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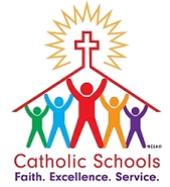
THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Notes



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!



January 12, 2023

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season that begins on Christmas day concluded this past Sunday with the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. The longest season of the liturgical year, Ordinary Time, began this past Monday. The first half of Ordinary time will take us up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. However, while the season of Christmas has now passed, we should hold tight to the rebirth of Jesus that the season brought out in each of us. And, as we continue to maneuver the challenges of each day, let us move forward with Hope in the Lord who brings us comfort.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3



On December 31st, Pope Emeritus Benedict, formerly Pope Benedict XVI, passed away. Pope Benedict XVI served as the leader of the Catholic Church from April 19, 2005 until February 28, 2013. His dedicated service to the Catholic Church throughout his life was a gift to Catholics worldwide. Let us remember him in prayer.

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen***

Re-Registration:

This week in your child's Thursday Packet, we included the re-registration packet for next school year. Please make a note of your scheduled appointment time. As a reminder, St. Rocco School has a Referral Program that offers a great incentive to current St. Rocco School families. This program is outlined in detail in the re-registration packet.

School Calendar:

Please note that Friday, February 3rd, is an 11:30 early dismissal. My apologies for any inconvenience to our families. This was a mistake on the annual calendar that went unnoticed. There will be no After Care on this day.



Finally, as we look to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. with a national holiday this Monday, let us pray together for unity in our families, communities, country and world. In the words of Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." **Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Have a peaceful week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If your child is sick, please notify the office as soon as possible. Each day your child is absent, please notify the office



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** on the **Parent's Page**.

Parent Association News



We need volunteers to assist with our 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 have volunteers to be successful.

Next Parent Association Meeting - January 26th at 6:00 pm

Save the date: *Father/Daughter Dance - Friday, April 21st*
Mother/Daughter Breakfast - Saturday, May 6th
More details to follow....

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 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)



CLASSROOM NEWS

Classroom News - Mrs. Bethany Rachdouni - Music PK3-8th



What an exciting start to our school year for all of our talented musicians and singers at St. Rocco's School! It was so nice for all of our students and their family and friends to join us for our LIVE Christmas concert here this year. All of our instrumentalists, singers, nativity players and readers did an excellent job bringing Christmas joy to us all this season! A special thanks to our choir for all of their hard work throughout the year as they sing for mass, special prayer services, and for learning ALL of their music on a weekly basis.

In PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten, our smallest singers wowed the audience with their songs of Christmas bells! I have enjoyed teaching them these last few months as we took trips to the apple groves, pumpkin patch, and holiday lights. They have been working hard on keeping a steady beat, learning new rhythms, and playing all of the instruments in our music room. In the New Year we will be learning all about the orchestra and preparing more songs for Spring holidays!



In second and third grade, students have earned their white and yellow belts in "Recorder Karate" and have learned about the instrument families. We have listened to and performed some famous pieces by Haydn, Bach, and Ravel. In the Spring we will be working on long-term projects centered around Music around the World and famous composers.

4th and 5th grade have done an inspiring job learning how to read music while playing the bells for our Veteran's Day service and Christmas concert. Our 4th graders will begin working on their harder karate belts while our 5th graders start the bucket drums and ukuleles.



Our middle school students have thoroughly impressed me with their drumming skills after just a few short months of classes. They certainly remembered quite a bit from last year but have really perfected the more precise technique and learning difficult rhythmic patterns. I am excited to teach all of our middle schoolers new pieces on the ukulele and try out some new chords! 7th and 8th graders will also be working on a long-term music project centered on Music Careers and will get the opportunity to interview someone currently working in that profession and present what they have learned to the class!

I am very excited about all of the music we have been working on in class and look forward to a wonderful Spring with more great performances to share with all of you! Wishing you all a very happy and healthy New Year!

Feinstein News

Reminder: Jr. Scholars are allowed **one complimentary visit for them and their adult guest** to [Providence Children's Museum](#) per year with their Jr. Scholar Card, but must reserve a timed-ticket prior to visiting!

Dress Down for Right to Life

Collection from yesterday's Dress Down Day totaled \$164.00 Thank you to all those that participated and donated to Right To Life.

Important Information



Re-registration packets are being sent home today with your child. Please note the appointment time for your reregistration interview is in the packet. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the office at 401-944-2993 or office@stroccoschool.org

Financial Aid -Applications for financial aid for the 2023-2024 school year have started. You can apply by going on to the FACTS management website. Deadline is March 15, 2023. In addition, in order to receive parishioner rate for the 2023-2024 school year, you must have contributed \$250.00 to St. Rocco Church by *December 31, 2022* to receive parishioner rate.



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 ****CLASS IS FULL****

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 16th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 25th

Independent Learning Day/
Professional Development Day

Sunday, January 29th

Family Mass at 10am
Catholic Schools Week Begins
Tours by Appointment Only 11am-1pm

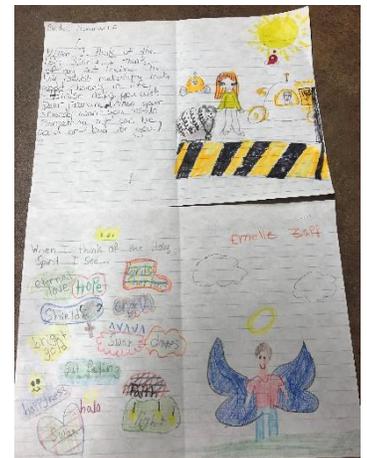
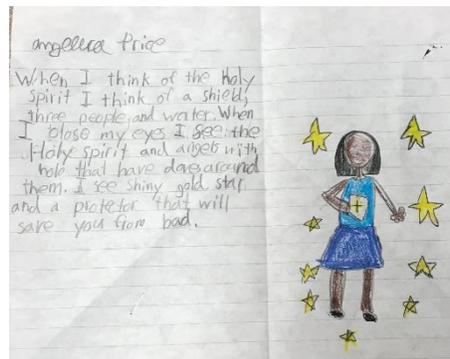
January 29th – February 3rd

Catholic Schools Week

Friday, February 3rd

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am

“When I Think About The Holy Spirit” by 5th Graders



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

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