



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY
PACKET
Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Happy Easter! With the resurrection of our Lord, we enter the joyful season of Easter that lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. This is truly a time for rejoicing in the Church. We can't help but exclaim, "Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!" "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay." 1 Peter 1:3 This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast that was begun by St. Pope John Paul II remembering the writings of St. Faustina of Poland. One Mass and a visit to the confessional, these two simple things are all that is required for God to "pour out a whole ocean of grace upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy". These were the words recorded by St. Faustina as spoken to her by Jesus regarding devotion to His divine mercy when he appeared to her with His sacred heart prominent and beaming rays of life and love. Avoiding rash judgement, extending forgiveness, and praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy are three ways that we can grow mercy within ourselves and with others.

O, Divine Mercy, guide us and pray for us. Amen

In School News...

The excitement for our Spring Production, "A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco", is growing by the day. Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio have been working hard with the students in grades 1-8 to prepare them for this special night. The students (and their directors!) enthusiasm is contagious. We are all in for a real treat on April 27th!

Our Middle School traveled to the Auschwitz Exhibit in Boston today. Each class has studied the Holocaust in Literature with Miss Tripp. Today they were able to see up close this tragic time in history. We are so proud of our students for their respectful behavior throughout the exhibit.

Tomorrow evening is the Mother/Son Dance. Thank you to Ms. Casissi and Mrs. Fava for chairing this event and to the other parents who have been planning to make this event happen.

Next week is "Week of the Young Child" for our Early Childhood classes and First Grade. The teachers have planned a week of fun activities for the students to celebrate this special week. Please see the schedule being sent home in today's Thursday Packet.

Wishing everyone a blessed week in this season of Easter!

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

Please remember to take a few minutes to complete the Family Survey that is part of our NEASC Self Study. It will only take a few minutes to complete. Your input is important to us. The link is: <https://surveys.neasc.org/s3/S25-NEASC-CIS-Family-Survey?id=28>. It would be great to get 100% participation from our families. **The deadline for the survey is April 12th.**



St. Rocco School is committed to supporting the health and wellness of our whole school community. Our Wellness Committee has been engaging K-8th grade students and staff on “Wellness Wednesdays”.

For the past few weeks, a student led interactive Q and A wellness session has occurred during both lunches. Students have been engaged active participants and have shown a lot of excitement during the sessions. They have learned a lot while having fun. We would like to thank our Wellness Committee members Mrs. Gorgievski (parent) and Mia Gorgievski (student) for their generous donation of prizes.

In keeping with our St. Rocco School mission; “Wellness Wednesdays” supports “*the development and growth of the whole person.*” Continue the conversation at home by asking your child, “What is Wellness Wednesdays?”



SPRING PRODUCTION

A Night with the Stars of St. Rocco



We are so excited for our Spring Production on April 27th at **Johnston High School**. All parents **MUST** have a ticket to attend the show. All students **Must** have 1 adult present at the show. This is going to be a wonderful night for our students, families, and faculty!!!

ATHLETIC Practice Schedule

Soccer
Volleyball

Tuesday 2:30–4:00
Monday 3-4:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30
Friday 3:00-4:30

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!



Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:

Mother/Son Dance (K-8)–Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm–Valley Country Club

Thank you to all those who registered!!!! It will be exciting to have this event once again for our community. We are looking forward to a great night!

TYPO on flyer the Mother/Daughter event is for all students in grades PK3-8

Mother/Daughter Brunch – Sunday, May 5 from 10am – 1pm – Cranston Country Club: If you would like to volunteer, please contact Danielle Cazzarro, dcazzarro@gmail.com or Shay Jenkins-Hernandez, shayanna38@gmail.com

Looking for donations!

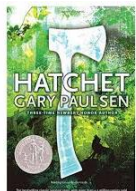
Mother/Daughter Brunch Raffle Items: We are still looking for anything you would like to donate to be raffled. You can drop off any donations at school, contact the office, or reach out to Danielle or Shay.

If you would like to volunteer for any of these events or help in any way, please reach out to the office, office@stroccoschool.org, the person listed above or Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com

Of note: The Family Field Day has been moved to the beginning of the 2024-25 school season. Stay tuned for details and dates.

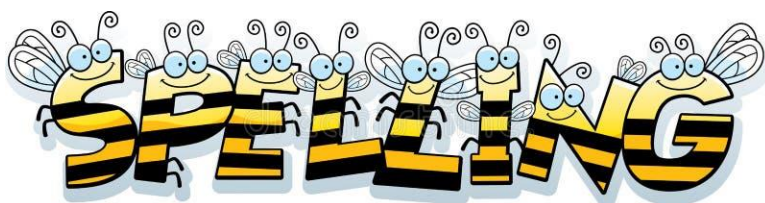
Classroom News 1.0

Grade 5 – ELA/Lit – Mrs. Lisa Scotti



In Fifth Grade English, we are quickly moving toward becoming Sixth Graders! In Literature, we have finished an excerpt from *Hatchet* in our reading book and we are dissecting it to recognize plot, theme, and other story elements. We are using *Hatchet* to practice short essay answers, and we are perfecting long essay writing. We are planning to enter a national essay contest on the topic of

“What America Means to Me”.



In Spelling, the words are getting more difficult, but Fifth Grade is keeping up! We now learn synonyms and antonyms for a test, as well as the spelling and definition. We’re working on the part of speech, and the lessons in our grammar book help with that.

All in all, we will be well prepared when we head to Middle School next year!

Classroom News 2.0

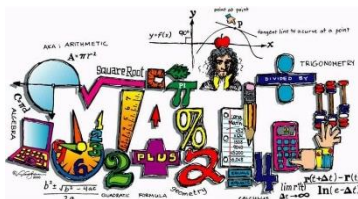
Middle School Math – Mr. Jim Tully

Middle School Math students will have to reign in their spring fever to ensure that they maintain their focus on the topics covered in this final trimester. Here's a look at what they will be doing.



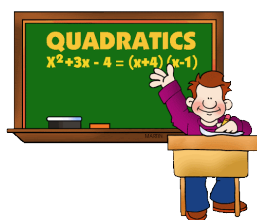
Sixth Grade – students have already delved into the process of converting decimals to fractions and fractions to decimals. Their first assessment also included the study of terminating and repeating-repeating-repeating decimals 😊 The next challenge blends fractional operations with the properties of mathematics that help to prepare students for important concepts that will be introduced as they begin to study the foundations of Algebra. The curriculum then shifts to Geometry for introductory concepts including the study of lines, angles, and two-dimensional shapes. As we move into the second half of the trimester they will study ratios, proportion, and percentages; and finally, a consideration of data and statistics (so they can keep track of their batting averages during the summer).

Seventh Grade – students began the trimester with the study of, and an assessment on, the topics of perimeter, squares and square roots, and irrational numbers. Next on the agenda is the Pythagorean Theorem (it's not as scary as it sounds) and it will come in handy as we change the focus to the area of triangles and parallelograms. We then shift to a study of circles including their components, circumference, and diameter. Before moving on from this topic of two-dimensional geometry we'll look at symmetry and tessellations and finish with a consideration of data analysis and probability. Who says math isn't fun?



Eighth Grade – students are coming down the home stretch to graduation, but they've got a lot of work to do first. Geometry is the priority for this trimester as they wrap up their preparation for ninth grade Math. Students will work with triangles, quadrilaterals, and a range of other polygons. They will also deepen their understanding of angles, perimeters, and areas. The trimester will conclude with Data Analysis, Statistics, Probability and Logic.

New Program - This spring we began supplemental programs for both 7th and 8th graders with myself and former St. Rocco Middle School Math teacher, Mrs. Colozzi. Students meet with Mrs. Colozzi on a bi-weekly basis and explore topics with an increased level of difficulty from the regular curriculum. Grade 7 students started with geometric construction of lines, angles, and triangles. Next, they will revisit problem solving strategies. Grade 8 is completed factoring quadratic polynomials and will continue with linear inequalities and systems of linear inequalities.



Easter Week at St. Rocco's School

Mrs. Ciunci's 4th Grade Class-Living Stations of the Cross



Mrs. Reitz hosted a Seder Meal for her 6th grade class!
Thank you Mrs. Reitz for teaching our children about other cultures and traditions!



The Seder is integral to Jewish faith and identity: as explained in the Haggadah, if not for divine intervention and the Exodus, the Jewish people would still be slaves in Egypt. Therefore, the Seder is an occasion for praise and thanksgiving and for re-dedication to the idea of liberation.



We are looking forward to seeing all our St. Rocco School Families at our 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass on May 4th at 5:00pm!

There will be a reception after mass in Café Rocco. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL

60TH
ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION!

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

MASS 5 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

CAFE ROCCO





UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, April 5, 2024

First Friday Mass -8:45 am

Friday, April 5, 2024

Mother/Son Dance – Valley Country Club

April 15 – April 19

Spring Vacation

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Spring Production (1st-8th) 6:30pm – Johnston HS

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Early Childhood Spring Concert - 9:00 am

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Volunteer Mass/ 1st Thursday Mass - 8:45 am

Saturday, May 4, 2024

60th Anniversary Mass and Reception – 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Mother/Daughter Brunch – Cranston Country Club

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

IL/PD Day - NO SCHOOL

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Ascension Mass – 9:00 am

Friday, May 17, 2024

May Crowning – 9:00 am

Monday, May 27, 2024

Memorial Day – No School

Friday, June 7, 2024

First Friday Mass – 8:45 am



March Virtue of the Month ~ Forgiveness

*“Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”
Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy times”. Matthew 18:21*



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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~

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