

St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Weekly Parent Newsletter



Dear Parents,

This week we have been celebrating Catholic Schools' Week with a variety of activities. We have had Mass, the Book Fair, Faith Buddies Career Day with Ice Cream, Student vs Faculty Beach Ball Volleyball Game, Bingo, Karate Assemblies with Mastery Martial Arts compliments of the Feinstein Foundation, Middle School Prisoner Dodgeball Tournament, Pajama Day, the Guessing Jar, Spelling Bees, the Amazing Hero Art Assembly with renowned artist Rob Surette and more. I am hoping that your children have had the opportunity to share not only what they have done each day, but also the "why" behind it.

As of today, we have celebrated our community, our students, our nation, and vocations. Tomorrow, we celebrate our teachers and staff. These are the people who have made all these events possible. To choose to work at a Catholic School is a vocation. It is a willingness to work as a Christian and share the Faith with our students each day. It is a true calling and one that the faculty and staff at St. Rocco School takes seriously. They show up every day ready to work for our students and our families. They are in the school long before the students arrive and long after they go home. They are hard-working, kind, patient, and compassionate in all that they do. Tomorrow, please join me in celebrating each of them with a kind word, a thank you note or a special prayer.

Tomorrow is also our First Friday Mass led by the Fifth Grade. Second Grade will present the virtue of Faith at the conclusion of the Liturgy. Mass will begin at 8:45. Mass and the virtue will be followed by a final activity for the students in the school. PreK3 and PreK4 will have a Dance Party in Café Rocco; Grades K-4 will have a Snowball Activity in the gym; and Grades 5-8 will be playing Hallway Bingo on the Middle School floor.



Congratulations...

To our Seventh Grade Invention Conventions winners.

First Place - Aidan Cox
Second Place - Emma Cardillo
Third Child - Alexia Lombardi

To the recipients of the **David M. DeCosta Scholarship**:

Alyssa Insana (5th), Angelica Price (6th), Malakai Moan (6th) and Alexia Lombardi (7th).



To our First, Second and Third Grade Spelling Bee champions:

First Grade: Abigail Vannie – 1st, Julian Clark – 2nd, Raisa Soronsen – 3rd
Second Grade: Aiden Marsland – 1st, Emelia Merlino – 2nd, Avianna Bowden – 3rd
Third Grade: Americo DeFazio – 1st, Gabriella Mercier – 2nd, Avril Pina Mejia – 3rd

To Mia Gorgievski and Samaira Dhamija for how well they did at the Diocesan Spelling Bee.



To 8th Grader, Nicholas Scotti, for receiving a Chaplain's Scholarship to Bishop Hendricken High School.

To our "Guessing Jar" winners: Avielle Hernandez (335) and Sr. Donna (325).
The number was 337!



Some Gratitude...

Thank you to all of the families who have met with the Sisters and Fr. Carusi during our re-enrollment period. Open enrollment outside of the school community began this week. If you have not had your appointment yet, please call the office to schedule a time. If your child will not be returning next year, please call the office and let us know that as well.

Special thanks to Mrs. Scotti for chairing the Book Fair this past week. Thank you also to the many volunteers who generously gave of their time in helping to run this event. The students were so happy to have the Book Fair!

Looking Ahead...

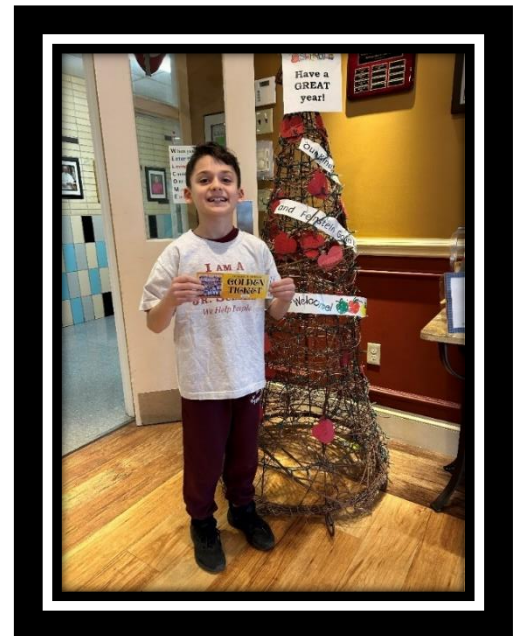
- We are moving very quickly through the second trimester. With only four weeks left until grades close on March 8th, this is a good time to remind your children to stay current with their assignments and study each night for quizzes and tests. All students should have some work each evening whether it is written work, studying or reading.
- Our second trimester Star Testing has concluded. The students' results will be sent home in next week's Thursday Packet. This is another assessment used to monitor a child's progress.
- Monday marks the "101st Day" of the school year. Our entire school community is asked to dress in black and white (no costumes) and bring in \$1.00 to support The Cranston Animal Shelter. (See the attached flyer) Early Childhood and some of the younger Elementary Grades will also be celebrating this special day with classroom activities that center on "100" or "101" in their classrooms.
- Finally, tomorrow the church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Please join us for Mass at 8:45.

I wish you a safe and peaceful week.

Respectfully,
Regina M. Hand

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
FEINSTEIN GOLDEN TICKET WINNER!**

*Jaxson Scipione won \$5,000.00 for St.
Rocco's School as well as \$500.00 to give
to the charity of his choice from the
Feinstein Scholarship Fund.*



101 DAYS OF SCHOOL!!!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH!

WEAR BLACK & WHITE

CELEBRATE 101 DAYS OF SCHOOL WITH US

DRESS DOWN FOR \$1.00 TO BENEFIT THE CRANSTON ANIMAL SHELTER

NO COSTUMES PLEASE MONDAY DRESS DOWN PASSES MAY BE USED TUESDAY 2/6

see attached flyer

Registration

- **New Applications for 2024-25:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at www.stroccoschool.org.
- **Re-Registration for 2024-25:** **If you haven't reregistered, please call the office ASAP to schedule an appointment.** Tuition must be current to re-register.
- Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.
- The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2023 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2023 income tax return, you may use your 2022 income tax return and your 2022 & 2023 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.
- We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

Parishioner Status ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

A BIG THANK YOU! Thank you to Mrs. Scotti and all the volunteers who helped make the Book Fair a huge success this year! We really appreciate all the support. Without you we would not be able to make these events happen for our children!

Upcoming Events:

- **Snowball Event – February 2 – in school**
- **Father/Daughter Dance – February 2 – Valley Country Club**

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events:

- **Early Family Hoe Down – Saturday, March 9 from 4pm to 7pm – Café Rocco:** Family fun for grades **Pre-K3 through Pre-K4!** Please reach out to Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or Alison Anderson, alisonalta@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer.
- **Mother/Son Dance (K-8)– Friday, April 5 from 6pm to 9pm – Valley Country Club:** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com, Stephanie Fava, scd1024@aol.com
- **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
- **Family Field Day – Saturday, June 15 from 10am – 2pm – Field behind St. Rocco.** If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria Cassisi, maria_cassisi@hotmail.com or the office at office@stroccoschool.org

Looking for donations!

- **Mother Daughter Brunch Raffle Items:** We are looking for any items that we can use to raffle off at the Mother Daughter Brunch. You can drop them off 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

CLASSROOM NEWS



PK3 – Mrs. Patricia Angell

It is amazing to think that we are already halfway through the 2023-2024 school year. The Pre-k 3 class is growing by leaps and bounds. We come each day to learn and play and we make good friends the St. Rocco School way!

Every child can recognize their name and many of their classmates' names. Nearly all the children write their names in uppercase, and a few write their name in proper case. This is amazing for a three-year-old class.



The preschoolers are doing a fantastic job in math, as well. They are learning to form numerals 0-9. They understand one-to-one correspondence and they can make ABAB patterns. The children know the months of the year and the days of the week.

Our religion curriculum God Made Me is an exceptional program. We are currently on Unit 3 “God Made Me Happy”. Our current chapter is titled “I Can Pray”. They talk about prayers of thanks and praise. The children bless themselves and say grace before snacks and lunch. After hearing that morning and evening are good times for prayer, they will be making doorknob hangers as prayer reminders.



The children sit nicely for circle time every day and they raise their hands to be called on. The other classes often compliment the students on how nicely they walk in line. What wonderful and bright students we have. Sister Donna and I are so proud of our pre-K3 class, and their parents should be as well.

God Bless You,
Mrs. Angell



The David M. DeCosta Memorial Scholarship

During the 2021-2022 school year, St. Rocco School was blessed to have Mr. David DeCosta join our school family as our Art Teacher, as well as, a willing substitute for any grade. Tragically, Mr. DeCosta passed away in September of 2022 from Glioblastoma. While he was only in our school for a short time, he made a huge and lasting impact. He was known for his kindness, positive attitude, creative energy, and always-present smile.

This year, after the Opening Mass for Catholic Schools' Week, four $\frac{1}{2}$ tuition scholarships were given to students who will be in Grades 5-8 for the 2024-2025 school year and who had Mr. DeCosta as a teacher.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DAVID M DE COSTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

Alyssa Insana



Alexia Lombardi



Malakai Moan



Angelica Price



ATHLETIC Practice Schedule







Junior Boys
M. S. Boys Grammar
M. S. Girls Grammar
Cheerleading

Monday 4:00-5:30
Wednesday 2:30-4:30
Monday 2:30-4:00
Tuesday 2:30-3:30

Wednesday 4:00-5:30
Friday 4:00-5:45
Friday 2:30-4:00
Thursday 2:30-3:30



St. Rocco School offers an Afterschool Program. We continually expand the variety of programs offered for the students to reflect their interests and talents. The Winter Session Forms for the Afterschool Programs are included in your child's Thursday Packet as well as posted on the school website. **A completed form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.** Please adhere to the deadlines

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Friends of Jesus</p> <p>Postponed until Further Notice</p> <p>Thank you for your Prayers for Sr. Daisy</p> 	<p>CHESS CLUB</p>  <p>Grades 4-8 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Strings/Violin Lessons Begins in February</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:15pm Grades 5-8 3:15pm-4:00pm Instructor: Mrs. Rachdouni</p> 	<p>Dance Program</p> <p>Grades K-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Instructor: Miss Denise</p> 	<p>My First Hot Cocoa Stand</p> <p>Grades K-2 2:45pm-3:45pm</p> <p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Grades 6-8 2:35pm-4:00pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Scotti</p> 	<p>Italian Club</p> <p>Grades 1-4 2:35pm-3:30pm</p> <p>Advisor: Mrs. Muccio</p> 

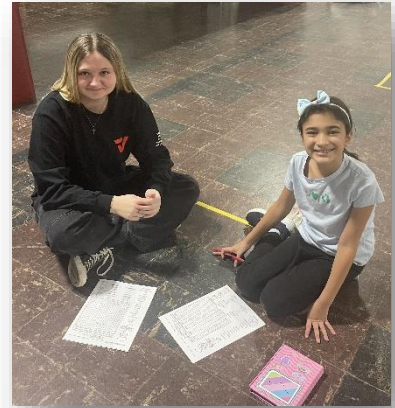
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATIONS

Celebrating our Community!

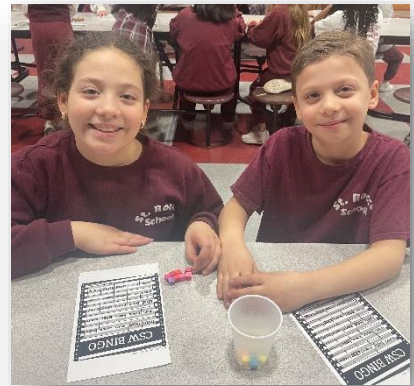
Career Day
Ice Cream Treat



Faith Buddies!



Celebrating our Students!
BINGO!



Rob Surette ~ Artist "Amazing Hero Art"



Celebrating our Nation!
Red, White, & Blue



Faculty & Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game



PreK3-K Parade



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Celebrating Vocations!



UPCOMING ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, February 2, 2024

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Friday, February 9, 2024

Friday, February 9, 2024

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Feb.19 - Feb. 23

Friday, March 1, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Friday, March 29, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

Friday, April 5, 2024

April 15 – April 19

First Friday Mass – 8:45

11:30 Early Dismissal

Father/Daughter Dance

Middle School Bowling Event

PK3-K Valentine Celebration

Ash Wednesday – 9:00

Winter Vacation

First Friday Mass – 8:45

IL/PD Day

11:30 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday

No School - Good Friday

No School – Easter Monday

Mother/Son Dance

Spring Vacation

February Virtue of the Month ~ **Charity**

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned. 1 Timothy 1:5



Please follow us on Instagram @ [saintroccoschool](https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool) for updates and photos!

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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