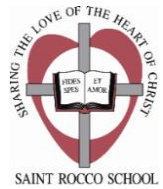


A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

APRIL 25, 2024



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**
Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a wonderful spring break. We continue in the season of Easter.

*It is fitting to thank the Lord,
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High.*

*It is fitting to proclaim your loyal love in the morning,
and your faithfulness during the night, to the accompaniment of a ten-stringed instrument and a lyre, to the
accompaniment of the meditative tone of the harp.*

*For you, O Lord, have made me happy by your work.
I will sing for joy because of what you have done.*

How great are your works, O Lord! Psalm 92: 1-5

In School News...

Yesterday was Administrative Assistants' Day. Please join me in thanking Mrs. Zambarano, Mrs. Okolowicz, Mrs. Fava and Sr. Donna for all they do for our school community each day. They are the heartbeat and front line of the school and keep things running smoothly every day. Each one is a daily gift to our students, parents, and staff. They always "Share the Love of the Heart of Christ".

We are looking forward to the return of "Parents, Pops and Playground" on Friday afternoons beginning tomorrow, April 26th. Check out the spring schedule in this newsletter.

And of course, we are all looking forward to this year's Spring Production this Saturday at Johnston High School at 6:30pm. Please note that cell phones are not permitted for students.

Coming up next week...

"Reading Week" for all grades begins on Monday, April 29th, with a variety of special activities. Please see the attached flyer for details. Of special note is the "Parade of Words" on Monday, the Grade 1-3 Parent/Student Activity on Tuesday, and the Grade 1-5 Field Trip to see "Mary Poppins" on Friday. **Students going on the field trip will need to bring a bag lunch on Friday.**

Our Early Childhood classes are busy preparing for their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00am. They are excited to share what they have learned with their families.

Next week we will also recognize our volunteers with a Volunteer Mass on Thursday at 8:45 followed by a reception in the school. Any parent, grandparent or family member who volunteered in any capacity this year is encouraged to come.

Important Reminder...

There are no dogs permitted on the school grounds. This includes during arrival, dismissal and at any afterschool sport or activity.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that the overall theme for our school community for the past two years has been **kindness**. The virtue of kindness is woven into the fabric of each school day. But like all things done well and consistently, it needs to be practiced. Here are a few quotes that we will be sharing on the announcements next week during Reading Week. Maybe you can share them at home as well.

Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud. —Maya Angelou

You can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness! —Anne Frank

If you see someone without a smile, give them yours. —Dolly Parton

Never be so busy as not to think of others. —Mother Teresa

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible. —Dalai Lama

Wishing you all a joyful week!

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal



YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Yearbook is in publication!!!

Please be sure to order a yearbook that captures the amazing memories of your child's school year! You may send in your envelope or order online. (REMINDER to GRADE 8 Parents: DO NOT ORDER ~ the payment for a personalized yearbook was included in your child's graduation dues.)

First come first serve! Don't miss out!

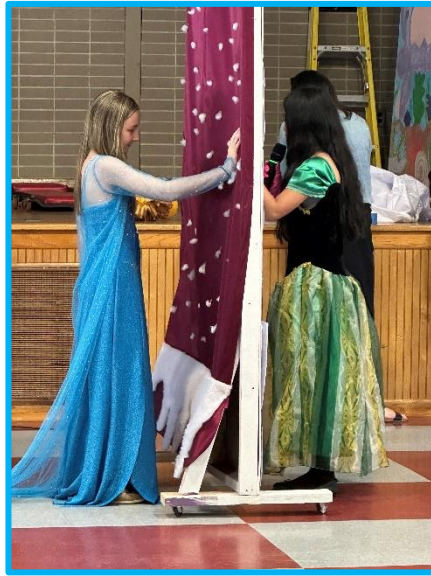
SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco School

We are so excited for our Spring Production on Saturday, April 27th at **Johnston High School**. All parents **MUST** have a ticket to attend the show. All students **Must** have 1 adult present at the show. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!



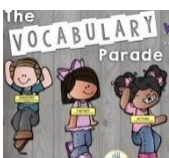
Practice makes perfect!



Reading Week 2024

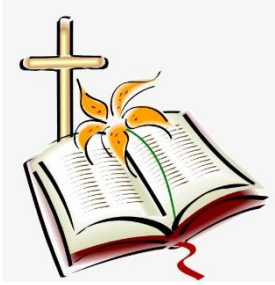
Monday, April 29th	Tuesday, April 30th	Wednesday, May 1st	Thursday, May 2nd	Friday, May 3rd
Parade of Words/ Dress Down Day PK3-Grade 5 Dress as Favorite Literary Character Middle School Grades 6-8	Parent and Students Reading Activity Grades 1-3 Movie and Pop Grades 4-8	Early Childhood Spring Concert 9:00 Book Beach Party w/ Faith Buddies *Students may wear any accessory (Hat, sunglasses and bring in a beach towel)	First Thursday Volunteer Mass 8:45 Teachers Reading Switch Down! All Grades	Mary Poppins Field Trip Grades 1-5 Law Day Grades 6-8

USED BOOK FAIR SALE – all books .50 cents!
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



Parade of Words and Dress as your favorite "Literary Character" flyer is attached!

Classroom News



Religion - Gr. 6-8 Mrs. Meg Reitz

We continue to make progress in Religion and Social Studies in grades 6-8.



In **6th grade Religion** class, The Israelites have almost reached the Promised Land in our study of the Old Testament! We have followed Moses as he has led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt to their final destination, the "Land of milk and honey!" This has been a long, long journey for the Israelites with many lessons taught by God throughout their journey.

In **7th grade Religion**, we are continuing to learn about the life of Christ. We follow along in scripture and word and see how Jesus taught us through the parables. The lessons of Jesus are endless! We are striving to put our faith into action in all that we do.



In **8th grade Religion**, we continue to study for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the fall. The students are learning and growing so much in their faith! It is wonderful to see!



Gr. 6-8 - Mrs. Meg Reitz



In **6th grade Social Studies** class, we have studied many different ancient civilizations, including Mesopotamia, Sumer, Israel, and India. We are currently studying ancient China. The students have been especially curious about the Silk Road. Next, we study ancient Greece and Rome before we wrap up for the summer.

In **7th grade Social Studies** class, we have finished our unit on the Constitution and are learning about the fragility of our young country after the Revolutionary War. They have memorized the Preamble and did a great job! There is much to be learned from the Framers of the Constitution and we are enjoying the history behind the document.



In **8th grade Social Studies** class, we are studying about immigration in the late 1800's, and early 1900's. The big news is we have started another play! The students are really enjoying writing the play and are making sure to be making it historically accurate for the time period. We can't wait for it!



We are looking forward to seeing all our St. Rocco School Families at our 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass on May 4th at 5:00pm!

There will be a reception after mass in Café Rocco. All are welcome!

We are especially looking forward to seeing our alumni and former teachers!

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Save the Date for the last event of the year!

- **Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club:** Please join us!!!! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, shayanna38@gmail.com

Still Looking for donations!

- **Mother/Daughter Brunch Raffle Items:** Thank you to everyone who has donated already! We are still looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother/Daughter Brunch. You can drop off any donations 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



Parents, Pops and Playground Event

“Where our Children always come first!”



The “Parents, Pops and Playground” activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, April 26 th & May 17 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, May 3 rd and 24 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, May 10 th and 31 st	2:30-3:30pm

Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult

Volleyball Season has begun!



Bishop Henning visits St. Rocco's School!



Sisters from Our Lady of the Garden visit St. Rocco's School



Pictured L-R: Mother Provincial-Mother Grace Kaiparambril, Mother General-Mother Gladis Eberhart, Sister Eva Aruna Minj (Welcome to our school), Sister Daisy, Sister Donna, Sister Sheeba



UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 27, 2024	Spring Production (1 st -8 th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Early Childhood Spring Concert - 9:00 am
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Volunteer Mass/ 1 st Thursday Mass - 8:45 am
Saturday, May 4, 2024	60 th Anniversary Mass and Reception – 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	IL/PD Day - NO SCHOOL
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Ascension Thursday Mass – 9:00 am
Saturday, May 11, 2024	First Communion 12:30pm
Friday, May 17, 2024	May Crowning – 9:00 am
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day – No School
Friday, May 31, 2024	8 th Grade Field Trip to Boston
Friday, June 7, 2024	First Friday Mass – 8:45 am



April Virtue of the Month ~ Forgiveness

“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times”.

Matthew 18:21



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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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