



Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! The resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday begins the liturgical season of Easter or Eastertide. This 50 day period that spans from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday is celebrated in the Catholic Church as a time of joy.

"We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:9-11)

And so we rejoice and say for all to hear, Alleluia!

This Week...



We celebrated Administrative Professionals Day yesterday by recognizing Miss Piccolino, Mrs. Okolowicz, Mrs. Fava and Sr. Donna for all they do each day for our school community. Their caring and competence shines through each day and we are grateful for each of them. They are truly an amazing team!

The St. Rocco Honor Society hosted an afternoon of Earth Day activities on Wednesday full of fun. Students in grades 1-8 were quizzed on environmental facts, decorated pots, planted seeds, played games, ran races and participated in "Earth Day Bingo". The Honor Society members and their advisors (Miss Tripp, Mrs. Ciunci, Mrs. Reitz and Mrs. Okolowicz) did a wonderful job in planning and orchestrating each facet of the day. Huge thanks to all of them!

Our 7th and 8th Grades travel to Bayview tomorrow for a field trip to see the high school's 39th Cabaret. We are so grateful that this year we are able to take part in these activities and have the opportunity to educate our students further in the Arts.

Tomorrow is also our first "Parents, Pops and Playground" activity for our PreK3 and PreK4 students from 2:30-3:30 in the playground. Come out and meet other parents at the playground while your child has the opportunity to play with their classmates outside of the school day. Next Friday will be Kindergarten's turn. All children must have an adult with them.



Second Grade makes their First Holy Communion this Saturday at 12:00. They have been working diligently with Sr. Daisy in preparing for this most important sacrament. We are so proud of them for their hard work. Please join me in praying for our Second Grade students and Sr. Daisy. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

Congratulations...

This past Saturday, our sisters celebrated a special Jubilarian Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Tobin as the celebrant. Sr. Daisy, Sr. Donna and Sr. Mary Antionette were recognized for their years of religious service. Sr. Daisy celebrated 30 years, Sr. Donna 45 years and Sr. Mary Antionette 65 years. How blessed we are to have them here at St. Rocco's!



Sporting News...

Our 8th Grade volleyball team swept Good Shepherd 3-0 in their first game of the season. They play again tomorrow at 6:00 at St. Brendan's.

Our 7th Grade team plays their first match tomorrow night at 7:00 at St. Brendan's.



Our Middle School soccer team played amazing in their first game against St. Joseph School, but lost in a very tight game 3-2. They play again today at 6:00 (Mercymount) and tomorrow at 6:30 (St. Luke). Both games are at home.

Our 4th and 5th Grade soccer team kicks off their season tonight in an away match against St. Kevin's at Bishop Hendricken. They will play their first home match tomorrow at 5:00 against Monsignor Clarke.

Please come out and support our teams.

Coming up...

Our PreK3, PreK4 and Kindergarten Spring concert is this Wednesday at 9:00 in the church. We are looking forward to seeing our Early Childhood students have this opportunity to shine. All are welcome.

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please join me in celebrating the amazing faculty we have here at St. Rocco's. We are blessed to have teachers who are so truly dedicated to the students. They are caring, compassionate, Christian role models for all of the students.

Wishing everyone a blessed week in this joyous Easter season.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

In keeping with our school mission, on Friday, April 8th, we had a Pop-up Dress Down Day for Foster Forward. Here is a note that we received and would like to share with you all.



Dear Ms. Hand,

Kate and the agencies staff at Foster Forward was so thankful for the role the school community took to raise funds to make Wellness Bags for the children in state care. This will be a comforting tool during a time that is confusing while displaced. She was so taken back by the amount that was raised too! Here are some pictures of the check receiving and the Wellness Bags. Wellness Bags have 7 therapeutic items in each bag. Thank you again for allowing us to educate and give back to this vulnerable population.

Can't wait for next year!

*Sincerely Grateful,
The Marcello Family*

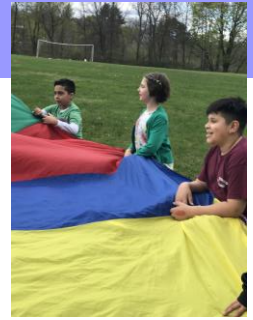


Earth Day Dress and Activities



Yesterday, the students had an exciting afternoon participating in the Earth Day Activities planned by the St. Rocco School Honor Society.

The students in grades 1-5 had the opportunity to decorate pots, plant seeds while learning facts about our Earth and recycling. Afterwards they played games outdoors partnered with their Faith Buddies under the direction of the SRSHS students and their advisors. The students in Grades 6-8 played Earth BINGO and also learned facts and information pertaining to Earth Day. What a great job the students did in planning a wonderful activity.



Important Information

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 are ongoing. 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. The deadline for completing the application to be considered for tuition assistance for the 2022-23 school year was **April 15th**. The Finance Committee will be contacting families soon on any Tuition Assistance.

A Special Thank You

Sr. Donna, Mrs. Okolowicz, Miss. Piccolino and Mrs. Fava would like to thank the entire school community for making them feel special on Administrative Assistant Day. They enjoyed hearing all the nice things that the students had expressed about them. They appreciated all the cards the students had made and the gifts they received.



Honor Roll

Second Trimester Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students in Grades 6-8:

High Honors with Distinction ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 95 or above in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Onna McCarty

Grade 7: Kate Gorgievski & Brianna Moosey

Grade 6: Michael Ramos



High Honors ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 90-94 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Juliana Caparco & Isabella Senno

Grade 7: Alexander Diaz Negron & Adrian Perez

Grade 6: Adrianna Insana & Nicholas Scotti

Honors ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-89 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Samantha Ciliberto & Henry De La Zerda

Grade 7: Jolie Caparco, Sophia Caparco Miranda Hutchinson

Grade 6: Arielle Ainabe, Matthew Beauregard, Scott Creighton, Leilani Delgado & Alessandro Fava

Congratulations to the following students in Grades 4 & 5:



Certificates of Achievement ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-100 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 in the major subjects and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 5: Joseph Broccoli Jr., Landyn Chester, Samaira Dhamija, Flynn Merlino, Christian Perez & Rosella Ritacco

Grade 4: Abigail Berube, Mia Gorgievski, Savannah Horton, Mikaela Mercier, Malakai Moan, Angelica Price, Emily Ramos, Sophia Sciamacco & Beckett Zheng

YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Yearbook is in publication!!! ~ LIMITED AMOUNT LEFT



Please be sure to order a yearbook that captures the amazing memories of your child's school year! However, you NEED TO PURCHASE through the School Office. Online orders are not accepted any longer. The only option available is the soft cover ~ \$32.00. (REMINDER to GRADE 8 Parents: DO NOT ORDER ~ the payment for a personalized yearbook was included in your child's graduation dues.)

Statewide Transportation



The Statewide Transportation System is opened to receive student transportation requests for the upcoming **2022-23** school year. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of school next year, both current and new riders must register by July 31, 2022. This is the [link](#) for parents/guardians. Please note: We checked with the Transportation System Office and even though they have not yet updated their website they assured us that parents completing the form currently on their website will be for the 2022-23 school year. If you have any questions call 401-304-9136 or email transportationinfo@ride.ri.gov

Classroom News/Special Highlight

The Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden Celebrate Their 20th General Chapter

As many of you know, I was away for a few weeks. Was I on vacation? Not at all! Every six years our Religious Family holds an important international meeting, referred to as "The General Chapter". The purpose of this meeting is to take a close look at how we, The Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden, are living the mission entrusted to us by our Founder, St. Anthony Gianelli, and how we can meet the challenges of today's society and serve people according to the Gianellian inspiration of caring, of being neighborly, of doing good, rooted in a life consecrated to the Lord and to the service of the people God places along our path.



I was one of the thirty-nine delegates to the General Chapter. We met in our Mother House in Rome, Italy. Very carefully we examined the way we are living our Gianellian Religious Life in the various parts of the world and pointed out areas that need improvement and the challenges our society offers us in today's world.



The other purpose of this important meeting was to elect the leadership team for the next six years. We confirmed the same superior General and elected four new counselors: one from India, one from Italy and two from Argentina.

The highlight of our General Chapter was the audience with Pope Francis on March 26th. He gave us a beautiful speech exhorting us to continue to do good. "Let problems and difficulties not frighten you," he said. "Go forward with trust in the Providence, always faithful to your original charism."

The meeting ended on April 5th. By now all the delegates are back in their own communities. It is up to us now, wherever we are, to come up with an action plan to implement the recommendations and decisions taken at the General Chapter. The slogan of the chapter was, "*Attentive to the world with our hearts in God.*" We humbly ask your prayers that we may truly be attentive to the needs of people and serve them with love and compassion being faithful to the inspiration of our founder.

Special thanks go to Ms. Gina Hand, Mrs. Marcia Montecalvo, and Miss Adriana Piccolino for taking care of my classes during my absence, and also, to all those who accompanied us with their prayers during the Chapter.

Sr. Mary Antoinette Cappelli, FMH



ST. ROCCO PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

"Where our Children always come first!"



Parents, Pops and Playground Event

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, April 29 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, May 6 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, May 13 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, May 20 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, May 27 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, June 3 rd	2:30-3:30pm

If you still would like to volunteer to help, please call the School Office.

Each child **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Thank you in advance.

SAVE THE DATE

- Saturday, April 30th First Holy Communion
- Wednesday, May 4th Spring Concert Grades PK3, PK4 & K
in St. Rocco Church 9:00am
- Friday, May 6th First Friday Mass 8:45 am
- Thursday, May 12th \$1.00 Dress Down Day
Wear Yellow - Emmanuel House
- Friday, May 13th Year End Celebration Dance
Grades 6-8
- Wednesday, May 18th Spring Plays
Grades 1 & 2 9:00am Café Rocco
- Friday, May 20th May Crowning 8:45 am
- Wednesday, May 25th State Fair Grade 4
- Thursday, May 26th Ascension Thursday Mass 9:00 am
- Monday, June 13th 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, June 15th Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal

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

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



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