



**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.*

**\*\*Please do not use Class Dojo for any type of communication. ie, lateness, absences, medical issues, etc. This all needs to go to the teacher, nurse or office via phone call or email. Thank you for your cooperation.**

*Dear Parents,*

*Our campus is bustling with many events. There is something at our school for every child. Please encourage your child to get involved. We have arts/music programs, cross country going on now, student council, and many more. Our partnership with Providence College has blossomed to embrace 10 practicum students coming on Tuesday mornings to observe and participate in active teaching and learning.*

*As a Roman Catholic School, our mission is to teach the whole child. We believe in the importance of installing strong moral values and helping children become compassionate and caring individuals who make a positive impact in our world. This is done by creating a warm, inclusive community by our teachers and staff.*

*Congratulations to our cross-country runners again this week. They had a large crowd cheering them on, and they placed well in the CAL race overall. Many of the kids were excited to be competing and enjoyed seeing their classmates cross the finish line!*

*If you have any questions or concerns, I am always reachable.*

*God Bless,  
Mrs. D'Amico*

**Our Providence College  
Practicum Students**



## 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 first**. 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](http://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](http://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 OCTOBER 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 be sent home in the Thursday Packet. 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 September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**BCI / Safe Environment Reminder** – All parents, volunteers and coaches interested in both onsite and offsite volunteer opportunities must have completed a BCI & Safe Environment check. There will be an opportunity to complete your **BCI training and paperwork on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Back to School Night**. Potential first-time volunteers need to watch the Safe Environment Powerpoint presentation at school; renewal of the Safe Environment can be viewed on the School Website at home. After you have viewed the presentation, you will sign a form in the School Office. A copy of your license and a payment of \$5.00 is needed for the BCI. The school is informed when this process is successfully completed, and the individual is cleared for volunteering. If you wish to participate or volunteer during the school year at events or activities, please complete the training and submit all necessary paperwork early to ensure clearance in time. If you are not sure of your status, you may contact the School Office or Mrs. Okolowicz. \*These BCI checks are done through the Catholic School Office and we have no control as to the time this will take.

**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 is 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.**



Alan Shawn Feinstein passed away on September 7th. We continue to pray for him and his family. St. Rocco's School is so grateful for all of his generosity throughout the years. His family is continuing the tradition of The Golden Ticket and Feinstein Junior Scholar Cards, which give our student entry into Mystic Aquarium, PVD Children's Museum, Slater Park Carousel, among other discounts. They are enclosed in your child's Packet today



Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN

St. Rocco School Nurse



Contact the Nurse Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Email: [cboscia@stroccoschool.org](mailto:cboscia@stroccoschool.org)

School Number: 401-944-2993 Fax: 401-944-3019

### **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



# Classroom News



*KB – Mrs. Rossner*

The Kindergarten B students have had a great start to this school year. I am happy to have Mrs. Scotti as my assistant.



The kindergarten students have transitioned well into their new classroom environment. The children learned their classroom rules. They also learned how to answer the question of the day and sign in each day. We have learned letter Aa and Bb vocabulary words and how to write in their journals each day. They have begun their literacy work in their My View books. They know the difference between short Aa and long Aa sounds.

They have learned about being a school family and different ways to be kind and bring kindness to others. They drew pictures of how they can be kind to others and be helpful. We have learned about what it



means to be holy during religion. The children also learned “The Hail Mary” and celebrated the blessed mother’s birthday and prayed in the prayer garden. We learned about St. Rocco on our walk to the church. They learned in religion about Noah’s Ark and how God gave us a sign of his promise and great love by putting a rainbow in the sky. We also learned about St. Theresa and said her prayer together. They made a book called “All About Me”.

The children learned in science about the many kinds of apples and tasted them and did a science experiment called “Sink and Float”. They learned in math how to make sets of ten and sorted items by color and shape.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year full of learning with all my new students.

## **Mrs. Rossner**



# ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Alison Anderson - President  
Selaina Scarcella - Secretary

Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President  
Shayanna Hernandez - Treasurer

## Save the Date for our Upcoming Events

**1st Parent Association Meeting Tonight - Thursday September 19th at Café Rocco starting at 6:00pm:** Please come and join us at the Open House for a brief rundown of this year's events, meet the Officers, complete your BCI, volunteer for current events, become a Room Parent and share ideas! Thanks in advance for all your support!



**2nd Annual Trunk or Treat - Sunday October 20th 2:00-4:00pm in the side school parking lot.** Please come and join us for an 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](mailto:aanderson@stroccoschool.org)

**Halloween Games Extravaganza - Wednesday October 30th 8:30am-**

**12:30pm:** This is a in school event you will need a BCI to volunteer. This Event is filled with Halloween fun, games and prizes for Pre-K-Elementary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Alison: [aanderson@stroccoschool.org](mailto:aanderson@stroccoschool.org)



## We Need Your Support for Our Fall Fundraiser

Chairperson: Danielle Cazzarro

Last Friday kicked off our Fall Calendar Raffle Fundraiser! We are excited for the positive feedback, and we are happy to answer any questions. Students will be participating in selling calendars for the month of November starting October 1st. Every student participating needs to send in \$10 in an envelope by Thursday the 26th this \$10 covers their first calendar. We are hoping for 100% participation. All proceeds will go directly to benefit all students at St. Rocco's School.

To Recap:

- Each calendar will be \$10.
- The calendar will be filled with prizes for each day of November.
- Winners for each day will be announced at the end of the school day.
- Calendars will be distributed at the end of October for the November Raffle, but please see the attached sample calendar for the sign up form.

Please feel free to reach out to Danielle Cazzaro [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com) or any of the Parent Association officers. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to any of our officers.

PA President: Alison Anderson [aanderson@stroccoschool.org](mailto:aanderson@stroccoschool.org).

Vice President: Danielle Cazzaro [dcazzarro@gmail.com](mailto:dcazzarro@gmail.com)

Secretary: Shayanna: [shayanna38@gmail.com](mailto:shayanna38@gmail.com)

Treasurer: Selaina: [sscarcella@cpsed.net](mailto:sscarcella@cpsed.net)



**Ice Cream Social** - Was well attended and a wonderful event that brought together students and their families! Thank you to all who attended and volunteered to make this a fun event for all!

We are looking forward to an amazing year of Fun!

*Smiles for miles...* Cross Country Team had their second meet on Wednesday!



## Save the Date:

Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

Back to School Night - 6:00pm Gr. 1-8/1<sup>st</sup> PA General Meeting/  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Parents, Pops, and Playground – Kindergarten – 2:35

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Independent Learning/Professional Day - **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

First Friday Mass - 8:45 am

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

Columbus Day~ **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Flu Clinic for students/faculty/staff (See Nurse's Corner)

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

Picture Day - Lifetouch (Full Dress Uniform Required)



*Kindness* - Be kind be kind to one another, compassionate,  
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

*Ephesians 4:32*

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

