



SPECIAL NOTE:
NO BUSSING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5th FOR
JOHNSTON STUDENTS ONLY!



SPECIAL DRESS DOWN DAY FOR UKRAINE

Tomorrow, Friday, April 1st students may dress down for Ukraine. Please wear yellow or blue. The FEINSTEIN FOUNDATION WILL MATCH UP TO \$1000.00 AS A MATCHING GRANT TO OUR SCHOOL.

Please donate any amount to help this worthy cause.

Dear Parents,

This past week, Pope Francis announced the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Russia and Ukraine. In doing this, the Pope laid the fates of both countries at the feet of Mary in the hope for peace.

"Mother of God and our mother, to your Immaculate Heart we solemnly entrust and consecrate ourselves, the church and all humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine," the pope said March 25, pronouncing the Act of Consecration.

Pope Francis' decision to consecrate Russia, Ukraine and the whole of humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is in keeping with the tradition of the Catholic Church looking to Mary in difficult times.

On Monday, we prayed the Pope's prayer of consecration and a "Hail Mary" for peace. We will continue to pray a "Hail Mary" each day.

As we go through this 4th week of Lent and in keeping with the Pope's call for peace in the world, I share the following poem, a simple guide for promoting peace and daily living our best Christian lives.

Have a blessed and peaceful weekend.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand, Principal

For the Garden of Your Daily Living

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN IS WITHOUT TURNIPS:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN

WE MUST HAVE THYME:

Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

~Unknown

Dress Code & Uniform Requirements ~ Summer Uniform Dress goes into effect tomorrow, April 1st, please refer to **APPENDIX #2 DRESS CODE** in the Student Handbook. Some areas of concern: hair length, styles and accessories ~ jewelry ~ proper footwear ~ nail polish etc.

The school uniform is a symbol of unity within the school community. It minimizes distractions in the learning process and teaches students to take pride in their appearance by wearing the regulated uniform. By wearing the uniform, students are constantly reminded they are representing St. Rocco School. ~

“Lent is a powerful season, a turning point that can foster change & conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better.”

- POPE FRANCIS -

Rhode Island Catholic



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.



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.

Week of the Young Child Calendar of Events
PreK3, PK4 & Kindergarten

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. This is the world’s largest early childhood educational association, with nearly 100,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state and regional affiliates. St. Rocco School will join the rest of the country in this celebration of its youngest students with an entire week of fun and interesting events.

Mon., April 4 th	Tues., April 5 th	Weds., April 6 th	Thurs., April 7 th	Fri., April 8 th
Bring a Stuffed Animal to school. 	Dress as your favorite Community Helper 	Artsy Wednesday Wear as many colors as you can. 	Beach Dance Party  Ice Cream Social 	Belated Birthday Celebration Dr. Seuss  Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character.
Grade 1 will be participating Weds. – Friday ONLY				

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 is April 15th.

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**



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.



Easter Raffle ~ The Student Council is sponsoring an Easter Raffle. All proceeds will benefit St. Rocco School.

See the attached flyer. Chances .50 each. Drawing will take place on Thursday, April 14th.

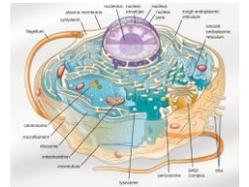
Classroom News~Mrs. Montecalvo

Students have been experiencing a lot in Science and should be pleased with their efforts.

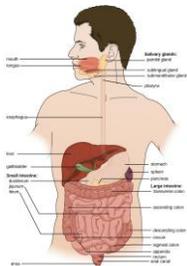


Fifth graders have learned about ecology, energy pyramids, food chains, and adaptations. They have learned about how limiting factors and carrying capacity are related. The Solar System will be discussed in the third trimester and the fifth graders are excited to learn all about the planets, moon, asteroids, and meteors.

Sixth graders learned about cells and the organelles found in them. They created 3-D cell models using Styrofoam, clay, playdough, pipe cleaners, boxes and many other unique items. They learned about passive transport, active transport, and organic compounds. The relationship between photosynthesis and cellular respiration are being discussed.



Seventh graders finished their invention convention projects and should be very proud. They were judged by four judges and made quite an impression with their knowledge. Someday we may see Blizzard Feet, Sturdy Stacker, Carmbrella, Tissue Issues and many other inventions in stores near you. The seventh graders are learning about commensalism, mutualism, prey, predators, and adaptations of animals and plants.



Eighth graders worked hard on their organ system brochure projects. They presented their systems and learned that muscles make up about 40 percent of our weight, the right lung is larger than the left lung, the lungs are the only organ that floats, fifteen percent of our weight is the skin, there are more nerve cells in our body than stars in the Milky Way, and many more things. They are going in-depth about the muscular system, smooth muscles, cardiac muscles, and how we are able to move in all directions. It is amazing that over half the school year is over and we are gearing up for the third trimester. All the students should be proud of all their accomplishments.

Save the Date

- Friday, April 1st First Friday Mass 8:45am
- April 4 - 8th Week of the Young Child
- Friday, April 8th Vision Screening
- 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
- 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*



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

CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

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

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