

**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**THURSDAY
PACKET**

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We have had an amazing week this past week at school. Our primary grade teachers were thrilled to meet with parents of their students and get to know their children and families better.

Chief McCormick came this week to teach our children about fire safety. Our scholars did an amazing job listening and learning. Chief McCormick was very impressed with all of the great questions that were asked. I am very proud of all of our children.

Thank you to all of our parents who have signed up to work our Snack Shop and volunteer at events. We value and appreciate you and your children love it!

Faith creates a supportive environment where individuals can connect, grow, and thrive together, fostering a strong sense of community. That is what we have at St. Rocco School and it is because of our dedicated families. Our children shine and succeed because of your support. Thank you for all that you do!

Mrs. Melissa D'Amico Principal



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.

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.

Classroom News

Grade 1 – Miss Messier

Hello from 1st grade!

We have been so busy these first 2 months of school. We are settled into our new routine and are loving being big 1st graders! Each day we become more and more independent with our writing! We have been working hard on sounding out words and remembering all our rules when writing a sentence.



In Reading, we are working on reading and spelling short vowel words. This week, we are working with the short "o" sound. Each week we read 2 stories in our reading textbooks. We love being able to read stories all on our own! Even though we love being able to read on our own now, one of our favorite parts of the day is when Miss Messier reads us a story using Novel Effect. As Miss Messier reads, the story comes to life with music and sound! Some of our favorite fall stories have been Creepy Carrots, Room on the Broom, and The Good, The Bad, and The Spooky. Another thing we love to do during our reading block is literacy centers. We use magnifying glasses to find hidden word wall words and play

different phonics games with our friends!

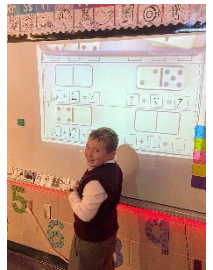
In Math, we finished our first chapter on counting, ordering and comparing numbers, and problem solving. Now we are starting to add numbers using a ten frame and number line.



In Religion, we are getting ready to celebrate All Saints Day! We each have to research a saint and will be dressed as that saint on the day of Mass. It will be our very first time running a school Mass. We are so excited!

In Social studies, we have been learning all about neighborhoods and what it means to be a good citizen. We even created our own neighborhood

maps!



We learned all about pumpkins during science this week. We read a Scholastic News article about pumpkin boat racing!

The 1st grade has been so much fun so far, and we can't wait to see what else we learn this school year!



Cross Country – Jerseys are due back this week. Please wash and put in a bag labeled with your child's name.

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



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:



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
Thursday, October 24 th	No Johnston Bussing
Wednesday, October 30 th	Parent Association Halloween in-school event
Friday, November 1 st	All Saints Day Mass – 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 5 th	No Johnston Bussing
Wednesday, November 6 th	Veterans Day Prayer Service – 9:00 am
Friday, November 8 th	Independent Learning Day – No School
Monday, November 11 th	Veterans Day – No School
Tuesday, November 26 th	Enthronement Mass – 9:00 am
Wednesday, November 27 th	Independent Learning Day – ½ day – No School
Thursday, November 28 th	Thanksgiving Day – No School
Friday, November 29 th	Day after Thanksgiving – No School

*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~