



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Advent is a period of preparation, hope, and anticipation as we await the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is a time for us to come together in prayer, reflection, and acts of kindness. During this first week of Advent, we have focused on the hope that Christ brings into our lives and the world around us. As we prepare our hearts for His coming, I encourage each family to engage in activities that foster this spirit of hope through prayer, family discussions about the meaning of Advent, or acts of service to those in need.

At our school, we are incorporating special Advent prayers and reflections into our daily activities. Our students also have the opportunity to participate in service projects and charitable activities, reinforcing the importance of giving and sharing the love of Christ with others. I invite you to join us to make this Advent a meaningful experience for your family. Here are a few suggestions to enhance your Advent observance at home: 1. Advent Wreath: Create your own Advent wreath and light a candle each week, discussing its significance. 2. Daily Prayer: Set aside time each day for family prayer, asking for God's guidance and peace during this season. 3. Acts of Kindness: Encourage your children to perform small acts of kindness to spread hope and joy in our community. 4. Reflection: Consider reading the Gospel readings for each Sunday of Advent together and discussing their meanings.

As we journey through this sacred time, may we be filled with the joy and hope that comes from our faith. I am grateful for your partnership in nurturing our students' spiritual growth, and I look forward to celebrating this Advent season together. Wishing you and your family a blessed Advent filled with peace and joy.

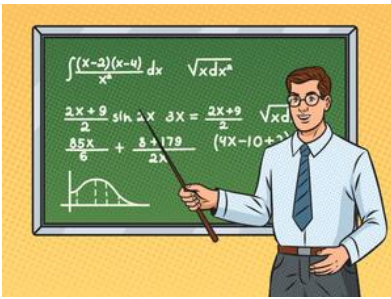
In Christ,

Mrs. D'Amico

Dress Down for Adopt A Family– Thank you to all our families who participated in our Wear Green Dress Down today. We raised \$162. for Adopt-A Family. We truly appreciate your generosity!

The Friends of Jesus Prayer Group with Sister Daisy is being changed to Tuesdays starting January 7th.

*****Financial Aid applications for the 2025-2026 school year are now being accepted through FACTS Management. Please log onto FACTS Management at www.factsmgt.com to begin your application process. Financial Aid is only awarded to students entering Kindergarten to Grade 8 for the 2025-2026 school year.*****



Classroom News

Middle School Math – Mr. Tully

Middle School math students have barely digested their turkey dinner, but it is time for them to devour and digest an entire range of new mathematical concepts!

- **Sixth Grade:** The early part of the first term started with a review of basic concepts learned in the years leading up to sixth grade and then shifted into topics that would prepare them for pre-algebra concepts such as observation of mathematical patterns, the study of exponents, and scientific notation. Product and quotient estimation provided them with a way to develop a mathematical sense of real-world applications without doing all the complicated math. Algebraic concepts became more prevalent in the curriculum as students were introduced to order of operations, translation, evaluation of algebraic expressions, and began their first work with equations. December will present challenges as they explore Number Theory. They will develop skills working with the greatest common factors, least common multiples, and repeating & terminating decimals.



- **Seventh Grade** continues development of the foundation that is begun in sixth grade. Beyond the basic mathematical operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, the curriculum focuses more on the relationship of numbers to each other from a systemic perspective and introduces such concepts as negative integers and absolute value. Comparing and ordering integers prepares students for work with inequalities and the properties they possess. Seventh grade is currently involved in the study of Ratio and Proportion and then will move on to Data Analysis and Statistics.

- **Eighth Grade** began the fall with a deep dive into Rational Numbers and Real Numbers. That was followed by an extensive review of Expressions and Equations. Currently they are studying Polynomials and Factoring. That will be followed by a consideration of Linear Functions and Inequalities. Later in the term they will deepen their work in Geometry with the study of two and three-dimensional figures. We also dedicated time to preparation for the upcoming Catholic High School Entrance Exam.



- **Supplemental Program:** During the past several weeks, the **Grade 7** supplemental program has been exploring problem solving strategies. Computation is done both individually and collaboratively, reinforcing the learning styles of all students. **Grade 8** has spent several weeks reviewing and preparing for the upcoming Catholic High School Entrance Exam. Preparation is not only beneficial for test taking, but review of content and strategies strengthens the math foundation needed to successfully move forward. In addition to test preparation, we have also been studying various problem-solving strategies.

Saint Rocco School Parent Association

News

DECEMBER EDITION

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St. Rocco School
A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Save The Date
Winter Family Dance
Sunday January
19th 4-8pm Alpine CC

We ♥ our
Volunteers

Do small things
with great love
-Mother Teresa

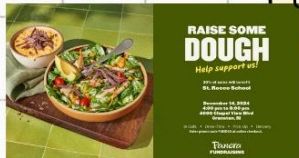


January Volunteer Opportunities

- **Winter Family Dance, Sunday January 19th 4-8pm.** Volunteers for Set Up Decorating Needed.
Contact: aanderson@stroccoschool.org
- **Book Fair January 26th-30th.** In School Event with sales beginning January 26th after 10:00 Mass. Family & Friends and invited to purchase.
- Set up tentatively Friday January 24th After School
- **Snowball Event: Friday January 31st** a in-school event 8:30-11:30. Join us for a in-school snowball game. Set up Thursday January 30th after school.
Contact Selaina : sscarcella@cpsed.net to be added to the volunteer list



Snowball Event
Friday January 31st



Your Support \$ At Work!

A Big Shout out to **Dayna Hudick** for setting up the **Dine Out Program!** We raised over **\$400!** For our 1st Chelo's Dine Out! Mark your Calendar for our next Saturday **December 14th!** Flyer Attached!

The Parent Association is sponsoring the "Heart of Gold Pet Program" for the month of December for Emerald.

Parent Association Calendar Raffle

Student Winners

Congratulations to all our November winners! And congratulations to our 3 Student Raffle Winners!

1. 5th-8th Grade: Urban Air Gift Certificates
2. 1st-4th Grade: Launch Gift Certificates
3. PRE-K3-K Grade: Chuck E. Cheese Power Cards

Thank you all for your support and participation. Final numbers to be announced next week!



Giovanni Capozzoli
pre-K4b



Kayla Santiago
Ortiz 3A



Nicholas Di Mascio
6A

We are collecting donations for our raffle baskets for the Winter Family Dance & the Mother Daughter Brunch. Please feel free to drop off any donations in the office or contact aanderson@stroccoschool.org. Thank you so much for your on-going support! We are so thankful for our volunteers and our community! We look forward to hosting more events that foster connection and creating lasting memories!

Parent Association Officers

+ Alison Anderson - President + Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
+ Selaina Scarcella - Treasurer + Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez - Secretary



We're raising dough!

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL

December 14, 2024
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
4000 Chapel View Blvd, Cranston, RI

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Save the Date

Friday, December 6th

First Friday Mass

Friday, December 13th

Dress Down – Keep the Heat On – Wear Red -\$1.00

Thursday, December 19th

Christmas Concert-PK3-1st grade – 1:30 Café Rocco

2nd-8th grade – 6:00 pm in St. Rocco Church

Friday, December 20th

11:30 Dismissal ~ NO AFTERCARE

Monday, December 23rd

Christmas Break

Monday, January 6th

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 7th

Friends of Jesus Prayer Group – Changed to Tuesdays



Faith ~ *“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”* *Hebrews 11:1*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~