



**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,

As we enter the 4th week of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the journey we are embarking on together and to share our collective goals for the coming weeks.

First and foremost, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in nurturing the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of our students. It is a blessing to be a part of a community that values education rooted in faith and moral integrity.

This week our students have been engaging in discussions about our school's mission and the importance of living out our Catholic values in their daily lives. We have emphasized the importance of kindness, compassion, and service to others as essential elements of faith. I encourage you to continue these conversations at home, as they reinforce the lessons learned in the classroom and help our children understand the significance of their actions in the world around them.

We are always in need of parent volunteers for various activities and events. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the school office for more information. Your partnership with our school is invaluable and our children benefit from your commitment.

Please make sure you are connected to our school Class Dojo. Meaningful information is conveyed here both schoolwide and through classroom teachers. Also, please follow us in Instagram (saintroccoschool) and Facebook. We love to brag about our kids.

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.**



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

School Number: 401-944-2993 ext. 104; 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



Congratulations to our new St. Rocco's National Junior Honor Society Officers!

President- Rosella Ritacco

Vice President- Savannah Horton

Secretary- Mikaela Mercier

Treasurer- Emily Ramos



Classroom News

PK4B – Mrs. Alycia Abjornson

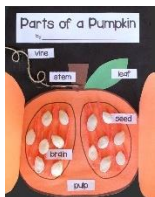


Our Pre-K 4 B class has been very active! We started the school year at St. Rocco School by emphasizing the presence of Jesus in our hearts. During the initial weeks, the children were thrilled to visit St. Rocco church and learn about its significant aspects. We focused on praying for special intentions in church and are currently learning our class prayers.



Our curriculum features a mix of small and whole group learning activities. Throughout September, we explored thematic units such as All About Me, Apples, 5 Senses, and Autumn. Our centers are aligned with our themes and weekly lessons, promoting collaborative play and independent learning.

In our literacy activities, we have been honing our ability to write our names in both uppercase and lowercase letters. We've also been concentrating on a specific letter each week, and we've just completed our focus on the letter E! During our circle time lessons, we have been utilizing the Heggerty Phonemic awareness curriculum to practice identifying rhyming words, recognizing alliteration, segmenting sentences, and counting syllables.



In science, we've been exploring scientific methods by studying apple oxidation and chemical reactions. In October, we're excited to learn about the life cycle and parts of a pumpkin.

Our math lessons include counting from a given number, number recognition, and number writing practice. We have been enjoying using unifix cubes for our math activities.



In our Pre-K discussions, kindness takes center stage. We emphasize the importance of kind words and actions, and we strive to be helpful friends, fostering a sense of "Pre-K family" in our classroom.

We're eagerly anticipating an exciting Fall in Pre-K 4 B!

~
Alycia D. Abjornson



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Alison Anderson - President
Selaina Scarcella - Secretary

Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez - Treasurer

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 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 the office office@stroccoschool.org or Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org

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 fun Halloween games and prizes for Pre-K-Elementary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office office@stroccoschool.org



Calendar Sales Begin October 1st- Support SRS Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who sent in their \$10 to participate in the SRS Calendar Raffle! To all those that sent in your \$10. Your first batch of 10 Calendars +1 for your family will be sent home in next Thursday's Packet 10/3. Included will be any pre-purchased Calendars. If you have not sent in your \$10 you still have time!

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!

FAQ's

- \$10 per Calendar (*Calendars will be sent on 10/3 and can be picked up in the office as students sell out, anytime the month of October till the 25th*)
- Each calendar purchased is 1 ticket (*Slips must be turned in for raffle. Buyer keeps Calendar*)
- Each \$10 Calendar purchased is entered to win daily prizes throughout the month of November
- 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 children! Please free to reach out to the office@stroccoschool.org , Danielle dcazzarro@gmail.com, Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org 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 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!

Boo Bags on Sale – See the flyer below



BOO
Bags

A treat not a trick!

A bag filled with
Halloween treats.
(non edible)

\$3.00 a bag
Label in seperate
envelope "Boo Bags"

Boo Bags
will be distributed on
October 9, 16,23

Partial Proceeds to support Drama
Department

Happy Birthday Mrs. Montecalvo -
A special visitor brought flowers



Happy Birthday Mrs. D'Amico



Save the Date:

Friday, September 27th

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

Friday, October 4th

First Friday Mass - 8:45 am

Monday, October 14th

Columbus Day~ **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday, October 16th

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

Thursday, October 17th

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~