

Dear Parents,

As we move through the Third week of Lent, we begin to see the "light at the end of the tunnel" so to speak. Easter doesn't seem so very far away anymore. We are given this week to stop for a moment and see where we have traveled on our Lenten journey, and also, where we still need to go. John (3:16) reminds us that:

"God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."

Knowing this gives us the strength to continue through Lent knowing that the "light at the end of the tunnel" is Jesus and His love for us.

The following prayer was in the *Rhode Island Catholic* this past week. It gave me a lot to think about in my own Lenten journey and I thought I would share it with you.

Loving Father,

*So many times I turn away from you
and always you welcome me back.*

Your mercy and love gives me confidence.

*Thank you for the invitation to share, fast and pray
so that you can form a new heart within me.*

Your powerful compassion for my weaknesses

leads me to ask for mercy

and await with great hope the Easter joy you share with us. Amen.



Congratulations ...

- to our Second Grade class who made their First Reconciliation this morning. They were well prepared for this Sacrament and it showed with how reverent they were during the service. Thank you to Sr. Daisy for all of her work preparing the students throughout the year.
- to our Sixth Grade class for the wonderful job they did leading Stations of the Cross this week.
- to the members of the St. Rocco Honor Society for their spring clean-up of the all our outdoor spaces last Friday. Service is one of the defining criteria of the Honor Society and their work during their recess time certainly was a service to our school community. Kudos to our Fourth Grade class, also, for their contribution. They were on "stick and rock" pick-up.

- to our new 4th and 6th Grade altar server trainees. They had their first session with Mr. Monaco and 7th Grader, Adrian Perez who is assisting in the training, this week. They will have the opportunity to serve their first mass together on April 1st for our First Friday liturgy.

Important Reminders ...

- students should be using their agendas to write down their assignments. They are taught beginning in First Grade to write homework and assignments in their agenda. They are also taught that this is their responsibility. This information can also be found on the teacher's Google Classroom, Plus Portal or both. The teachers are definitely giving homework. Middle School students always have something for homework. So, if you are hearing, "I don't have any homework", please check the agenda, the teacher's classroom page, or email the teacher.
- students are marked late at 8:15. As a school, we had been doing better. Unfortunately, over the past several weeks, we have marked an increasing number of students tardy. Please try and have your child in the building by 8:10, so they have sufficient time to get to their class and be present when morning prayers and announcements begin at 8:15. Tardiness disrupts the students, teachers and the office staff.
- students will be allowed to wear the summer uniform beginning on April 1st. This is a good time to make sure that your child is in compliance with the school uniform. Please check the Student Handbook for specific details.
- Students who are absent should return to school should have a written note for their homeroom teacher explaining their absence. Any student out for three consecutive days needs a doctor's note upon return. Parents should call the office for any absence or late arrival.

These are just some reminders as we begin the third trimester.

Together we can ensure that our students continue to have a smooth school year.

Have a wonderful week.

Respectfully,

Gina Hand/Principal

"Lent is a time for showing
concern for others by
small yet concrete signs
of our belonging to
the one human family."

- POPE FRANCIS -

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Important Information

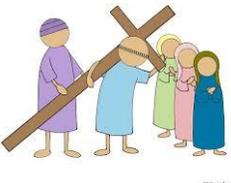


Available today is your child's second semester report card. To access the report card please log into <https://plusportals.com/stroccoschool>. Once you are logged in please enter your user name and password. Once you enter Plus Portal go to E-Locker which is located on the top next to the home screen. Click on E-Locker and your child(ren)'s Report Card will be there. Click on the March 23rd 2022 PDF. If you have any questions, please let the school office know.

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 is April 15th.



Stations of the Cross – Every Wednesday during Lent students will attend Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

- Grades K–4 will attend at 9 a.m.
- Grades 5–8 will attend at 1:45 p.m.

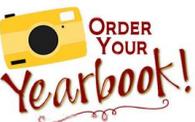
On Wednesday, April 13th grade 4 will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross at 1:15 p.m.

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.



- **THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – Tuesday**
- **AFTERSCHOOL DANCE PROGRAM – Wednesday**
- **FRIENDS OF JESUS PRAYER GROUP – Thursday**
- **NEWSPAPER CLUB - Thursday**

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 12th.



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.)



Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders: Now that the students are having lunch in Café Rocco, please remind your child of proper lunchroom etiquette. St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school.

Also, no glass containers are allowed. Students need to bring in their own water bottle, however they will have access to water all day.



School Hours/Tardiness ~ Our school hours are from 8:15AM -2:35PM. The front doors open at 7:55AM with the start of day bell ringing at 8:15AM and prayers immediately following. Students arriving after the bell has rung are considered tardy and will receive a tardy slip. Your child's tardiness is part of their school record. Please try to be on time.



First Reconciliation



Congratulations to Sister Daisy's Second Grade Class
on receiving their First Reconciliation today!

Ava Bernardeau

Selena Hines

Jackson Ethier-Bibeault

Nico Iacobo

John Gosselin

Ethan Lima

Natalie Heywood

Julia Moretti

Oliver Heywood

Jaxson Scipione

Andrew Walker

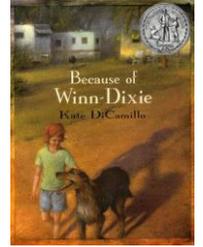


Classroom News-Miss Troiano

5th Grade Literature, ELA, & Middle School Math

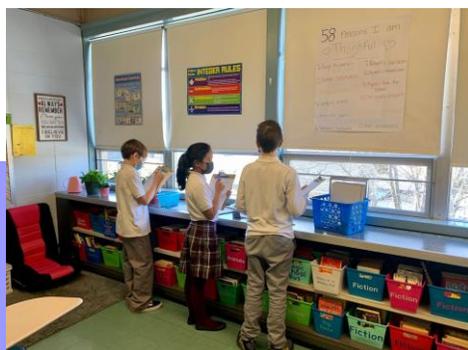
The fifth grade students at St. Rocco's are working hard and improving every day in their reading and writing skills. It is evident that these students have a passion for reading.

In Literature, we have just finished reading *Because of Winn-Dixie*. In reflection of our reading, students are creating a shoebox diorama of a scene from the book. The students are working hard as they refer to the text to accurately display the scene. I am very excited to see how they turn out and look forward to their presentations.



In ELA, the students have been continuing to build on their writing and grammar skills. Recently, we have been working on pronouns, specifically subject and object pronouns, intensive and reflexive pronouns, and possessive pronouns. Our next chapter will focus on adjectives.

Middle school students are also working hard and improving every day in their math skills. There are many mathematicians among us! In 5th grade, we are continuing to work on fraction sense as we learn how to reduce fractions in simplest form and find the greatest common factor of the numerator and denominator. In 6th grade, we have just finished learning how to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division equations with a variable. Our next chapter will focus on positive and negative integers. In 7th grade, we are learning how to solve decimal equations with a variable through addition, subtraction, multiplying, and dividing. In 8th grade, we are learning about inequalities, specifically how to solve a multi-step inequality problem. By using their previous knowledge and acquired skills on how to isolate a variable, the eighth grade students are able to successfully solve these problems. Next, we will learn polynomials. The future is very bright with these students! I am blessed to be their teacher.



Save the Date

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



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CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

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

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