



St♥ Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Notes



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the families who came to school in the past few days to complete the re-registration paperwork and meet with Fr. Carusi, Sr. Donna, Sr. Daisy and Sr. Mary Antoinette. This one-on-one meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for mutual connecting and sharing. We know that you are busy and appreciate the efforts you made to make your meeting. If you were unable to make your scheduled time, please call the office to reschedule your interview for next week. Open registration for new families begins on January 30th with our kick off for Catholic Schools Week. We will celebrate our opening of Catholic Schools' Week Mass at 10:00 followed by our Open House with private tours from 11:00-1:00. Keep an eye out next Thursday for the Catholic Schools' Week flyer that will be going home. It is full of all the activities that we will share during that very special week at St. Rocco School.

Happenings ...



This week is the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. It is a time for Christians around the world to collectively take part in praying for visible Christian unity. This is another opportunity for us to share with our students and children the importance of being united as one Christian family in bringing love, justice and peace to others. In this way we model the light of Jesus to those living in darkness. Pope Francis reminds us that "Christian unity must be a journey together".

Also this week, our Newspaper Club put out the first edition of the SRS Monthly. Students in Grades 1-8 were given a free copy to take home yesterday. We have attached a copy for your reading pleasure. It is full of news happening in the halls of St. Rocco's. Thanks to Mrs. Scotti, the newspaper moderator, for all of her time and talent in guiding our Middle School journalists. Members of the club are: Onna McCarty, Brianna Moosey, Talia Moosey, Kate Gorgievski, Alessandro Cassisi-Wood, Nicholas Scotti, William Quattrucci, Nathan Henao, Michael Ramos, Adriana Insana, Arielle Ainabe, Matthew Beauregard, Julia Innocenti and Dante DeAngelis.



Coming Up...

Next week is National School Choice Week. School choice allows every family to choose the school that best fits the needs of their children. The students will be making pictures and writing short essays on what they like about St. Rocco School and why they enjoy coming here. On Tuesday, the students will be given special wrist bands and/or stickers that they can wear all week. On Wednesday, they will be allowed to wear something yellow or gold (hair adornments, socks, hats, sweatshirt, etc.) with their uniform to celebrate National School Choice Week.



Some Good Deeds...

“Papa decided to be really nice and give me more dollars to bring in for Dress Down Day”. (On why she brought in extra money for today’s Baby Shower Dress Down Day.)

Olivia A. Kindergarten



“I helped my parents take down the Christmas tree and ornaments.” Ava B. Grade 2

“I donated money to a shelter dog named Shado. I had to get dry dog food, a puzzle toy and treats. I earned the money by making bookmarks.” Julia M. Grade 2

Please continue to encourage good deeds at home and share them with us. I hope everyone has a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

Important Information



Re-registration packets were sent home last week 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

Parent Volunteers ~ In accordance with the Diocese guidelines every parent, that volunteers at the school, needs to have an up to date BCI and safe environment. This is renewed every three years and the BCI check is \$5. You can watch the safe environment video on the website and then sign to confirm you saw it at the office. You can check your status at your reregistration appointment or you can call the office anytime as well.

Financial Aid -Applications for financial aid for the 2022-2023 school year have started. You can apply by going on to the FACTS management website. In addition, in order to receive parishioner rate for the 2022-2023 school year, you must have contributed \$250.00 to St. Rocco Church by ***December 31, 2021*** to receive parishioner rate.

Emergency Closings and Delayed Openings: St. Rocco School follows the same emergency closing and delayed opening as the Johnston Public School System. The school will alert parents of these changes. Also, parents are able to tune to radio, television or internet to view any delays or closing. Channels 12, 10, 6 and Fox Stations will carry the emergency or delay broadcast for their viewers.

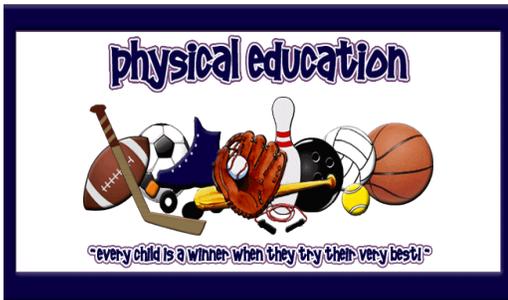


Pro-Life Baby Shower—All items and donations collected will go toward the Project Gabriel sponsored by the Diocese of Providence for young mothers who chose life for their baby! We will continue to collect items for our annual Pro-Life Baby Shower until February Winter Recess. We thank you in advanced for your generosity. Please refer to flyer posted on the school website.

Dress Down Day ~ Thank you to everyone who participated in our Dress Down Day today! We raised \$153.00. Your continued support to our outreach programs is greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Information ~ Just a reminder -The new “Fundraising” year has begun. It runs January-December. Please see the attachments for all important details and information.

Classroom News ~ Physical Education and Health



It has been an amazing start to the year in Physical Education. I am truly enjoying being part of the Saint Rocco School family. We were off to a great start. Pre K, K, Grade 1, and 2 have been doing a great job working on all of our locomotor skills, tag games, and basic gross motor skills. We have worked with the jump ropes and hula hoops as well as on rolling, bouncing and catching skills.

Grades 3-5 have worked on throwing to a target, throwing and catching, and kicking. We have also played soccer, basketball, and kickball. This month, Pre-k will continue to work on rolling to a partner while incorporating some bowling games where the students will have to knock down objects which will focus more on aiming. Grades K-3 will be starting a parachute unit where we will be working on cooperation and listening and following directions. This is always one of the students favorite activities.

Grades 4 and 5 will be starting a volleyball unit. We will play a few lead up games such as Spike ball, and Newcomb, and then move into learning the skills (set, bump, and serve). Once the students have acquired the hang of the skills, we will learn how to rotate and play an organized game. The students will be using beach balls which are easier to control. We always practice safety in physical education and continue to sanitize our hands upon entering and exiting the gym.



Middle school has been very busy in Health class the first half of the year. We have learned about the wellness triangle and how to keep a healthy balance in our lives between physical, social and emotional health. We have learned about goal setting and how to set SMART goals to help us achieve success with both short term and long term goals. The students learned about the decision making model and strategies for making good decisions. The students have completed a project in which they had to create their own pathogen after learning about the four different kinds of pathogens and all the ways we spread germs. Our next topic is Nutrition where we will be learning about My Plate, the importance of nutrients, how to balance meals, and how to read food labels. The students are engaged in the lessons. They enjoy knowing that what they are learning will help them in their everyday lives.

SAVE THE DATE

- Thursday, January 20th **\$1 Dress Down Day**- Right to Life
Wear **Pink** or **Blue**
Proceeds to support the DOP
Gabriel Project
- Monday, January 24th Independent Learning Day/
Professional Development Day
- Monday, January 24th National School Choice
Week 2022
- Sunday, January 30th **Family Mass at 10am**
Catholic Schools Week Begins
Tours by Appointment Only
11am-1pm
- Friday, February 4th First Friday Mass
Early Dismissal at 11:30am
No Lunch or Aftercare
- Friday, February 4th Monthly Scripzone Deadline, 9AM
- Friday, January 11th Keep the Heat ON
- February 21st – 25th Winter Vacation
- Wednesday, March 2nd **Mass at 9am**
Holy Day of Obligation
Full Dress Uniform
- Friday, March 4th First Friday Mass

Virtue of the Month - Honesty



But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Luke 8:15

CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

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

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