



Celebrating Over 58 Years of Excellence!

St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Notes



Dear Parents,

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Schools' Week with a variety of activities. I am hoping that your children have had the opportunity to share not only what they have done each day, but also the "why" behind it. As of today, we have celebrated our community, our students, our nation and vocations.

Tomorrow, we celebrate our teachers and staff. These are the people who have made all of these events possible. To choose to work at a Catholic School is a vocation. It is a willingness to work as a Christian and share the Faith with our students each day. It is a true calling and one that the faculty and staff at St. Rocco School takes seriously. They show up every day ready to work for our students and our families.

They are in the school long before the students arrive and long after they go home. They are hard-working, kind, patient, and compassionate in all that they do. Tomorrow please join me in celebrating each of them with a kind word, a thank you note or a special prayer. Tomorrow is also our First Friday Mass led by the Fourth Grade. Both the Fourth and Fifth Grades will be presenting virtues after the Mass.

Last weekend's storm postponed our opening of Catholic Schools' Week Mass to this Sunday. Please join our students and staff at the 10:00 Mass. Our students will be the readers, ushers, altar servers and choir for this special Mass.

Some Gratitude...

Thank you to all of the families who have met with the Sisters and Fr. Carusi during our re-enrollment period. Open enrollment outside of the school community began this week. If you have not had your appointment yet, please call the office to schedule a time. If your child will not be returning next year, please call the office and let us know that as well.

Special thanks to Mrs. Scotti for chairing the Book Fair this past week. Thank you also to Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Mederios and Mrs. Merlino who generously gave of their time in running the event. The students were so happy to have the Book Fair back that we are discussing the possibility of having a spring Book Fair as well.

Looking Ahead...

We are moving very quickly through the second trimester. With only four weeks left until grades close on March 11th, this is a good time to remind your children to stay current with their assignments and study each night for quizzes and tests. All students should have some work each evening whether it is written work, studying or reading.

Our second trimester Star Testing concludes tomorrow. The students' results will be sent home in next week's Thursday Packet. This is another assessment used to monitor a child's progress.



Finally, today the church celebrates the Feast of St. Blaise. It is on this day that the traditional Saint Blaise blessing of the throats is offered. Bishop Blaise was martyred in Armenia in 316. During this time of sickness and suffering, let us pray together.

“Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness.”

I am wishing you a safe and peaceful week.

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

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!



Pro-Life Baby Shower – Thank you to all those who have contributed thus far. The response has been overwhelming! Collection continues until February Recess! All items and donations collected will go toward the Gabriel Project sponsored by the Diocese of Providence for young mothers who chose life for their baby! We thank you in advanced for your generosity. Please refer to the flyer posted on the school website.

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

Student Council – Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30 am.

Food Drive ~ Thank you to our students who participated in our Community Food Drive on Monday to kick off our Catholic School’s Week! Each child was asked to bring in canned goods and \$1.00 for community food baskets. Our school successfully raised \$100.00!



Guessing Jar – Students had the opportunity this week to guess how many cubes were in the jar. The answer was 227!
Austin Martins: 1st prize \$15 giftcard to Coldstone Creamery. His guess was 228

Isabella Senno: 2nd prize \$5.00 Barnes and Noble gift card. She guessed 230.



Science News ~ On Friday, January 28th, seventh grade students participated in our annual Invention Convention. The projects were judged by Mr. TJ DelSanto, Mr. Ralph Ciunci, Mr. Richard Montella & Mr. David Evans. Many thanks to them for taking the time to judge and give feedback to the students. They were very impressed. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

1st Place - Alivia Poulin

2nd Place - Kate Gorgievski & 3rd Place - Brianna Moosey



Classroom News ~ Prekindergarten 4 – Mrs. Tavares



It is amazing how fast a school year goes by! We are already over half way through the 2021-2022 school year. The children will be celebrating the 100th day of school by bringing in a poster with 100 items and we will paint 100 dots in groups of 10. It is wonderful to watch how the students are growing and learning every day.

We are continuing on our journey through the alphabet. We are already working on the letter P! We will make a peacock for uppercase P and a pig for lower case p. When we are done creating each letter animal, we practice writing each letter. We are also working on our number skills, recognizing the numerals up to 20 and putting them in order. We will use mittens to order the numbers from 1-20. The class is making a counting book. They are going to count snowflakes backwards from 10-1. They will be writing the numeral and the number word.



We are also learning about the different parts of a book. We are beginning to be able to identify the front cover, the back cover, the spine or binding, and the title. We are learning that the author writes the words and the illustrator draws the pictures.

The students are continuing to get ready for Kindergarten. We have been working on rhyming words, sequencing events in a story and measuring.

After February vacation, we will learn about the weather and the different seasons, as well as the planets and space. The students really enjoy bringing our classroom to life with stars and planets.



Spelling Bee Winners

On Wednesday, our Annual Spelling Bee was held in Café Rocco. Congratulations to following students who were the grade level winners:



4th Grade – Mia Gorgievski & Mikaela Mercier

5th Grade ~ Joey Broccoli & Robert DiVozzi

6th Grade – Matthew Beauregard & Nicholas Scotti

7th Grade ~ Kate Gorgievski & Brendan White

8th Grade – Natasha Lonardo & Antonio Ritacco

Congratulations to Kate Gorgievski ~ Grade 7, for winning our school's Spelling Bee and to Nicholas Scotti ~ Grade 6, for earning second place.



Also, we would like to acknowledge the students in grades 1, 2 & 3 who participated in their own grade level classroom bees and listed below are the winners of each grade.

Fun was had by all!

1st Grade: Gabrielle Mercier

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Milana Scarcella

2nd Grade: Ava Bernardeau

Jaxson Scipone

Selena Hines

3rd Grade: Caroline Berube

Lowell Grady

Stephanie Tourigny

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Friday, February 4 th | First Friday Mass
Early Dismissal at 11:30am
No Lunch or Aftercare |
| • Friday, February 4 th | Monthly Scripzone Deadline, 9AM |
| • Sunday, February 6 th | Family Mass at 10am
Catholic Schools Week Begins
Tours by Appointment Only 11am-1pm |
| • Tuesday, February 8 th | STUCO Meeting 7:40 am |
| • Friday, February 11 th | Keep the Heat ON |
| • February 21 st – 25 th | Winter Vacation |
| • Wednesday, March 2 nd | Ash Wednesday Mass at 9am |

Virtue of the Month – Love



*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things. Love never fails.
Corinthians 13:5-7*

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