



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY
PACKET
Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the third Sunday of Easter. Here at St. Rocco School, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this special Easter season. The Joy that is the 50 days of Easter is something that we share with the students every day. It is something to be shared at home as well. The Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday does not end on that day. We need to be joyful in knowing that Jesus' Resurrection is our salvation. I hope you can take time to celebrate this gift with your children.

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

In School News...

St. Rocco School and Parish welcomed a new sister this week. Sr. Eva arrived in Rhode Island from India on Sunday. She is a member of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden. We look forward to Sr. Eva being a member of our community for years to come. We also welcomed the Mother General for the Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden, Sr. Gladis, and the Provincial, Sr. Grace. They will visit our school tomorrow. We are blessed to have these sisters with us for a visit.

This Friday afternoon our St. Rocco Honor Society will be celebrating Earth Day a bit early. The members will sponsor both indoor and outdoor Earth Day activities for all grades. This is an annual tradition at St. Rocco's and one that the students and staff look forward to each spring. The first Earth Day was founded in 1970 as a day of education about environmental issues and is celebrated nationally each year on April 22nd.

The Mother/Son Dance was a big success. Thank you to everyone who planned this event (especially Ms. Casissi, Mrs. Fava and Mrs. Anderson) as well as the families who participated.

Coming Up...

Our spring sport teams will be getting underway the week we return. There will be a mandatory parent meeting at the last practice prior to the teams' first game. Each player must have one parent/family adult present. Parent meetings and the first week of games are:

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| Volleyball Parent and Player Meeting | April 22 | 4:15pm | Church Hall |
| Volleyball First Game | 4/23 vs. St. Rose of Lima Maroon & White @ Bishop Hendricken | 6:15 pm & 7:15 pm | |
| Soccer Parent and Player Meeting | April 23 | 4:00pm | Church Hall |
| Soccer First Game | 4/24 vs Bishop McVinney @ Home | 5:30 pm | |

Note: We need volunteers to help with the Concession Stand at home soccer games. Please let the coaches or the school office know if you can help.

We are looking forward to the return of “Parents, Pops and Playground” on Friday afternoons beginning April 26th. Check out the spring schedule in this week’s Thursday Packet.

Wishing everyone a wonderful spring-filled vacation week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

Please remember to take a few minutes to complete the Family Survey that is part of our NEASC Self Study. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Your input is important to us. The link is: <https://surveys.neasc.org/s3/S25-NEASC-CIS-Family-Survey?id=28>. It would be great to get 100% participation from our families. **The deadline for the survey is April 12th.**

ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Soccer
Volleyball

Tuesday 2:30–4:00
Monday 3-4:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30
Friday 3:00-4:30



Volleyball ~ Mandatory Parent/Player Meeting -Monday, April 22nd ~ 4:15pm-Church Hall

Soccer ~ Mandatory Parent/Player Meeting -Tuesday, April 23rd ~ 4:00pm-Church Hall

St Rocco Honor Society News



We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to our “Forty Items for Forty Days.” With your help we were able to donate 75 bags of clothes to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of RI. What a wonderful way to celebrate the Easter Season and help others!



SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27th at **Johnston High School**. All parents **MUST** have a ticket to attend the show. All students **Must** have 1 adult present at the show. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!



YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Yearbook is in publication!!!



Please be sure to order a yearbook that captures the amazing memories of your child's school year! You may send in your envelope or order online. (REMINDER to GRADE 8 Parents: DO NOT ORDER ~ the payment for a personalized yearbook was included in your child's graduation dues.)

Spring into Friartown!

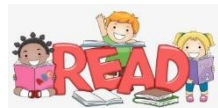


As part of a FriarServe school, we are excited to invite our families to their 2nd Annual Spring into Friartown event, Sunday, April 28. Please see the attached flyer for details. No registration is required. If driving in, please enter campus through the Huxley Avenue gate and security will guide you to parking and the Aquinas Lawn location.

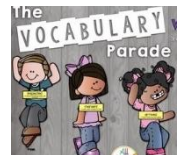
Reading Week 2024

| Monday, April 29th | Tuesday, April 30th | Wednesday, May 1st | Thursday, May 2nd | Friday, May 3rd |
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| <p>Parade of Words/ Dress Down Day Older students watch parade of PK3-Grade 5</p> <p>Dress as Favorite Literary Character Middle School Grades 6-8</p> | <p>Parent and Students Reading Activity Grades 1-3</p> <p>Movie and Pop Grades 4-8</p> | <p>Early Childhood Spring Concert 9:00</p> <p>Book Beach Party w/ Faith Buddies *Students may wear any accessory</p> <p>(Hat, sunglasses and bring in a beach towel)</p> | <p>First Thursday Volunteer Mass 8:45</p> <p>Teachers Reading Switch Down! All Grades</p> | <p>Peter Pan Field Trip Grades 1-5</p> <p>Law Day Grades 6-8</p> |

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back, and relax, all you need is a book." Dr. Seuss



USED BOOK FAIR SALE – all books .50 cents!
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday



Parade of Words and Dress as your favorite "Literary Character" flyer is in today's Thursday Packet!

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

A special thank you to all the parents that made the Mother/Son Dance such a success! A great time was had by everyone in attendance.

Save the Date for the last event of the year!

- **Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club:** Please join us!!!! Registrations are **due April 22**. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, shayanna38@gmail.com

TYPO on flyer the Mother/Daughter event is for all students in grades PK3-8

Looking for donations!

- **Mother/Daughter Brunch Raffle Items:** **Thank you to everyone who has donated already!** We are still looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother/Daughter Brunch. You can drop off any donations at school, contact the office, or reach out to Danielle or Shay.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org, the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com



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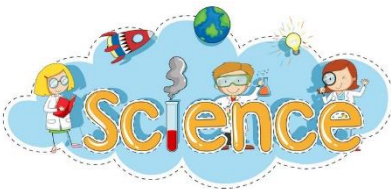
Parents, Pops and Playground Event

Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult

The Parent Association has planned an event for the younger students. The Parents, Pops and Playground activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

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| Grades PK3 & PK4 | Friday, April 26 th & May 17 th | 2:30-3:30pm |
| Grades K | Friday, May 3 rd and 24 th | 2:30-3:30pm |
| Grades 1 & 2 | Friday, May 10 th and 31 st | 2:30-3:30pm |

Classroom News



Science – Grades 5-8

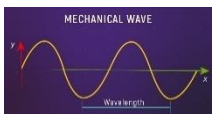
Mrs. Marcia Montecalvo

Students have been experiencing a great deal in Science and they should be pleased with their efforts. They are creating and enhancing their organizational skills with their interactive Science composition notebooks. We are in the third trimester and are hypothesizing and learning new topics.



Fifth Grade has learned about ecology, energy pyramids, food chains, and adaptations. They have moved on to studying matter and learning about elements, density, volume and buoyancy. The Solar System will be discussed next and the Fifth Grade students are excited to learn all about the planets, moon, asteroids, and meteors.

Sixth Grade has 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 and active transport, photosynthesis, and organic compounds. Force and motion are being discussed and you can ask any Sixth Grade student about converting units of measure or the speed triangle!

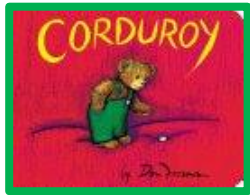


Seventh Grade has finished their Invention Convention Projects and should be very proud of their work. They were judged by four judges and made quite an impression with their knowledge. The Seventh-Grade students are learning about sound and waves. Mechanical waves, transverse waves, and longitudinal waves are being discussed. Students are practicing their Math skills by calculating frequency and the speed of waves.



Eighth Grade is studying chemical reactions. We have discussed subscripts, coefficients, physical change, chemical change, and chemical equations. Conservation of mass is being tested each time they balance a chemical equation. It is amazing that we are in the third trimester. All the students should be proud of all their accomplishments and progress.

Week of the Young Child

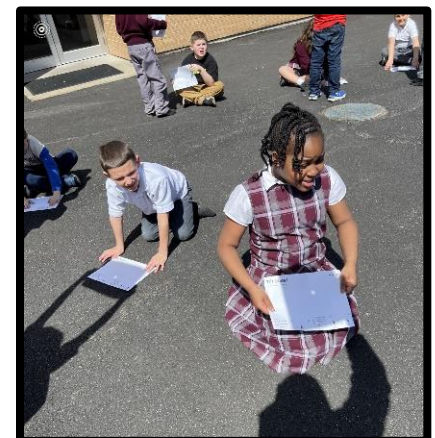
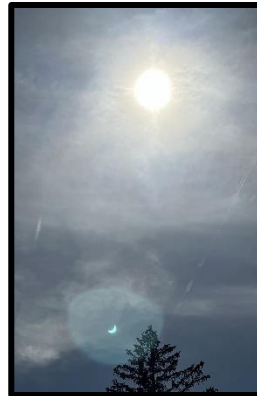
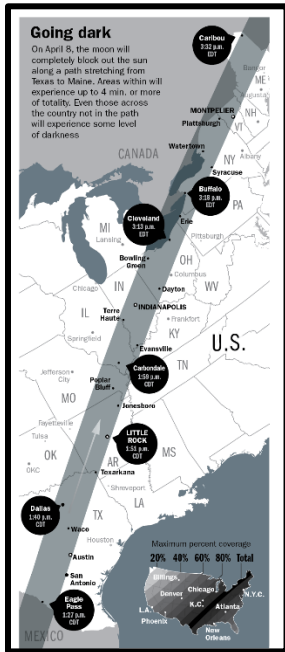


5th – 8th Grade Receiving Honors Certificates



Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024

Our students, faculty, and staff donned safety “Eclipse Viewing Glasses” after school on Monday to catch glimpses of the Solar Eclipse!





UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

April 15 – April 19

Monday, April 22, 2024

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Friday, May 17, 2024

Monday, May 27, 2024

Friday, June 7, 2024

Spring Vacation

Volleyball Player/Parent Mtg. – 4:15 Church Hall

Soccer Player/Parent Mtg – 4:00 Church Hall

Spring Production (1st-8th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS

Early Childhood Spring Concert - 9:00 am

Volunteer Mass/1st Thursday Mass - 8:45 am

60th Anniversary Mass and Reception – 5:00 pm

Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club

IL/PD Day - NO SCHOOL

Ascension Thursday Mass – 9:00 am

First Communion 12:30pm

May Crowning – 9:00 am

Memorial Day – No School

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am



April Virtue of the Month ~ Forgiveness

“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times”.

Matthew 18:21



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Also, don't forget to regularly visit our website www.stroccoschool.org for important information and updates.

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

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

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