



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 28 at 10:00AM

followed by our

OPEN HOUSE/INVENTION CONVENTION EXHIBIT/SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Open House



*If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School,
please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.*

*Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words. If you do so,
we have a referral program. Forms are included in your registration packet.*

January 11, 2024

Dear Parents,

The Christmas season that begins on Christmas day concluded this past Sunday with the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. In the Church's liturgical year, we are now in Ordinary Time. The first half of Ordinary Time will take us up to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. However, while the season of Christmas has now passed, we should hold tight to the rebirth of Jesus that the season brought out in each of us. And, as we continue to maneuver the challenges of each day, let us move forward with Hope in the Lord who brings us comfort. Last week, I mentioned that "Hope" is our virtue this month.

***Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort,
who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort
we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3***

Re-Registration:

This week in your child's Thursday Packet, we included the re-registration packet for next school year. Please make a note of your scheduled appointment time. As a reminder, St. Rocco School has a Referral Program that offers a great incentive to current St. Rocco School families. This program is outlined in detail in the re-registration packet.

Some Good News:

This past week we received a check for \$4,500 from the Feinstein Foundation for being an active participant in the Feinstein Jr. Scholar Pantry and Feinstein Jr. Scholar Kindness Tree Programs. Our school community theme the past two years has been Kindness. Each day at St. Rocco's we try to practice kindness in all we do. In addition, our food pantry is an "always pantry". Donations can be made at any time and will be used to assist those less fortunate than ourselves. We are so grateful to Mr. Feinstein for his continued support of our school and our efforts to grow in kindness and in helping our community.

Finally, as we look to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. with a national holiday this Monday, let us pray together for unity in our families, communities, country and world. Last week's school shooting at Perry High School in Iowa reminds us that violence is prevalent in our society. As Christians, however, we can make a difference by living as Jesus taught us to live.

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Have a peaceful week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand



CREATIVE DANCE AND DRAMA CLASSES FOR CHILDREN PROVIDENCE COLLEGE Spring 2024

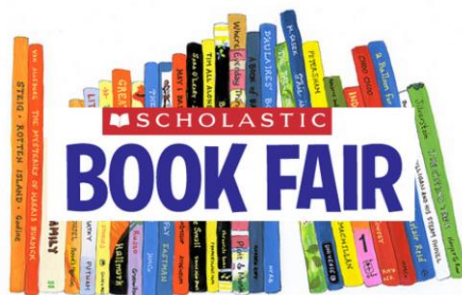
St. Rocco's School is proud to be partnered with Providence College as a Friar Serve School. Along with many other benefits of this program, they offer Dance and Drama programs to our school. Please see the attached flyer along with the registration form. See below regarding the 2 scholarships offered to our students. The scholarship is on a first come, first serve basis. Please call the office for the Scholarship if you are interested. The deadline to register for the Dance and Drama Program is next Wednesday, January 17th.

The Friar Serve program is happy to offer once again each school (2) scholarships to either the dance or drama program held on the PC Campus. The completed registration forms should be returned to me to process the scholarship by Wednesday, January 17.

The Scholastic Book Fair during CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

Kickoff: Sunday, January 28th, at our Open House – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

See the attached flyer with more information about volunteering for our book fair during Catholic Schools Week.



St. Rocco School's Mission Announcements

*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.*

Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 28th at our Open House. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at www.stroccoschool.org.
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** Re-registration will take place the week of January 17th-26th. **Appointments will be scheduled and sent home with your child today.** Tuition must to be current to re-register.
- Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.
- The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2017 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2023 income tax return, you may use your 2022 income tax return and your 2022 & 2023 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.
- We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://.onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

Parishioner Status ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.

Reminders and Announcements



Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning February 5th unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 26th. Passes cannot be purchased after this date- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders: St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school. Also, no glass containers are allowed. There are quite a number of students bringing in food that needs to be heated; it can be very difficult to accommodate them all at times. Please be considerate of this procedure.

All students have access to water all day; however, they need to bring in their own water bottle.



Payment Policy Reminder: Lunch is to be **paid on the day it is ordered**, however, you may prepay for the week. We do understand that unexpected situations occur, but it would be greatly appreciated if the lunch payment is paid the next school day.



Have you moved or has your information changed? Please be sure to contact the office if you have moved, changed your phone #, email address, or any other significant information that we may need for your child's records.

Classroom News

Physical Education/Middle School Health – Nicole Beaumier



Physical Education

Physical Education has been off to a great start. The students have really been putting forth their best efforts and working hard to perfect their skills.

Pre K - Kindergarten students have been working on locomotor skills. Each class begins with a warm-up tag game which incorporates skipping, galloping, and sliding as their movements. We have also been working on jumping and landing, hopping, and balancing. The students have been working with hula hoops and learning the many ways to use them, such as jumping in and out, twisting and catching, rolling, and catching, and of course, learning how to hula hoop. One of the activities we have really enjoyed is working on striking a balloon at a high, medium, and low level, and also striking a balloon with a paddle. Finally, the students have been introduced to bouncing and catching using two hands and a larger bouncy ball. Some of them can even dribble.



Grades 1 and 2 also start with a warm-up tag game at the beginning of each class where they perform locomotor skills. After tag, we have a stretching routine and then the students perform 10 push-ups and 10 sit ups. The students work very hard to be able to perform these skills correctly. Our focus in grades 1 and 2 has been rolling to a target, bouncing, and catching, tossing underhand and throwing overhand to a target, dribbling and shooting a basketball. Jump rope, hula hoop and locomotor skills are also focused on at these grade levels, along with fine and gross motor skills.

Grades 3 - 5 have finished kickball, soccer, and basketball units, along with games focusing on throwing and catching, throwing to a target, and blocking and dodging. These classes begin with a 2-minute jog for a warmup followed by a stretching routine which consists of both static and dynamic stretching. After our stretch, the students perform 10 push-ups and 10 sit ups. Each trimester the number of sit ups and push-ups increases by 5. We will be participating in fitness in February. During the whole month of February, the students will work on various fitness challenges and set some fitness goals. The students are really putting forth their best efforts and are learning the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship. We are having a lot of fun and I am looking forward to seeing all the progress the students will make throughout the year!



Middle School Health



Middle school Health class meets once a week. We started the year off learning about the Wellness Triangle and the three components of health. These three components (physical, mental, social) help us to understand that we need a balance in all of these areas in order to live a healthy life. The students have also learned about hygiene and pathogens, and ways that we can help to stop the spread of germs. The students were taught the decision-making model and strategies to use before making a big decision, and how to set SMART goals. Our next topic will be nutrition. The students will learn about the importance of nutrients and the 6 essential nutrients, how to balance a meal according to My Plate, and we will discuss the difference between processed and whole foods. Each unit will end with a test or a project. The students have been very focused and have been working hard and it is a pleasure to be able to work with all of them.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Happy New Year to everyone.

We have a busy 2024 coming up! Save the date in 2024 for:



- **Snowball Event** – January 29 – in school
- **Book Fair** – January 29 to February 2 – in school
- **Father/Daughter Dance** – February 2 – Valley Country Club. Registration information is in this Thursday's packet. Please contact Alison Anderson, alisonalta@yahoo.com, to volunteer.

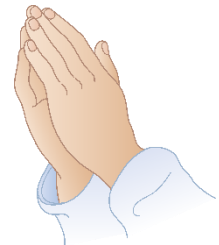
Looking for donations!

- **Christmas Decorations:** Do you have any recyclables from the Holidays you don't know what to do with? We are looking for any decorations you might want to donate so we can use them for future SRS events! Thank you in advance.
- **Mother Daughter Brunch Raffle Items:** We are looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother Daughter Brunch. You can drop them off or contact the office.

More details will be coming as will the ways to register. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for any of these events, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com







Welcome Back Sister Daisy!

Sister Daisy is back to teaching her 2nd grade students, on a part-time basis. Please continue to pray for Sister Daisy as she is on her way to a full recovery!



After School program

St. Rocco School offers an Afterschool Program. We continually expand the variety of programs offered for the students to reflect their interests and talents. The Winter Session Forms for the Afterschool Programs are included in your child's Thursday Packet as well as posted on the school website. **A completed form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.** Please adhere to the deadlines.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Postponed until Further Notice</p> <p>Thank you for your Prayers for Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>CHESS CLUB</p> <p>Grades 4-8 2:35pm-3:30pm</p>  <p>Strings/Violin Lessons Begins in February</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm Grades 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>My First Hot Cocoa Stand</p> <p>Grades K-2 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>My First Craft Fair</p> <p>Grades 3-5 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p>  <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p>	<p>Italian Club</p> <p>Grades 1-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p> 

ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Junior Boys

M. S. Boys Grammar

M. S. Girls Grammar

Cheerleading

Monday 4:00-5:30

Wednesday 2:30-4:30

Monday 2:30-4:00

Tuesday 2:30-3:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30

Friday 4:00-5:45

Friday 2:30-4:00

Thursday 2:30-3:30





Upcoming Activity Calendar

Jan. 17th -Jan. 31st

Schoolwide Baby Shower Collection of Items

Monday, January 15, 2024

No School ~ Martin Luther King Day

Friday, January 19, 2024

Dress Down Day \$1.00

Wear Pink or Blue for Right To Life



Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Schoolwide Spelling Bee (Grades 4-8)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Independent Learning Day - NO School

Friday, January 26, 2024

Invention Convention (Grade 7)

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Family Mass 10:00AM

Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House, 11AM-1PM

Friday, February 2, 2024

Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, February 9, 2024

PK3-K Valentine Celebration



Feb. 19-Feb. 23

Winter Vacation



January Virtue of the Month ~ Hope

*“As for me. I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more.”
Psalms 71:14*



Please follow us on Instagram @ [saintroccaschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintroccaschool) for updates and photos!

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~