

*St. Rocco
School*

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

As we move through this third week of Lent, I share with you this reflection:

“May you continue to trust in the Lord, Jesus, Who provides for you and will continue to love you in spite of what is happening in your life.”



With all that is going on in our world right now, it can be difficult to trust unconditionally in the Lord. However, it is during our most challenging times that this trust and faith is so important in sustaining us and providing us with the strength that we need to move forward. I pray that this trust in the Lord is present during each day of your Lenten journey.

“Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better.” Pope Francis

This Week...

Our Seventh Grade students led Stations of the Cross and our Fourth Grade students had their second opportunity to hold the candles during the morning Stations of the Cross. Both grades did a wonderful job. This week from March 8-14 is National Catholic Sisters Week. We are so blessed to have Sr. Daisy, Sr. Donna and Sr. Sheeba with us each day. We are grateful for their commitment, the gifts they share and their deep love for the St. Rocco School and Parish communities. We are so blessed to have them with us. Please join us in praying for them and all Sisters this week. They truly are a daily gift to all of us!

Sporting News...

Congratulations to our junior boys' maroon team and our girls' and boys' grammar teams for making the play-offs. The girls' grammar team plays tonight at Mt. St. Charles at 6:00pm and the boys' grammar team plays at 7:15pm. The boys junior maroon team plays Sunday at St. Raphael Academy at 3:30pm. As we turn the clocks forward this weekend, let's hope that the spring weather is not far behind. Have a blessed week.

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.



SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27th at Johnston High School. If you have any questions about your child's role or participation, please see the packet that was sent home. Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio are expecting full participation from all students from 1st to 8th grade. If your child has a previous commitment on this day, please notify Mrs. R. or Mrs. M. as soon as possible. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!



Easter Basket Raffle

STUCO is holding an Easter Basket Raffle this month. The raffle tickets are in today's Packet. This is an annual fundraiser to support our Student Council. This is available to all grades!



Meadow Farms Fundraiser



Our Spring Fundraiser packet was sent home last week in the Thursday Packet. The Order deadline is **4/5/24**. This is a DELICIOUS way to meet your fundraising goal!

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Upcoming Events:

Please join us for our upcoming **Parent Association Meeting on Thursday, March 14, 6pm** at Café Rocco! We welcome your attendance and would like to hear your feedback on how the year has been going. You will also hear about the rest of the year's activities.

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:



- **Early Childhood Family Hoe Down (Pre-K3 to Pre-K4) – Sat., March 9 from 4:00 to 6:30 pm – 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.



- **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: Please see the Donation Form in Thursday Packet -** 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



Picture Day is Coming!

Spring Picture Day is Thursday, March 21st. Lifetouch order envelopes are being sent home today in your Thursday Packet Envelopes. Children can wear Spring clothes for the pictures. Please remember no ripped jeans, hoodies, cropped tops, etc.



Save the Date...SRS Parent Association Mother Son Dance

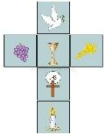
Friday, April 5th - Valley Country Club – This event is for Boys – K-8th Grade

Flyer is in this week's Thursday Packet Envelope

CLASSROOM NEWS

Third Grade – Mrs. Sarah DonFrancesco

Third Grade has been working very hard throughout the year!



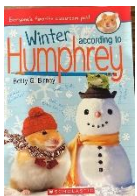
In Religion, we are learning about Lent and how to add more prayer in our daily lives during this season. We are continuing to learn how God's grace is so important as well as learning more in depth about the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist.

In Math, we are learning Multiplication and Division. The students are getting very good at their tables as we practice every day. We will continue to use flash cards and games as we continue learning more tables and higher division skills.



In Science, the students are learning about different ecosystems. They are also learning how animals adapt in different environments and seasons. We look forward to learning about the Earth and its resources.

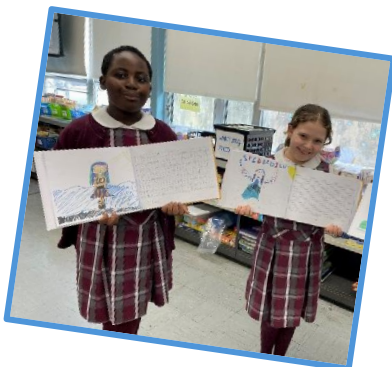
In Social Studies, the students have been learning about the continents and oceans. We are looking forward to learning about different landforms and our country's regions.



In Reading, we are diving into historical fiction. Not only are we reading it, but we are creating our own historical fiction writing piece. We thoroughly enjoyed reading Winter According to Humphrey and will read another trade book after spring vacation. We just finished publishing our first book, Monster Mania. The students are so excited and proud of their work!

We have worked on our chrome books to play math games. We have also read and answered questions on Epic and Readworks. We will begin Typing Club soon so we can begin typing our writing assignments.

Lastly, we are working on our Catholic values in and out of the classroom. We are learning to be respectful of others and to be kind to one another, especially with our words. I have enjoyed watching each student learn and grow every day. They have each made progress in academics as well as maturity. I am excited about the many things to come during the rest of the year!





This Week's Photo Ops at SRS



Eighth grade analyzing the Parables of Jesus!



Honor society making pots of gold for the nursing home!

UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 8, 2024	Second Trimester Ends
Saturday, March 9, 2024	Hoe Down – Pk3 & PK4 – 4:00-7:00 pm Café Rocco
Tuesday, March 12, 2024	IL/PD Day
Thursday, March 21, 2024	Spring Picture Day
Tuesday, March 26, 2024	Dress Down for \$1.00 – Wear Purple for Rice Bowl
Thursday, March 28, 2024	11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday – No Aftercare
Friday, March 29, 2024	No School - Good Friday
Monday, April 1, 2024	No School – Easter Monday
Friday, April 5, 2024	Mother/Son Dance
April 15 – April 19	Spring Vacation
April 27, 2024	Spring Production (1 st -8 th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Volunteer Mass/ 1 st Thursday Mass - 8:45 am
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	IL/PD Day



March Virtue of the Month ~ Caring

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding.
In all the ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*



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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~