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A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

With less than a week before the students return to the halls of St. Rocco's, I wanted to share some important First Day/First Week reminders and information.

Welcome

I would like to welcome Mr. Anthony Boivin, a SRS alumni, as our new Fifth Grade Homeroom and Middle School Math teacher. I would also like to welcome Mrs. Scotti, a parent of SRS alumni and a current parent to one of our 7th Graders, as the Fifth Grade ELA and Literature teacher. Many of you may know Mrs. Scotti through her parent volunteer work over the years. Finally, I would like to welcome Mrs. Debra Tripp to our Extended Day Program.

Back to School Dates

August 30th – PreK 3, PreK 4 and K

Orientation 8:30-9:45.

August 31st – Grades 5-8

1st Day of school.

September 1st – Grades K-Grade 4

1st Day of school. First Day for ½ of PreK 3 and Pre K 4.

September 3rd – K - Grade 8

Full day of school. First Day for ½ of PreK 3 and Pre K 4.

*Please join us for First Friday Mass at 8:45am on September 2nd.

Arrival and Dismissal

The school day begins at 8:00. The doors will open for all students (bus students included) at 8:00. All students should aim to be in the building by 8:10 to enable them to get to their homeroom before the late bell rings at 8:15. Any student who arrives after 8:15 will need to enter the building by the front door and get a late pass.

The following are the entry and exit doors by grade:

PreK 3 – The side door closest to their classroom on the church side of the building.

PreK 4 – The side door closest their classroom on the driveway side of the building.

Kindergarten-Grade 3: The map door around the back parking lot. Look for the colored map. Entry to the back parking lot is one way with entry by the rectory and exit by way of Scalibrini Drive.

Grades 4-8: The front doors.

There will be a faculty or staff member at each door to greet the students, check that they know where they are going, and remind them to use hand sanitizer upon entry to the building.

*Parents may park in the Convent Parking Lot (across the street from the school), the Faculty and Staff Parking Lot (closest to Scalibrini Drive) or the Back Parking Lot (behind the church). The front of the school is reserved for the buses, please do not park there. Also, a reminder that there is no smoking or dogs allowed on the school grounds, the front of the school or the parking lots.

Health Screening Forms

Nurse Cheryl will be sending out a one time Screening Form for parents with next week's Thursday Packet. This form is completed and returned to school. Homeroom teachers will collect them and Nurse Cheryl will keep them on file in her office for the year. This form is an important piece of our health and safety protocols toward keeping our school community well.

Buses

Both Statewide and Johnston (Durham) bus service will begin on August 31st. Throughout the year, buses will run on any day the town or city you live in has school. Ex. If Johnston Public Schools do not have school, there will be no Johnston buses for St. Rocco students on that day. Text reminders will be sent throughout the year.

Lunch

The lunch menu for September will be sent out in the next few days. The Lunch Program will begin on August 31st. Lunches for all students were free the past two years for students through federal funds during COVID. This is not the case this year. Lunch is \$3.50. Please send in exact change if paying by cash or make a check out to: St. Rocco School. All lunch money should be in an envelope with the child's name and grade on it. Lunch will be ordered daily for the first part of September while we adjust to the change. After that, lunch ordering will be done on a week-to-week basis. Your child should order lunch during homeroom. Please remember to send a towel in with your child. Classes often eat snack and lunch outside during the good weather. We are looking to open the "Snack Shop" up again later in September. We will need "Snack Shop" volunteers to do this. If you are interested, please call the office. **St. Rocco School is a 100% Peanut/Nut Free School.**

Extended Day Program

The Extended Day Program (Before and After Care) will begin on Tuesday, September 6th. Information on the Extended Day Program is attached. It can also be found on the school website. All paperwork must be completed annually and returned before any child may attend the Extended Day Program.

Uniforms

Students should begin the year in the proper uniform. Either the summer or regular uniform may be worn. Donnelly's has contacted us that some items are on back order. If this applies to your child, relax. Please send a note to the homeroom teacher explaining the situation and dress your child in comparable clothing. Uniform specifics can be found on the website in the Student Handbook.

Photo Consent

The first week of school is a great opportunity to take pictures of our students returning to school for the new year. If you have not completed the Photo Consent Form, please see the attached, so your child can be included in these pictures. The form can be handed in to the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

Colorthon Initial Parent Meeting

Tonight is the first meeting of our Colorthon Event. This will be the biggest fundraiser of the year for our school community. Please note that this is a Parent Association event and does not go toward your fundraising fee. We are looking for as many interested parents as possible to take an active role in this event. "Many hands make light work."

Cross Country Team

There is still time to register for Cross Country (Grades 4-8). Applications may be picked up in the office. The first practice is Thursday, September 1st from 2:30-3:30 here at school. Pick up will be in the back parking lot. The first meet is Wednesday, September 7th. The cost is \$30.

The faculty and staff have been very busy this summer preparing for the year ahead. Work has been done throughout the building and the school is sparkling. We are eager to have your children return and light up our school with their energy, eagerness and enthusiasm.

I wish you all a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

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