Volunteer Mass/1st Thursday Mass - 8:45

IL/PD Day



February Virtue of the Month ~ **Charity**

*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart,
and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned. 1 Timothy 1:5*



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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website www.stroccoschool.org for important information and updates.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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

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