A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL



MAY 30, 2024

THURSDAY PACKET



Weekly Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

In the liturgical year, we are in Ordinary Time. This past Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost and celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This Sunday is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. In Latin this means the "Body of Christ". In the Catholic Church, Corpus Christi is celebrated as a solemnity on the Sunday following the Most Holy Trinity. As Catholics, the rhythm of the liturgical year of the Church can bring comfort as we maneuver the challenges and possibilities that each year brings.

School Happenings...

Today's Student Council and Honor Society Induction Ceremony was truly beautiful. Thank you to all the outgoing members for their service and congratulations to the newly inducted members. There is work to be done! Thank you, also, to all the parents and family members who joined us. Finally, a huge thank you to the advisors of Student Council (Mrs. Montecalvo and Miss Tripp) and the St. Rocco School Honor Society (Mrs. Reitz, Mrs. Ciunci and Mrs. Okolowitcz) for all their time and patience in leading the students.

Our Eighth Grade class has completed their exams and students in grades 1-7 are in the process of taking theirs. Please make sure your child brings home the necessary materials each night to prepare. Attendance and being on time are so important for a child's success in school.

The Eighth Grade has their Field Trip tomorrow to Boston and Grades 2-4 will have their Field Trip on Wednesday to the Biomes Marine Biology Center.

Sports' News...

St. Rocco School participated in many sports offered by the Catholic Athletic League this year. To do this, we needed a lot of parent support. I am so grateful to all of the volunteer coaches that made sports at St. Rocco School possible this year. I am also grateful to the parents and family members who volunteered at our concession stand during basketball and soccer games this season. Athletes, parents, and coaches please join us for our annual Sports Celebration this Monday at 6:00pm in Café Rocco.

Cross Country is the first sport of the year and will begin the first week of school. Practices take place here at school and are generally held twice a week right after dismissal. To enter a team into the league, we need to register students prior to the end of this school year. This team is for grades 4-8. If your child expressed interest in being a member of the team, they were sent home today with a registration packet.

Gratitude...

Thank you to Sr. Daisy for making the "Friends of Jesus Prayer Group" possible again this year for our K-8 students. The group concluded this past Tuesday for the year with a special last day.

Thank you to Mrs. Okolowitcz who once again took on the difficult and time-consuming task of creating a yearbook for our school. She does this each year willingly and works so hard to make sure that all students and activities are highlighted. Yearbooks will be distributed at the end of next week. There are limited copies left.

Thank you to Mrs. Scotti, for all her hard work with the Newspaper Club this year. This very popular, yearlong after-school club for students in grades 6-8 just completed their third year. The members learn all the different facets of putting a paper together. Mrs. Scotti brings her own newspaper experience to the club and has guided the students over the past two years. Rumor has it that the last edition may be professionally printed.

Colorthon Update...

Over the past two years, the funds raised during the Colorthon have funded many student activities, such as field trips and assemblies. They have also been used to purchase new athletic equipment and uniforms and freshen up the playground and field. This year the Colorthon funded new jerseys for the volleyball team, the Mad Science Assembly, the field trip to the Auschwitz Museum and the Mary Poppins Field Trip. The remaining funds will be used to enlarge and improve our playground space. This is planned for the fall.

Finally, we say good-bye to Mrs. Fuller, our Resource and Fifth Grade Teacher. Mrs. Fuller is completing her 3rd year at St. Rocco's where she has served primarily as the Resource Teacher. This year when we needed an experienced Fifth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Fuller agreed to work full time and share her time between Fifth Grade and Resource. We have been blessed to have someone so caring working with all our students. After years in education, we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Wishing everyone a blessed week.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

Few Reminders:



Busing - Beginning on April 1, 2023, the Statewide Transportation System has started open enrollment and new transportation requests for the upcoming **2024~2025** school year. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of the school next year, both current and new riders must register by July 31, 2024.

YEARBOOK ORDERS ~ Yearbook is in publication!!! ~ LIMITED AMOUNT LEFT



Please be sure to order a yearbook that captures the amazing memories of your child's school year! However, you NEED TO PURCHASE through the School Office. Limited yearbooks left.



First come first serve. We will notify you when the yearbooks are here! (REMINDER to GRADE 8 Parents: The school orders their book!)



<u>Financial Responsibilities</u> – All Financial obligations (Tuition, Afterschool Activities, Daycare, lunch) need to be paid by May 31st. Daycare and lunch bills can continue through the rest of the school year but should be up to date by May 31st.

Parents, Pops and Playground Event



Grades 1 & 2

The "Parents, Pops and Playground" activity will take place on Friday afternoons. The dates, times and grade levels are as follows:

Friday, May 31st 2:30~3:30pm

Each child MUST be accompanied by an adult



Classroom News



Physical Education – Mrs. Nicole Beaumier

Where has the time gone? This year seems to have flown by. One of the best things about teaching Physical Education is being able to watch the students' progress throughout the year. I have seen first baskets, first time getting on a base or scoring a

home run, first goals, and even first time catching a ball. Seeing a student so proud when they conquer something is truly heartwarming for me and it is nice to know that I played a part in helping them succeed.

Prek -K have spent the whole year working on locomotor skills with a warmup tag game requiring them to either skip, gallop, or slide for their movement. After tag, we always stretch and work on some strength exercises such as squats, sit ups and push-ups. Then we do an activity which works on both fine motor and gross motor skills while incorporating sport specific skills into some of those activities.

Grades 1 and 2 follow the same routine as pre K - K, but their activities are more advanced. These grades play more organized games with more rules and more advanced skills. We will finish the year playing some of their favorite games which include parachute, scooter city, and Jedi Knight. We also have been working on our jump rope skills. Many of the students have made lots of progress as this is not an easy skill to learn.

Grades 3-5 warm up by jogging for 2 minutes or spending about 10 minutes jump roping. After the warmup, we stretch and the students do 20 sit ups and 20 push ups. It is great to see how some of them have gotten much stronger from the beginning of the year. The students have also been able to record their jump rope progress by keeping a log of their highest jump rope scores. We have learned how to play soccer, kickball, volleyball, whiffle ball, basketball, gaga ball and floor hockey along with some fun lead up games to work on sport specific skills. As always, it has been a very busy year in the gym.



Middle School Health - Mrs. Nicole Beaumier

Middle School meets for Health once a week so we do our best to learn as much as we can in such a short amount of time. During this trimester, grades 6-8 had a review of "my plate" during our nutrition unit and then we concentrated on learning about the 6 important nutrients and how to read a food label. The students had to compare and contrast food

labels of a food that is healthy and one that is unhealthy. Ex. Grilled chicken vs. Fried chicken. Grade 5 was introduced to "my plate" and learned about the food groups and how to balance a meal properly. The students created their own original restaurant menu which included healthy, balanced meals.

Grades 6-8 have spent the past few weeks learning about the dangers of substance abuse and refusal skills to be able to get out of a risky situation.

Grades 5-6 will spend the last few weeks learning about bullying and conflict resolution, while grades 7-8 learn about healthy relationships.

We have many class discussions in Health, and I enjoy being able to connect with the students during those discussions. I remind them continuously how important it is to learn how to live a healthy lifestyle now, so they will know how to stay healthy throughout their lives.

SRSHS/STUCO INDUCTION CEREMONY











Congratulations to our newest members of the SRS Honor Society:

Landyn Chester Mia Gorgievski Savannah Horton Mikaela Mercier

Jianaliz Pagan Emily Ramos Rossella Ritacco















Middle School Co-Ed Volleyball Team







6th Grade writing their name in Greek









PK4B Enjoying the Sunshine



















The school office will be open the following dates and times:

- June 13th June 28th from 8:00am -3:00pm.
- July 1st 12th closed for vacation. Resuming Summer hours on July 15th
- Summer hours: Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 8:30am-12:30pm (Beginning July 15[™])
- August 19th 23rd from 8:00am -3:00pm. Regular hours starting August 26th

Please send an email or leave a brief message with your name, number and someone will get back to you! If you need immediate assistance, you may call the Rectory at 401.942-5203



UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, May 31, 2024 8th Grade Field Trip to Boston

Monday, June 3, 2024 Sports Banquet – Café Rocco 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 PreK 3~K Field Day/8th Gr. Class Night – 6:00 pm

Thursday, June 6, 2024 8th Grade Class Day

Friday, June 7, 2024 First Friday Mass – 8:45 am

Monday, June 10, 2024 Pk3 Graduation – 8:45 am/ Field Day Grades 1~7

8th Grade Graduation – 6:00 pm

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 PreK4A & PreK4B Graduations/Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 End of Year Liturgy~8:45 am/LAST DAY OF SCHOOL –

11:30 dismissal



May Virtue of the Month ~ Kindness

And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God Has forgiven you in Christ. Ephesians 4:32



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

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