

**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Christmas Family Dance

Important Date Change ~ Due to a conflict...

**The Winter Family Dance will now be Sunday, January 19th
from 4pm-8pm at Alpine Country Club.**

Dear Parents,

We appreciate your partnership in your child's education. Thank you for always being available to our school. Your dedication is cherished in our lunchroom and your children's classrooms.

We have many events coming up from now until Christmas. Please be sure to check our Thursday packet and any Class Dojo announcements. There are so many wonderful events here at our school, scheduling can overlap.

We have moved our Family Christmas Party (Dec. 7th) to a Winter Family Dance (Jan. 19th) so many of our families could all attend without the stress of the holiday season. Many families have asked for a change this year so they do not have to pick and choose events they can attend.

Our children have done an amazing job with their academics and their participation in many holiday events. We are hosting a soft Open House on November 17th and we would love for any children and families to join us after 10:00 am mass. It is our chance to show off and tell the community what makes our school special. Please have your child come tell their story and even give a tour to other families.

God Bless,

Mrs. D'Amico



We are excited to announce we have set up a new fence to secure our playground area for our children. We have also been able to purchase new playground equipment, and we are excited to get it set up.

These purchases were made with the funds from last year's Color A Thon Parent Association event. Without the tireless effort of the parents, students, and faculty and staff of St. Rocco School we wouldn't be able to give back to our students and school.

We are proud to bring new things to our school to make our school a place where all families can come and enjoy together. We appreciate your support in growing our school. Our children are the reason we strive for the best place for them.

*****We are looking for 4 dads, next Tuesday, Nov. 12th at 2:15 pm to move a new picnic table from the church tunnel to the playground. Please contact the office if you can help!**

Friendly Reminders



****IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT FEELING WELL**, please keep them home and call or email the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially, **the phone call/email must be to the School Office**. If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions. **A friendly reminder students in Middle School who are out sick can only request school work after they have been out sick for three consecutive days.** Thank you for your assistance in this matter.



LUNCH - Lunch is \$3.60/per day. Many children are coming to school without lunch money! Please remember **lunch money is due the day your child orders**. You can pay in advance if you want and can pay with check or cash.

DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY/MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, beginning in October, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for **December** for the cost of \$5.00. The "Dress Down Day" passes are for **Mondays only (If your child is scheduled for gym class on Monday, the dress down pass is for Tuesday only)**. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form with your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will **NO LONGER** be sent home. Teachers and the office will keep track of who paid for Monthly Dress Down. This is a more streamlined way to offer Dress Down Days as well as us saving paper! There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for charities, celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted. ***December Dress Down Passes are due November 20th.**

Wreath Sale - 12" Balsam Fir Decorated Wreaths

(20" outside diameter)

Cost: \$15.00 Each ~All Order Forms Must Be In By November 15th ~ attachment provided last week

St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive

St. Rocco School began its Food Drive, that will continue throughout the school year. This month begins our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items... Of course, donations will be accepted any other time. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community.

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one -Mother Teresa



us live out our mission

Coat Drive

Our "Annual Coat Drive" will be held November 1st - 30th.

All coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks! **Thank you in advance for helping**

*****Financial Aid applications for the 2024-2025 school year are now available through FACTS.**

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Christmas Family Dance

Due to a conflict – we will be rescheduling the Christmas Family Dance. The new date is Sunday, January 19th 4pm-8pm at Alpine Country Club.

*Alison Anderson - President
Selina Scarcella -Treasurer*

*Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez -Secretary*

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events



Dine Out Fundraiser ~ Tonight Thursday November 7th will be our 1st SRS Parent Association Dine Out Night at Chelo's Cranston. Please see attached flyer as well as your Thursday packet to have up to 20% of your take out or dine in check donated back to the school. Paper ticket must be presented (digital image is not valid). Each student received 4 flyers. Please pass these out to friends and family. If you need more for tonight please pick them up in the office. Flyers cannot be passed out on premises. If you use the

Open Table App you can also reserve your table.

Parent Association Meeting ~ Thank you to all who attended and to our presenter Richard Montella! The meeting notes can be found on the school website.

Parent Association Raffle Calendar Drawing ~ Congratulations to our first week's winners! And continued good luck to everyone who has purchased calendars! Thank you so much for your support!



Santa Shop ~ The Christmas Season is almost here! Join us helping your little ones spread some Christmas cheer by volunteering at the Santa Shop Monday December 5th -Thursday the 7th. Volunteer for every day, one day or just an hour. Schedule and details are coming soon. Please reach out to Shayanna shayanna38@gmail.com to volunteer.

We are always looking for volunteers and ideas. If you would like to help in any way, please reach out to the Alison at aanderson@strocchoschool.org. We are looking forward to hosting more amazing events and activities for the students and families that create connection and lasting memories!

Fundraising Opportunities

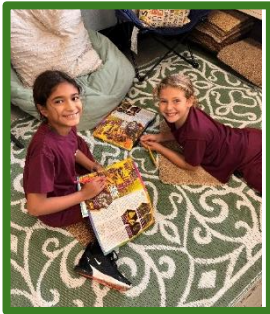
- **Meadow Farms Gift Catalog & GOURMET Pizza, Cookies & Pies Fall Fundraiser** - The fundraising packet sent home is ongoing. Don't forget you may also use the Online Option. Our school ID#: MF1030047. Make all checks payable to "St. Rocco School" and include the seller's name and grade in the memo. Remember... up to 40% of your sales are applied to your mandatory fundraising fee! Please adhere to the deadline date of October 5th all returns are due to the School Office on this date to ensure Thanksgiving delivery!
- **Stop & Shop Cards** - Cards may be purchased at the Church Rectory Office from 9:00am-3:00PM. Remember, you may pre-order large quantities. All money raised through your fundraising efforts will be applied to your account in early February.
- **ScripZone**- Purchase gift cards through ScripZone before you go shopping to use for your normal everyday purchases. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The deadline for orders is November 15th.

Classroom News

Fourth Grade News ~ Mrs. Ciunci's Class

The first couple of months in fourth grade at St. Rocco School have been bustling with activity! The students have settled in wonderfully and are working diligently across all subjects.

In English, they have crafted personal narratives about special memories, choosing topics such as a ride on the Tower of Terror, the first day of fourth grade, days at amusement parks, birthday parties, new pets, visits to the science museum, beach outings, and trips to Florida. These narratives have allowed us to focus on small moments and incorporate sensory details, making the stories engaging and immersive. Sharing these stories has fostered a sense of community and sparked a lot of laughter. Additionally, students wrote descriptive paragraphs about their unique pumpkin designs. This fun exercise involved a classmate attempting to illustrate the pumpkin based solely on the description, highlighting the importance of descriptive details in writing.



Our reading curriculum is both exciting and challenging. We're exploring the question, "How can a place affect how we live?" through various literary works, including biographies, autobiographies, magazine articles, and informational texts. Students are developing their skills in making predictions, utilizing background knowledge, drawing inferences, and analyzing text structures.

In science and social studies, students are expanding their knowledge by studying cells, plants, animals, habitats, maps, and geography. They've even created their own islands and are currently learning about Rhode Island.

In math, we're focusing on computation, estimation, counting money, making change, problem-solving, and mastering multiplication facts. Students are enhancing their skills using Chromebooks for typing practice, math exercises, and reading comprehension, utilizing platforms like Typing Club, Nitro Type, Blooket, and Boddle, as well as Google Classroom and Google Docs.



Our religion lessons emphasize the importance of thinking before acting and treating others as we wish to be treated. We've learned that God reveals Himself through Jesus and that we are called to show love and compassion to all, just as He did. Students understand that their faith can grow through prayer, and that the saints are always interceding for us.

New this year, the fourth grade has had the privilege of working with students from Providence College every Tuesday in Math. These small group sessions have greatly enhanced our lessons, and both the college students and our fourth graders genuinely love this time together.



Fourth grade is such an exciting year filled with bright, creative students. It is truly a blessing to witness their academic and spiritual growth!

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

St. Rocco's School will be celebrating our grandparents in a very special way.
Save the Date: Thursday, November 14th.

A large graphic for the Grandparent's Day event. It features a central grey cloud-like shape with the text "GRANDPARENT'S DAY" in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. Below this, it says "NOVEMBER 14TH" and "CAFE ROCCO". To the left and right of the central text are orange circles containing details for different grade levels. At the bottom, there are two cartoon illustrations of an elderly man and woman with glasses, smiling. The background is decorated with brown leaves and small orange dots.

Grades 1-4
10:15-11:15

Grades 5-8
1:00-2:00

**Pre-k 3
thru
kindergarten**
9:00-10:00

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

NOVEMBER 14TH
CAFE ROCCO

"Serving you... for all you do"
Limit Of 2 Grandparents or Special Family Members



Save the Date

Friday, November 8th

Monday, November 11th

Tuesday, November 26th

Wednesday, November 27th

Thursday, November 28th

Friday, November 29th

Tuesday, December 3rd

Friday, December 6th

Thursday, December 19th

Friday, December 20th

Independent Learning Day – No School

Veterans Day – No School

Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am

2nd Gr. Thanksgiving Play 1:30 pm

Independent Learning Day – ½ day – No School

Thanksgiving Day – No School

Day after Thanksgiving – No School

Picture Retake Day

First Friday Mass

Christmas Concert-PK3-1st grade – 1:30 Café Rocco

2nd -8th grade – 6:00 pm in St. Rocco Church

11:30 Dismissal – start of Christmas Break



Thankfulness

*O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.
1 Chronicles 16:34*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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