



**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

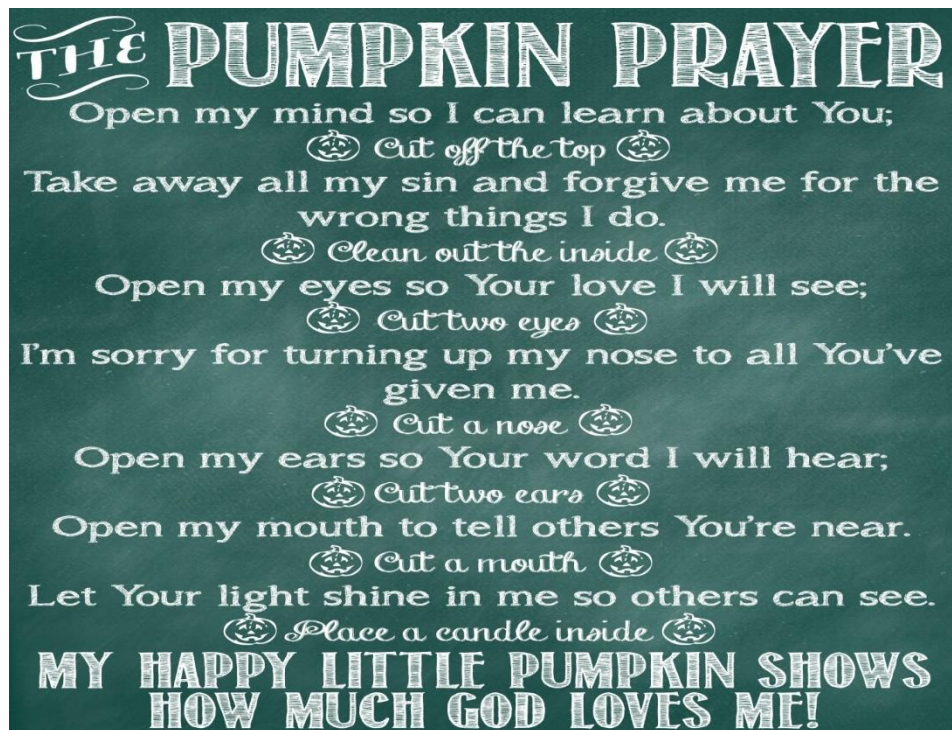
that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the world.

Dear Parents,

Our mission is deeply rooted in Catholic values, and we try to instill a sense of compassion, respect, and responsibility in our students. As we work together to foster these values, I would like to share some key expectations that will guide us throughout this year.

- We believe that every child has the potential to succeed. Our dedicated teachers are committed to providing a rigorous and engaging curriculum that challenges students to reach their highest potential.
- We encourage you to support your child's learning at home by establishing a routine for homework and reading, and by engaging in conversations about their school day.
- We believe that school is a partnership between home and school. We encourage you to get involved in our school community through volunteer opportunities, attending events, and participating in parent-teacher conferences. Your involvement not only enriches our school but also sets a positive example for your children.

Have a safe Halloween.
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. **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.



Nutella is made from NUTS and is not allowed in our school. Please do not send your child in with this snack because we are peanut/tree nut free! Thank you!

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.**

Label your child's coats/backpacks/lunch bags, etc. – We already have an abundance of jackets/sweaters/sweatshirts that are on the stage, unclaimed. Please put your child's name in their clothes, backpacks, lunch boxes, etc.

Dress Down For Breast Cancer – Thank you to all those who donated to our dress down. We raised \$200., for the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Foundation!

Wreath Sale - 12" Balsam Fir Decorated Wreaths

(20" outside diameter)

Cost: \$15.00 Each

All Order Forms Must Be In By November 15th - please see the attachment provided

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



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 us live out our mission

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

*Alison Anderson - President
Selina Scarcella - Treasurer*

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

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events

Dine Out Fundraiser - Save the Date - 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 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 will receive 4 flyers please cut and pass these out to friends and family.

Save The Date - Our Next Parent Association Meeting will be **Monday, November 4th** at 6:30 in Cafe Rocco. Please come to discuss upcoming events and discuss new Fundraising and Event ideas!

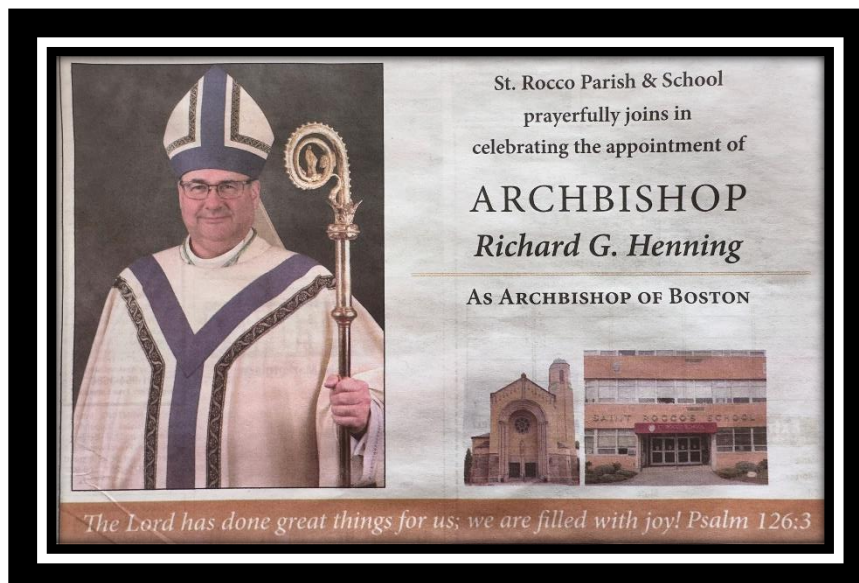
Raffle Calendar Drawing – Starting November 1st! Good luck to everyone who purchased calendars.

Christmas Family Dance – Saturday, December 7th – Alpine Country Club – More info to follow.

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.

St. Rocco School is Praying for Archbishop Richard G. Henning in his appointment of Archbishop of Boston



GRANDPARENT'S DAY

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

The background of the flyer features a large, light grey, cloud-like shape in the center. To the right, there are brown leaves and a branch with small orange dots. At the bottom, there are two large, stylized faces of an elderly man and woman, both wearing glasses. The man has a mustache and the woman has her hair in a bun. There are also some brown leaves and orange dots scattered around the bottom left and right.

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

Classroom News

Mrs. Marcozzi's Marvelous 3rd Graders

The children have adjusted nicely to third grade. They are settled in their new routine and love being in "the penthouse."

There is always something new and exciting happening at St Rocco School and the children keep me on my toes with their inquisitive questions!!



In Reading to date, we have worked on different types of story genres such as informational text, folktales, myths, traditional tales, and realistic fiction. Their favorite story so far has been Cocoliso, a realistic fiction story. This story is about a young boy having big dreams of becoming a pilot. One day he finds a white crocodile on the side of the road and his dreams start to change, a little... They are working hard on completing their personal narratives. The children

brainstormed possible topics to write about and its purpose, they composed a setting, and developed a dialogue. When they are finished, they will work on their public speaking skills and present their personal narratives to their classmates.



In Math, we learned to add 3- and 4-digit numbers and money, with and without regrouping, and regrouping multiple times. The third graders learned associative and commutative properties and within that how to use mental math to get to the nearest ten and the nearest hundred.



In Social Studies our focus was on our communities, where they learned that citizens are part of a community and that there are rules and laws that need to be followed in order to keep everyone safe. They learned that communities are unique and have different geographies, histories, and jobs.

They worked on "building" their own community. We incorporated our math lessons into this project where we used associative and commutative properties to create models of ten and one hundred frames.

Check out their amazing creativity! They worked on teamwork, collaborating, being courteous listeners, and allowing each member of the group to have a voice in the design! Everyone worked wonderfully together. Everyone took their time. Everyone compromised and everyone had fun!! On Fridays, we have "fun Friday" at the end of the day, where the children have a seasonal arts and crafts activity as well as educational centers. We are so blessed to have Mrs. Lorraine donating items to our seasonal crafts, we are very thankful for her! We have so many more fun things planned in the coming weeks. The children are so excited to see what is happening!





Save the Date

Friday, November 1st

All Saints Day Mass – 9:00 am

Tuesday, November 5th

No Johnston Bussing

Wednesday, November 6th

Veterans Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am

Friday, November 8th

Independent Learning Day – No School

Monday, November 11th

Veterans Day – No School

Tuesday, November 26th

Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am

2nd Gr. Thanksgiving Play 1:30 pm

Wednesday, November 27th

Independent Learning Day – ½ day – No School

Thursday, November 28th

Thanksgiving Day – No School

Friday, November 29th

Day after Thanksgiving – No School

Tuesday, December 3rd

Picture Retake Day

Friday, December 6th

First Friday Mass



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~