



**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 prepares students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the **world**.*

Dear Parents,

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. Saturday, October 7th, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. This month we will be praying a Hail Mary each morning with our morning prayers. October is the perfect time to commit to praying the rosary as a family.



“Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.”

In the school foyer, we have a special Prayer Book, a place where faculty, staff and students can write personal prayer intentions. If you or someone you know has a special intention you would like us to pray for, please let us know and we will add it to our Prayer Book.

Happenings in School...

Our Eighth-Grade class has had several high school visits over the past few weeks. Representatives from St. Ray's, Hendricken, Bayview and Mt. St. Charles have spent time with our students sharing information on their school and what it is like to be a high school student. This year's High School Placement Test is scheduled for December 2nd with a make-up date of December 9th. Miss Tripp and Miss Northridge have begun practicing with and preparing the 8th Grade class for the Placement Test. We are blessed to have Mrs. Colazzi, our former Math teacher, once again assisting in the preparation of our students as well.

Our Afterschool Programs began with many opportunities for our students to enjoy different interests and activities here at school. There is still room in a few of our clubs. If your child is interested, please call the office. The final date for sign up for Strings Lessons is October 10th.

Colorathon...

Tuesday is the final day to register and get sponsors for this year's Coloration event scheduled for October 29th. If you are still interested in being a part of the fun, please be sure to register. If you know of anyone or business who would like to sponsor this event, please call the office. Tomorrow is the next raffle day for students. Any student with at least five donations is eligible for the raffle. The classes are also competing for a pizza party for the class that raises the most money and ice cream parties for the 2nd and 3rd place classes. To date, Kindergarten is in first place, Second Grade is in second place and PreK-3 is in 3rd place.

Cross Country...

Our Cross Country junior team had their final meet at Roger Williams Park yesterday. Congratulations to: Natalie Heywood, Aubrey Sgambato, Julia Moretti, Selena Hines, Oliver Heywood and Lowell Grady. Next Wednesday our Middle School team will compete in the State Meet at Slater Park.

Important Reminders...

We are halfway through the first trimester. Please continue to monitor your child's progress on their Plus Portal account. The Portal is also used by teachers to share information and is a good place to stay up to date. If you need assistance in accessing your child's account, please call the office.

Please call the office if your child is going to be out. The procedure for absences is outlined in the Student Handbook. The office should always receive the first call.

Students can only be released to adults who are listed in their paperwork. Please send a note into the office if there is a change in who will be picking up your child. Additional adults can be added to your records by calling the office. The staff will ask to see a driver's license when they do not know the person picking up.

While the number of tardy students each day has been low, the goal is for all students to be in the building by 8:10 and in their classroom ready for prayers and announcement by 8:15. Over the next week, I will be contacting those families who have a student who has been late several times this year.

Arrival and Dismissal...

Please do not block the Atwood Avenue entrance to the church driveway, the bus drop off area or any driveway that belongs to our neighbors. No cars should be parked in front of the school at dismissal while the driver gets out to pick up a child. Parking is available in the Convent parking lot, the Faculty and Staff parking lot and the Church parking lot at the back of the school. In addition, cars should move cautiously in all parking lots and no U-turns are permitted in the front of the school. Please drive as if every child in our school is your child.

Have a blessed week and enjoy the long weekend.

Respectfully,

Gina Hand/Principal

Just a few 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 whether you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions.

*****ST. ROCCO'S FLU VACCINE CLINIC*****

The St. Rocco School Flu Vaccine Clinic is taking place on **Wednesday, October 18th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. The Flu Vaccine Clinic is for all faculty, staff, and students. Information on how to register is attached. The flu mist will be available. If you prefer your child to receive the flu mist, please email Nurse Cheryl.

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.



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 ~ **Lunch is \$3.50.** Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. **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!



Lifetouch Picture Day – Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 19th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. Packets are in your Thursday Packet envelopes today! **All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures.**

Sports News...



Basketball packets were available at Back-to-School night and requested forms were sent home. Any student interested must send all the required paperwork and fees to the School Office as soon as possible. We are looking to have 4 teams (2 boys and 2 girls) this year. To do this, we will need enough players and coaches. Please call the office or send an email if you are interested in coaching.

The teams will be: Girls 4th and 5th and Girls 6th - 8th.
Boys 4th-6th and Boys 7th and 8th.

To ensure enough players for both teams and not too many on one team, the boys 6th Grade will be split.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The new Officers of the St. Rocco School Honor Society are:

President – Adrianna Insana
Vice-President – Samaira Dhamija
Secretary – Joey Broccoli
Treasurer – Aiden Cox

Color-A-Thon Update



The St. Rocco School Parent Association has some exciting news. We are having our Second Color A Thon event on Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 1:00 pm. This will be our major fundraising event for 2023-2024 school year for the Parent Association. Thank you to all the students who registered for our 2nd

Annual Color A Thon. We have 100 students registered and we are off to a great start with 62% of our goal raised. We are hoping for 100% percent participation. Just a friendly reminder that the top three students who raise the most funds will be awarded at the Color A Thon event. They will be dousing color at Ms. Hand and Mrs. Montecalvo. Also the class which raises the most funds will have a pizza party. The classes which place 2nd and 3rd will have an ice cream party. We have weekly raffles for every five donations collected or received.

Classroom News



Pre-K4A News - Mrs. Brenda Tavares

The Pre- K 4 students have had a great start to a new school year. I am happy to have Miss Kathy and Sister Sheeba as my assistants. I am looking forward to collaborating closely with them this year.

The Pre-School students have successfully transitioned into our new daily routine. They are managing to take off and put on their coats by themselves, unpack their backpacks and put all their possessions away. The children are working at the learning centers where they are learning to take turns, build strong structures, and write words.



The children have already begun their Alphabet program. This year we are making characters out of the letters, for letter "Aa" the class made an alien and an apple, then they practiced writing the letters all by themselves! We had RED day where they wrote the word "RED," then the students finger painted apples red and made a red handprint.



In October, the children will make a class book based on "Go Away Big Green Monster," where they will write the color word that matches their monster's face color. We are also beginning our Religion program this week; the students are learning that God created everything and that everything that God created is good. They are also learning that Jesus loves all of us all the time. They are beginning to learn how to make the

Sign of the Cross, and to say prayer before we eat snack and lunch. We are saying the morning offering during the morning announcements and the Act of Contrition at the end of the day.

In the name of
the Father

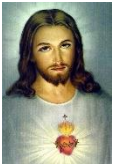


I am looking forward to a wonderful year filled with fun and learning with all my new friends and their families.
Mrs. Tavares





PK4B – Mrs. Alycia Abjornson



We have been very busy in Pre-K 4 B! Our class started these first few weeks at St. Rocco School knowing that they are loved and cared for, and that Jesus is always in their hearts. During the first two weeks of school, friends were excited to visit St. Rocco church and learn about some important parts of the church. We worked on praying in church and are actively working on learning our class prayers.

Our curriculum includes small and whole group learning activities. Our weekly thematic units for September were All About Me, Apples, 5 Senses, and Autumn. Our centers are based on our themes & weekly lessons and encourage our children to be cooperative playmates and independent students.



In literacy, we have been working on writing the letters of our names using both uppercase and lowercase letters. We have been working on our “Letter of the week” each week. We are up to the letter E! Along with Pre-K 4 A, we have been using the Heggerty Phonemic awareness curriculum during circle time. Pre-K has been learning rhyming words, alliteration, segmenting sentences, and syllables.

In science, we are exploring the steps of the scientific method by learning about apple oxidation and chemical reactions. In October, we will learn about the life cycle and parts of a pumpkin.



Our math lessons include counting on a given number, number recognition, and number writing practice. We love using unifix cubes for our math activities!

Our most important conversations in Pre-K prioritize kindness in our classroom. We call ourselves a “Pre-K family” and often discuss what kind words and actions are and how we can be helpful friends.

We are looking forward to a FUN fall in Pre-K 4B!





ST. ROCCO PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

“Where our Children always come first!”
Parents, Pops and Playground Event





The Parent Association has planned an event for the younger students. The Parents, Pops and Playground activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Grades 1 & 2	Friday, October 6 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades PK3 & PK4	Friday, October 13 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades K	Friday, October 20 th	2:30-3:30pm
Grades 1 & 2	Friday, November 3 rd	2:30-3:30pm

**Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult*

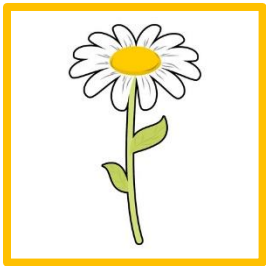
After School Clubs

St. Rocco School is always so proud of the quality teaching and educational experiences that are provided for our students. We are so excited this year to offer new programs. Please take the time to go over the flyers/registration forms that are included in your child’s Thursday Packet. The deadline for returns is Monday, October 2nd.

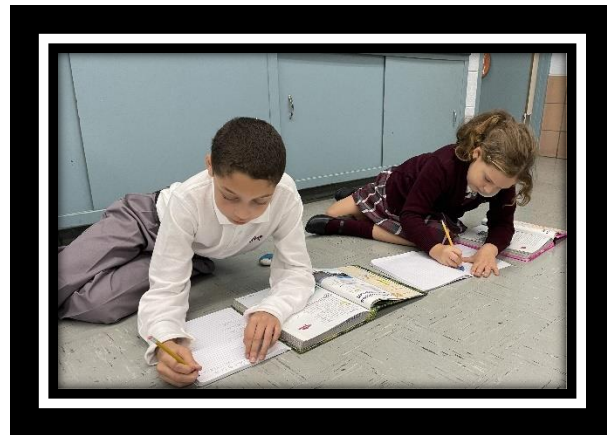
<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Grades K-8 2:35pm-3:15pm</p> <p>Classes held on Monday</p> <p>Instructor: Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>Strings/Violin Lessons</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Tuesday.</p> <p>Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Classes held on Wednesdays.</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Thursday</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Culture Club</p> <p>Grades 5-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Classes held on Friday</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p>
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Last Week's Happenings at St. Rocco School

2nd Grade with Sr. Daisy



3rd Grade working together





Friday, October 6 th	First Friday Mass – 8:45 am – all are welcome
Sunday, October 15 th	PA Trunk or Treat Event 3:00-5:00pm
Wednesday, October 18 th	Flu Clinic
Thursday, October 19 th	School Picture Day
Friday, October 20 th	St. Anthony Gianelli Feast Day Mass 8:45 am
Friday, October 27 th	Independent Learning/Professional Day
Sunday, October 29 th	Colorathon



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~

