



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.

We are dedicated to creating a safe environment that instills

Catholic values and nourishes the development and growth of the whole person.

We are committed to excellence in academic standards

that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the world.

Dear Parents,

October is Our Lady of the Rosary month. On Tuesday, we celebrated Our Lady of the Rosary in church by praying the Rosary. Our Kindergarten (B) class is learning the Rosary and even had a "lifesize" rosary to pray with!



This week was the last week for our 4th and 5th grade Cross Country runners. They finished yesterday with their own personal best records and made St. Rocco School proud. Here are some of the highlights, thanks to Coach Heywood:



Out of our 14 runners, 12 improved their time.

- Selena Hines and Natalie Heywood had their personal best times (including this year and last year).

- Nolan Anderson, Aydyn Hudick, Autumn and Mikaela Mercier, Savanah Horton, and Angelica Price had their fastest times of this season.

- Mia Mercier dropped nearly 6 minutes off her time from last week.

And most importantly, every racer finished. We're proud of all our runners!

Next Wednesday, October 16th is our Flu Clinic. If you haven't registered your child(ren), please do so if you'd like them to get their flu shot or mist. Thursday, October 17th is Picture Day! Please be sure to have your child dress in full uniform. This picture is for the yearbook. If your child doesn't come to school on Thursday (PreK), you can take them in for a picture and then take them back home!

Please remember to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/saintroccoschool> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool/>. We are now on Twitter (X) also! Our Twitter name is @StRoccoSchool <https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool/> See the great things our kids are doing!

God Bless,

Mrs. D'Amico

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.

Communication ~ St. Rocco School uses e-mail, texting and/or parent portal for much of their communication. You will receive an email with the Thursday Packet along with any pertinent attachments. Please familiarize yourself with the School Website (www.stroccoschool.org).

- **E-Mail Addresses / Text Notifications** ~ If you are **NOT** presently receiving these notifications, please inform the School Office of your address.
- **Thursday Packets** – As stated above, the “Thursday Packet Parent Note”, Monthly Calendar and Lunch Menu will be sent via e-mail and posted on our website.
- **Text Weather/School Closing Alert** ~ You may go to: Turnto10.com and register your phone under the weather tab.

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 **November** 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. *October Dress Down Passes are due October 20th.

Absence/Tardy ~ It is the responsibility of parents to see that our students attend school daily and are on time. Students must be in their classroom by 8:10am and are considered late if they enter the building after 8:14. If a student is not in school by 11:25am, he/she will be marked as a half-day absence. The only valid reasons for absence are illness of the student, a death in the family, or permission from the Office. Students are responsible for assignments and tests given during their absence. Your child must have a written note explaining why he/she was absent and bring it with them to school upon returning. Students who are absent 3 or more consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor's note before returning to school.



Please call to notify the School Office by 8:30AM if your child will be absent. If your child is going to be late and will be ordering school lunch, please call the School Office no later than 8:30AM so we may plan accordingly.

DAY CARE NEWS ~ Just a reminder, any student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. **A NEW, UPDATED FORM IS REQUIRED AT THE START OF EVERY SCHOOL YEAR.** Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. The extension for daycare is #114. The policy regarding the receipt of payment: Please place your payment (CHECK ONLY) in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name on front and place in the LOCK BOX located in Café Rocco near the sign in/out book. Extended Care begins at **7:15am** and ends at **5:00pm**. Please be prompt when picking up! *Extra charge if late! Also, when dropping off and picking up from our Extended Care Program, you must park in the rear lot and use the side door designated for Extended Care drop-off/pickup (located at the top of the

ramp with awning). There is a doorbell located to the right of the door. Your child's and your safety are our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Breakfast - Breakfast is available each morning starting at 7:45 and ending at 8:00am. Students may go directly to Cafe Rocco where they will select their breakfast choices. A Chartwell employee will be there to assist them. Please plan accordingly, so that your child will be finished with breakfast on time, and they will not be late for homeroom. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00.

Morning Snacks ~Students must bring snacks from home. Snacks are not available to purchase at that time.



Lunch Program: St. Rocco School partakes in the Federal Lunch Program. The menu is posted on our School Website. Your child may select the hot or cold meal choice. In doing so, your child will receive the required food items of the entree along with additional options of fruit and vegetables that they must choose to complete their meal. Your help in explaining this process to your child, required by the Federal Government, would be greatly appreciated.

Ordering Lunch ~ **PRICE CHANGE Lunch is NOW \$3.60.** Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. It would greatly help if you enclose the **exact amount of cash or a check.** **You may also choose to prepay for the week only.** We cannot guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. Thank you!



An application for Free and Reduced Lunch is available online on the School Website. If applying, please make sure the application is filled out completely with all the required information and signed.

Please Note: We are a PEANUT, TREE NUT, SODA, SMOKE and GUM FREE ENVIRONMENT. Also, NO GLASS CONTAINERS are to be used for a student's lunch or beverage.



Lifetouch Picture Day ~ Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 17th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures. Envelopes for picture orders are coming home today in the Thursday Packet. Please send them in with your child on Picture Day!

GET
your
FLU SHOT



SAVE THE DATE

*****ST. ROCCO'S FLU VACCINE CLINIC – October 16th*****

The St. Rocco School Flu Vaccine Clinic is taking place on **Wednesday, October 16th** starting at 9:00 a.m. The Flu Vaccine Clinic is for all faculty, staff, and students.

Information on how to register is coming soon. The flu mist will be available.

If you prefer your child to receive the flu mist please email me: cboscia@stroccoschool.org



Classroom News

Kindergarten A - Miss Gallone

The beginning of the year for Kindergarten A has been filled with exciting activities and meaningful experiences that have enriched our students' learning journey. We've had the pleasure of attending Church and participating in the Rosary, where the children learned about the importance of prayer and being part of a supportive community. These moments have helped instill a sense of togetherness and spirituality in our little ones, reinforcing values that are essential as they grow.

Our science explorations have also been a highlight! The children had a blast carving pumpkins to discover the insides, which sparked curiosity about nature and seasonal changes. We've also focused on the beauty of fall, learning about apples and leaves, and how they transition with the seasons. These hands-on activities have allowed the children to engage with their environment and foster a love for learning through play and exploration.

Of course, our academic progress has been exciting as well. We've been diving into phonics, rhyming, and numbers, and laying the foundation for early reading skills. The kids have shown great enthusiasm while learning, and their friendships have blossomed during playtime, especially as we enjoy the lovely fall weather outdoors. A special shoutout to our wonderful teaching assistant, Miss Carol, whose support and encouragement have made our classroom a warm and inviting place to learn and grow together!

I feel truly grateful for the opportunity to join this vibrant community and to work with such amazing students in Kindergarten A. Every day has been filled with joy and laughter, and I have had so much fun getting to know each child. I am eager and excited for all the wonderful activities we have planned for the rest of the year, and I look forward to making even more cherished memories together!



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Alison Anderson - President
Selaina Scarcella -Treasurer

Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez -Secretary

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events



2nd Annual Trunk or Treat - Sunday October 20th 2:00-4:00pm in the side school parking lot. Please come and join us for a afternoon of fun - peanut free Trick or Treating. If you would like to volunteer for this event or sign up to decorate a Trunk, please contact Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org. **Reminder- Kick Off Call for the Event Monday at 6:30pm.** Starting tomorrow please welcome Twizzlers our Candy Monster to our entrance way! Please help feed Twizzlers with candy donations to be passed out at our Trunk or Treat.



Halloween Games Extravaganza - Wednesday October 30th 8:30am-12:30pm: This is an in school event you will need a BCI to volunteer for it. This Event is filled with Halloween fun games and prizes for Pre-K-Elementary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alison. Please stay tuned for a spruce up date for after school to update our Halloween Games.

Calendar Sales Are Open - Support SRS Fall Fundraiser

The Calendar Raffle is off and running! If your student did not receive their first 10 Calendars just email the office and we will get them right out to you. The Calendar looks amazing; we have gift certificates & cash raffle prizes lined up for each day of November! All your favorite local businesses are featured! Our target per student/family is to sell 10, but you can sell as many as you like. For every 5 Calendars a student sells they are entered into a special student raffle! Once you sell out of your first batch of Calendars please request more through the office: office@stroccoschool.org.

FAQ's

- \$10 per Calendar (Once your students sell out of their first 10 Calendars they can request more at anytime during the month of October till the 25th)
- Each calendar purchased is 1 ticket that is entered to win daily prizes throughout the month of November. (Slips must be turned in for raffle. Buyer keeps Calendar. Slips can be turned in at anytime during the month). Each ticket(s) stays in the raffle every single day
- Each day in November a ticket will be drawn at 2:00pm at school. Weekends too! Saturday and Sunday tickets will be drawn on Monday.
- You don't have to attend Saint Rocco's to participate: Students, friends, family, co-workers are all welcome to enter!
- Purchase as many Calendars as you like
- Winners will be announced at the end of the day, posted on the school website and notified via email
- Prizes will be delivered based on the slip choice: Send with student or pick up in office.

We are hoping for 100% participation. All proceeds will go directly to the students for field trips, events and activities! Please feel free to reach out to Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org with questions, Thank you in advance for your help and support!

If you would like to volunteer for any of this year's events or help in any way, please reach out to Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org. We are looking forward to an amazing year of events and activities for the students and families that create connection and lasting memories!



Feast of St. Anthony Gianelli

**On Wednesday, October 23rd, we will celebrate the
Feast of St. Anthony Gianelli
the founder of The Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden
Mass is at 8:45 am in St. Rocco's Church**

Anthony Maria Gianelli was born in 1789 into a middle-class family living near Genoa in the north of Italy. As a child, people were often struck by his gentle nature, industriousness, and extraordinary intelligence. When he came of age, the lady who owned the farm his family lived on became his generous benefactress and financed his schooling and entry into the ecclesiastical seminary in Genoa. **The Sisters of Our Lady of the Garden were founded in 1829** and dedicated their lives to teaching poor children and caring for the ill and infirm. They are still active and well known today in Italy and in other parts of the world as well.

Anthony Gianelli was canonized in 1951 by Pope Pius XII.



Save the Date:

Monday, October 14 th	Columbus Day~ NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, October 16 th	Flu Clinic for students/faculty/staff (See Nurse's Corner)
Thursday, October 17 th	Picture Day - Lifetouch (Full Dress Uniform Required)
Friday, October 18 th	Dress Down for Breast Cancer – Wear Pink \$1.00 donation
Friday, October 18 th	Middle School Halloween Event
Wednesday, October 23 rd	St. Anthony Gianelli Mass – 8:45
Wednesday, October 30 th	Parent Association Halloween in-school event

*Courage – “Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.
~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~