

St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY
PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.

*We are dedicated to creating a **safe** environment that instills*

*Catholic values and nourishes the **development and growth** of the whole person.*

We are committed to excellence in academic standards

*that prepares students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the **world**.*

Dear Parents,

The students and staff are beginning to find the rhythm of routine again. There is so much new each school year and these first weeks of September are precious to set the tone for the year ahead both at school and at home. Students should be coming home with their assignments written in their agenda and all the materials they need to complete their homework and study for their tests and quizzes.

Back-to-School Night



Back-to-School Night is less than a week away. We will all meet in Café Rocco at 6:00 for information from both the Administration and the Parent Association. This will be followed by two 20-minute sessions to meet with teachers. Parents with children in different grades will have the opportunity to meet with each child's teacher(s). Parents will also have two opportunities to take the Safe Environment Training (15 minutes) and complete BCI paperwork; one at 5:30 prior to the meeting and one at the conclusion of the night. Both Safe Environment and BCI are needed to volunteer for any school activities.

Basketball Registration



Basketball registration will take place at Back-to-School Night as well. If your child is intending to play on a team, the registration forms (and fee) will need to be completed this night. Having basketball teams is dependent on having enough players and enough coaches.

Eighth Grade Parent Meeting

There will be a brief 8th Grade parent meeting following the second 20 minute informational session with teachers.

This Week...

The first week of STAR testing has gone very well. The teachers are working hard to assist the students in taking their time and not rushing. We ask you as parents to reinforce this at home as well.



The kickoff for this year's **Colorathon** took place with the students and teachers in Café Rocco this morning. There was a lot of excitement from everyone! We look forward to this second **Colorathon** being even bigger than the first. Please see the registration packet along with an informational flyer that was sent home today in the Thursday Packet. Any student registered by Monday, September 18th, will receive a "Color Bracelet" that can be worn in school up until the day of the **Colorathon**. The first raffle will be next Friday for any student who is registered and has 5 sponsors. Thank you to all the parents who are working on the **Colorathon**.



Afterschool Programs...

Information on the programs that will be offered this year will be sent home in next Thursday's Packet. Talk with your child about which activities they may be interested in.

Thursday Packet Communication...

Please sign the Thursday Packet Envelope every week and return it on Friday morning. This is our assurance that you are aware of everything that has been sent home either electronically or by hard copy.

I wish you a blessed week ahead.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

Just a few Reminders...



*****IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL**, please keep them home and call or email the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially, **the phone call/email must be to the School Office**. If you are unsure whether you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions.

Communication - Once again this year, St. Rocco School is using e-mail, texting and/or parent portal for much of their communication. You will receive an email with the Thursday Packet along with any pertinent attachments. Please familiarize yourself with the School Website (www.stroccoschool.org).

- **E-Mail Addresses / Text Notifications** ~ If you are **NOT** presently receiving these notifications, please inform the School Office of your address.
- **Thursday Packets** – As stated above, the “Thursday Packet Parent Note”, Monthly Calendar and Lunch Menu will be sent via email and posted on our website.
- **Photo Consent Forms** ~ This form is required annually for **All.Students**. Please sign and return to school on Tuesday. (Per the Diocese of Providence)



Text Weather/School Closing Alert ~ You may go to: Turnto10.com and register your phone under the weather tab.

Student Data/Custody Concerns – Please notify the School Office if any information regarding your child has changed since the submission of your child's application for enrollment. Any custody concerns require immediate notification to the School Office.

DRESS CODE: – We take pride in the appearance of our students. The way a student dresses and appears often has an effect on behavior and learning. Uniforms must be worn at all times unless it is a casual “Dress Down Day”. Please refer to the School Handbook available on the School Website.

DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY/MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, beginning in October, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for OCTOBER for the cost of \$5.00. The “Dress Down Day” passes are for **Mondays only**. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet. There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for charities, celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted.



BCI / Safe Environment Reminder – All parents, volunteers and coaches interested in both onsite and offsite volunteer opportunities must have completed a BCI & Safe Environment check. The last presentation will be September 21st, at Back to School Night. Potential first-time volunteers need to watch the Safe Environment PowerPoint presentation at school; renewal of the Safe Environment can be viewed on the School Website at home. After you have viewed the presentation, you will sign a form in the School Office. A copy of your license and a payment of \$5.00 is needed for the BCI. The school is informed when this process is successfully completed and the individual is cleared for volunteering. If you wish to participate or volunteer during the school year at events or activities, please complete the training and submit all necessary paperwork early to ensure clearance in time. If you are not sure of your status, you may contact the School Office or Mrs. Okolowicz.



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures –

Remember that at all times we have the safety of our students in mind, and we rely on our parents' help in this area. Arrival ~ Doors open at 8:00am. All students are to enter the building each day using the assigned entrances listed below. Dismissal is at 2:35pm. At dismissal, children must exit the building using the designated exit doors assigned to their class:

- Pre-Kindergarten 4 ~ Left Side Exit of school.
- Pre-Kindergarten 3 ~ Right Side Exit of school. (Church Side)
- Grades K-3 ~ Lower Level Back Parking Lot
- Grades 4-8 ~ Front Doors

Please remember: all students are dismissed to an authorized adult and are not allowed to be “waved” across the avenue, nor is a student allowed to walk home.



Absence/Tardy – It is the responsibility of parents to see that our students attend school daily and are on time. Students must be in their classroom by 8:10am and are considered late if they enter the building after 8:14. **Any student entering after 8:15 must come in through the main door and check in with the office.** If a student is not in school by 11:25am, he/she will be marked as a half day absence.

The only valid reasons for absence are illness of the student, a death in the family, or permission from the Office. Students are responsible for assignments and tests given during their absence. Your child must have a written note explaining why he/she was absent and bring it with them to school upon returning. Students who are absent 3 or more consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor's note before returning to school.

Please call to notify the School Office by 8:30AM if your child will be absent. If your child is going to be late and will be ordering school lunch, please call the School Office no later than 8:30AM so we may plan accordingly.



DAY CARE NEWS ~ Just a reminder, any student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. **A NEW, UPDATED FORM IS REQUIRED AT THE START OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR.** Forms are available through the School Office and/or

on-line. The extension for daycare is #114. The policy regarding the receipt of payment: Please place your payment (CHECK ONLY) in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name on front and place in the LOCK BOX located in Café Rocco near the sign in/out book. Extended Care begins at **7:15am** and ends at **5:00pm**. Please be prompt when picking up! *Extra charge if late! Also, when dropping off and picking up from our Extended Care Program, you must park in the rear lot and use the side door designated for Extended Care drop-off/pickup (located at the top of the ramp with awning). There is a door bell located to the right of the door. Your child's and your safety is our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Breakfast – Breakfast is available each morning starting at 7:45 and ending at 8:00am. Students may go directly to Cafe Rocco where they will select their breakfast choices. A Chartwell employee will be there to assist them. Please plan accordingly, so that your child will be finished with breakfast on time and they will not be late for homeroom. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00

Morning Snacks ~Students must bring snacks from home. Snacks are not available to purchase at that time.



Lunch Program: St. Rocco School partakes in the Federal Lunch Program. The menu is posted on our School Website. Your child may select the hot or cold meal choice. In doing so, your child will receive the required food items of the entree along with additional options of fruit and vegetables that they must choose to complete their meal. Your help in explaining this process to your child, required by the Federal Government, would be greatly appreciated.

Ordering Lunch ~ **Lunch is \$3.50.** Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. It would greatly help if you enclose the exact amount of cash or a check. **You may also choose to prepay for the week only.** 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. Thank you!

Please Note: We are a **PEANUT, TREE NUT, SODA, SMOKE and GUM FREE ENVIRONMENT.** Also, **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** are to be used for a student's lunch or beverage.



Lifetouch Picture Day – Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 19th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. **All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures.**



Student Busing/Parking

Johnston Residents: please be sure you have submitted the required form to the School Office.

Johnston residents only use Durham. Any questions please call – 401-944-5880.

Statewide Busing: for students who reside in Region 3 – the towns are listed below as well as on the website for your convenience.

- Barrington
- Lincoln
- Bristol
- North Providence
- Smithfield
- Central Falls
- Pawtucket
- Cranston
- Providence
- East Providence
- Warren

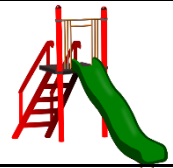
<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx>



ST. ROCCO PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

“Where our Children always come first!”

Parents, Pops and Playground Event



Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult

The Parent Association has planned an event for the younger students. 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, September 15 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, September 22 nd	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, October 6 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, October 13 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, October 20 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, November 3 rd	2:30-3:30pm

Save the Date:

Thursday, September 21st - Back to School Night 6:00pm Gr. 1-8/1st PA General Meeting/

8th Grade Parent Meeting/Basketball Sign-ups

Friday, September 29th Independent Learning/Professional Day

This Week at St. Rocco School

7th Grade working on Incarnation Lesson



Raeya in PK3 – Great Listening and Participation!

PK3 Playing Together!



Teacher and Parent Volunteers for our ice-cream social last Friday, in record heat weather!

Kindness - Be kind be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
Ephesians 4:32

CHRIST is the reason for this school.
~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~