

Dear Parents,

As we move through this second 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.

While at Stations of the Cross yesterday, I reminded our older students that Jesus loves unconditionally. I also reminded them that we have all sinned and have things that we have done or said that we are not proud to admit. And, that if we are truly sorry, Jesus forgives us each time. In the coming week I challenged them to do the same to the people in their lives ... love and forgive as Jesus does. This is a lesson that we as adults can learn and practice as well.

**This week ...**

Classes slowly returned to Café Rocco for lunch this week. This was very exciting for the students, many of whom had never eaten in Café Rocco before. Each class went over the "Lunch Procedures" and reviewed good lunch manners. I am happy to report that all classes have earned the privilege to return to Café Rocco next week to eat lunch as a class.

Also this week, our basketball teams concluded their seasons. Congratulations to the players and coaches who put so much work into all of the practices and games over the past four months.

Middle School girls' team: Arielle Ainabe, Jolie Caparco, Sophia Caparco, Leilani Delgado, Kate Gorgievski, Brianna Moosey, Talia Moosey, Alivia Poulin, Josianny Santana, Cynthia Wulf

Coaches: Mr. Poulin and Mrs. Angelone

Fifth and Sixth Grade boys' team: Joseph Broccoli, Landyn Chester, Jameson Coccia, Christian Perez, Alessandro Cassisi - Wood, Scott Creighton, Cesin Curi, Dante DeAngelis, Nathan Henao, Austin Martins

Coaches: Mr. Broccoli and Mr. Coccia

## Important Academic Reminders ...

We are now officially in the third and final trimester of the school year. Please work with your child on being consistent in their efforts for both homework and assessments. Over the past several weeks, teachers have responded to many phone calls from parents looking for extra credit opportunities or make up work to bring their child's grades up. This is not a practice at St. Rocco School. Students are expected to be responsible for completing and handing their work in on time. The result of not being prepared or turning work in late is a less than satisfactory grade. Children need to accept the consequences of their actions. This is where growth happens and change can be made. Please support the teachers in their efforts to hold the students responsible and accountable in the classroom.

Every student has an agenda and a Thursday Packet Envelope. These are two key communication tools used at St. Rocco School. The agenda is used for homework assignments, projects, quizzes, tests, and notes home from teachers. Please check it each day when your child comes home from school. The Thursday Packet Envelope comes home every Thursday. While the majority of the Thursday Packet is sent electronically, each week there are one or two hard copies that are sent home. For example, this week's Thursday Packet contains information for next week's Spring Picture Day and a permission slip for altar servers. Please sign and return the Thursday Packet each week even if there are no hard copies. This lets the homeroom teacher know that information is getting home.

Due to technical difficulties, final grades for the Second Trimester will be posted for March 24<sup>th</sup>, not March 17<sup>th</sup>.

On this St. Patrick's Day, I leave you with this prayer:

"May good luck be with you wherever you go, and your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow. May your days be many and your troubles be few, May all God's blessings descend upon you, May peace be within you, May your heart be strong, May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam."

Respectfully,  
Regina M. Hand



# Important Information

Re-registration appointments are still on-going. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to the School Office at 401-944-2993 or [office@stroccoschool.org](mailto:office@stroccoschool.org)

*St. Rocco School is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Please encourage family and friends to visit our school. "Word of mouth" is the best way to spread the good news about us. Don't forget about our REFERRAL PROGRAM! Please check the website for details. For more than 58 years, St. Rocco has had the distinction and reputation of educating the whole child; spiritually, educationally and socially. We are proud of our accomplishments and we continue to strive to greatness for our students!*

**FACTS Tuition Assistance Applications** – FACTS tuition aid applications for the 2022-2023 school year have started. You can apply by going on to the FACTS management website. Diocesan tuition assistance funds cannot be placed for a student if the family's FACTS application has **not** been completed. Families must complete a FACTS tuition application every year.

Special note: 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.



**Thank you to all the families who re-registered for the 2022-2023 school year.** If you have not registered and would like to; please contact the school office. Also, if you have not already done so please go to [factsmgt.com](http://factsmgt.com) to set up your payment schedule for the 2022-2023 school year, for those paying monthly. The deadline for FACTS Grant and Aid is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you have submitted all necessary required paperwork.

**Stations of the Cross** – Every Wednesday during Lent, starting on March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will attend church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Grades K–4 will attend at 9 a.m. and grades 5–8 will attend at 1:45 p.m. All are welcome.

**Stop & Shop** – Giftcards are always available in the Rectory Office during office hours (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9-3 & Wed 9-2). The face value of your giftcard purchase goes towards your fundraiser fee.



**Spirit Wear** – Please call the office before sending in Spirit Wear orders due to limited items available.



**Altar Server Training** – St. Rocco School will begin Altar Server training next week for students in grade 4-6. Please see the attached flyer for all details.



**THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**-Explore a variety of seasonal and holiday crafts, art projects, skits, science experiments and children's literature and poetry in a creative and 'fun' way. This club is for students in grades 1-3. The new session began on Tuesday, March 8th. Tuesday's from 2:35-3:45pm.



**FRIENDS OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP** -The focus of this group is to continue the teaching of Jesus and to experience his unconditional love through prayer, fellowship, and activities. We invite you and your child to join this group and experience the power of prayer together.



**AFTERSCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM** – *Denise's Dance*, classes on Wednesday afternoons from 2:35-3:30pm. Instructor: Miss Denise

**BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL** – Open House on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 3pm.

**INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING PROGRAM** ~ Bring in 5 empty ink cartridges, and receive a Dress Down Pass to be used on ANY Monday! Please make sure that the ink cartridges are labeled with your child's name.

**SAFETY NEWS** – For the safety of our students, families and faculty, please do not make any U turns in front of the school.

**DRESS DOWN DAY** – Tuesday, was our Dress Down Day for the Rice Bowl collection. Students dressed in purple. Thank you to all those who participated. We collected a \$135.00.

**OPERATION RICE BOWLS** – Your donations are truly appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Thank you for changing lives this Lenten Season. Please send donations in check form by Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.



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



**UMBRELLA SALE** ~ Now available for purchase are SRS umbrellas. Cost \$15.00 each. They are maroon and white with our logo imprinted on them. Umbrellas are available in the School Office.

**CLASS VIDEO** - Eighth graders are required to send to school three pictures: one baby, one from elementary school years and a current photo. These photos will be used for their class video to be shown at the Awards Celebration. Please be sure to LABEL back of your photos, preferably with an Address Label. Writing directly on the back of photo may cause damage to it. All photos will be returned. Thank you to Mrs. Kozaczka-Poulin for volunteering to make the video.



## Classroom News



Mrs. Ciunci

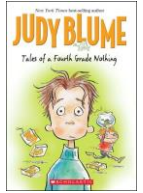


Fourth grade continues

During this Lenten Season we are practicing for the reenactment of the Living Stations of the Cross. This journey of Jesus to Calvary as seen through Mary's eyes, is a beautiful and solemn reminder of Jesus' last day on Earth as a man. Students will follow Jesus' path in the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 in our church.

to be busy and exciting.

In Reading, students have finished Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. They so enjoyed the antics of Peter and Fudge that we have now moved on to Superfudge! We also continue to use our textbook to read stories of various genres and practice important reading skills. In math, we have continued to work on computation skills along with measurement, graphing and probability. Very soon we will be moving on to fractions!

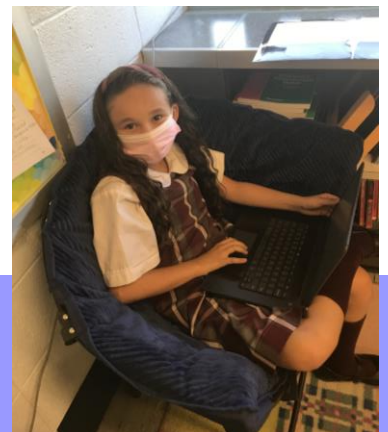


In science, we will be discussing force and motion with some fun experiments. In Social Studies we will be working on our state fair projects. Students are researching a state, and creating a project including their state's information, climate, coat of arms, recipe and famous person from their state. They have written letters to various Chambers of Commerce in their states asking for information, maps and brochures. The mail is rolling in! Students will present their projects to parents and the school in May.



The fourth graders are also learning Spanish, and practicing daily with technology. They use Chromebooks and the Technology Lab to practice with Word and Power Point. Students are learning problem solving skills through our Second Step Program. They have learned to solve a problem they must remain calm, think of solutions, explore consequences, and pick the best solution.

It is hard to believe it is already the third trimester! I am so proud of the hard work of each and every one of these students and look forward to what is still to come over the next few months.



## Good Deeds

Stephanie in Grade 3

“When my Mom got her laser for her eyes, so that she didn’t have to wear glasses, I helped her go around.”



- Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Report Cards
- Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
- Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> PD Day/Independent Learning Day
- Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Mass 8:45am
- April 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> Week of the Young Child
- Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Return date for Rice Bowls  
(checks only please)
- Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> Living Stations/Grade4 at 1:15pm
- Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 11:30 Dismissal
- Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> Vision Screening
- Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion
- Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> May Crowning 8:45 am
- Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School

### 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*



Don’t forget to follow us and stay up to date with all the good things happening @saintroccoschool!

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

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