



Dear Parents,

Catholic Schools' Week begins this Sunday with the opening Mass at 10:00 a.m. Our students from Student Council, Honor Society and Choir will be taking part in this Mass. All are welcome! Mass will be followed by an Open House that is by appointment only. Although we can't all gather together in Café Rocco as we traditionally do, we will definitely be together spiritually.

Some background on Catholic Schools' Week:

“Forty-eight years ago, in 1974, Catholic Schools Week was established by the National Catholic Education Association as an opportunity to celebrate the value of Catholic education, not just to the Church, but to society as a whole. I remember that first Catholic Schools Week well. At the time, I was teaching literature and religion to 7th and 8th graders, directing the school's plays, coaching girls' basketball, and serving as a substitute cheerleading moderator and Girl Scout leader. In those days, like today, everyone who taught or worked in a Catholic School pitched in and took responsibility for all aspects of the school's life and culture. We worked together to ensure that the Catholic school experience was---for each member of the community---an education for life.”



This excerpt was taken from an article written by one of my previous Catholic School teachers. I was one of those 7th Graders on the basketball team, in the school play and sitting in that ELA classroom. While I did not know at the time that being an educator in a Catholic School would be my vocation, I did know that there was something very special about going to a Catholic School. Today I know that it is not just something special, but everything special. While education has changed tremendously since 1974, the Faith, respect and nurturing environment in Catholic Schools has remained the same. St. Rocco School truly is more than just a school. It is a home away from home for our students to return to long after they graduate.



Sunday also marks the beginning of Open registration for the 2022-23 school year. If you have not had your interview and reregistered, please call the office to arrange this. If you know of someone who is interested in attending St. Rocco School, now would be the time for them to inquire and schedule a tour. We will continue with our Referral Program this year. Please see the attached letter outlining this program. Basically, by referring someone who registers for St. Rocco School, you can earn a monetary credit of either \$250 or \$500 off of your next year's tuition.

Please refer to the Catholic Schools' Week flyer describing all of the activities that will be taking place next week as we celebrate our school community and Catholic faith. We are especially looking forward to our Career Day on Monday when the students will share their career hopes with their “Faith Buddies” and classmates. Students should come to school dressed in the clothes of that career. There truly is so much to celebrate!

Have a wonderful 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! (Flyer Attached) 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!

Science News ~ On Friday, January 28th, seventh grade students will be participating in our annual Invention Convention. The projects will be judged by several individuals from our community. The winners will be selected. All projects will be on display during our Open House and the school students will view them next week.

Book Fair ~ Our annual Book Fair begins next week, please see the enclosed flyer in your child's Thursday Packet for additional information.

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.

Classroom News ~ Prekindergarten 3~ Miss Messier



We are very busy here in Pre-k 3! We've been working very hard on writing our names and learning the letters and the sounds they make. Some of us don't even have to use a nametag anymore while writing our names! We are getting more independent by the day! Everyone has been taking a turn to be the "teacher" to teach all our friends the letters and sounds. It's one of our favorite things to do!

We've also been having so much fun learning the numbers and how to write them. Our favorite activity is flashlight numbers! We turn off all the lights, put on our finger flashlights, and follow along to the numbers on the projector to sky-write the numbers 1 - 20. We beg Miss Messier to do it again and again!



We are learning a lot about books as well. We sit down together everyday to read a story. We read the title, look at the cover, and predict what happens in the story. We absolutely love stories from Novel Effect. As Miss Messier reads, the story comes to life with music and sound! We get so excited when we see the bluetooth speaker come out because we know that means we get to hear a sound story!



Sister Donna has also been telling us many stories. She has been teaching us a lot about God. She's taught us that God made the world and all the people in it. We have learned that we need to take care of the beautiful world that God has given us and to take care of each other. We love Sister Donna's Religion lessons! Pre-k 3 has been so exciting and fun so far! We all can't wait to see what the rest of this school year brings!

SAVE THE DATE

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| • Friday, January 24 th | Invention/Convention ~ Grade7 |
| • Sunday, January 30 th | Family Mass at 10am |
| | Catholic Schools Week Begins |
| | Tours by Appointment Only 11am-1pm |
| • Friday, February 4 th | First Friday Mass |
| | Early Dismissal at 11:30am |
| | No Lunch or Aftercare |
| • Friday, February 4 th | Monthly Scripzone Deadline, 9AM |
| • Friday, January 11 th | Keep the Heat ON |
| • February 21 st – 25 th | Winter Vacation |

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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