



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

Dear Parents,

October is Our Lady of the Rosary month. We will be celebrating our Blessed Mother and the Rosary throughout the month.

We have had many events going on at school. Today we had our Kindness and Trust Assembly for grades K-8. This was broken down into 3 sessions so the presenter could address each age group appropriately. The students were very engaged and seemed to enjoy the presentation a great deal. Our children have these wonderful traits, but a good reminder is always helpful.

It is fantastic to see our parents volunteering at our snack shop. Your presence in our school is what makes our community strong. Thank you for all that you do.

Please remember to follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/saintroccoschool> and Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool/>. We are now on Twitter (X) also! Our Twitter name is @StRoccoSchool <https://www.instagram.com/saintroccoschool/> See the great things our kids are doing!

God Bless,

Mrs. D'Amico

Middle School Students

at today's Kindness and

Trust Assembly



Friendly 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 if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Please contact the Nurse with any questions.

Communication ~ St. Rocco School uses e-mail, texting and/or parent portal for much of their communication. You will receive an email with the Thursday Packet along with any pertinent attachments. Please familiarize yourself with the School Website (www.stroccoschool.org).

- **E-Mail Addresses / Text Notifications** ~ If you are **NOT** presently receiving these notifications, please inform the School Office of your address.
- **Thursday Packets** – As stated above, the “Thursday Packet Parent Note”, Monthly Calendar and Lunch Menu will be sent via e-mail and posted on our website.
- **Text Weather/School Closing Alert** ~ You may go to: Turnto10.com and register your phone under the weather tab.

DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY/MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, beginning in October, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for **November** for the cost of \$5.00. The “Dress Down Day” passes are for **Mondays only (If your child is scheduled for gym class on Monday, the dress down pass is for Tuesday only)**. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form with your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will **NO LONGER** be sent home. Teachers and the office will keep track of who paid for Monthly Dress Down. This is a more streamlined way to offer Dress Down Days as well as us saving paper! There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for charities, celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted. *October Dress Down Passes are due October 20th.

Absence/Tardy ~ It is the responsibility of parents to see that our students attend school daily and are on time. Students must be in their classroom by 8:10am and are considered late if they enter the building after 8:14. If a student is not in school by 11:25am, he/she will be marked as a half-day absence.



The only valid reasons for absence are illness of the student, a death in the family, or permission from the Office. Students are responsible for assignments and tests given during their absence.

Your child must have a written note explaining why he/she was absent and bring it with them to school upon returning. Students who are absent 3 or more consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor's note before returning to school.

Please call to notify the School Office by 8:30AM if your child will be absent. If your child is going to be late and will be ordering school lunch, please call the School Office no later than 8:30AM so we may plan accordingly.

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. The policy regarding the receipt of payment: Please place your payment (CHECK ONLY) in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name on front and place in the LOCK BOX located in Café Rocco near the sign in/out book. Extended Care begins at **7:15am** and ends at **5:00pm**. Please be prompt when picking up! *Extra charge if late! Also, when dropping off and picking up from our Extended Care Program, you must park in the rear lot and use the side door designated for Extended Care drop-off/pickup (located at the top of the ramp with awning). There is a doorbell located to the right of the door. Your child's and your safety are our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



Breakfast - Breakfast is available each morning starting at 7:45 and ending at 8:00am. Students may go directly to Cafe Rocco where they will select their breakfast choices. A Chartwell employee will be there to assist them. Please plan accordingly, so that your child will be finished with breakfast on time, and they will not be late for homeroom. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00.

Morning Snacks ~ Students must bring snacks from home. Snacks are not available to purchase at that time.

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 ~ **PRICE CHANGE Lunch is NOW \$3.60.** Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. It would greatly help if you enclose the **exact amount of cash or a check.** **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!



*An application for **Free and Reduced Lunch** is available online on the School Website. If applying, please make sure the application is filled out completely with all the required information and signed.*

Please Note: We are a PEANUT, TREE NUT, SODA, SMOKE and GUM FREE ENVIRONMENT. Also, NO GLASS CONTAINERS are to be used for a student's lunch or beverage.



Lifetouch Picture Day ~ Lifetouch will be here on Thursday, October 17th, to photograph all faculty, staff and students. **All students must wear their school dress uniform (including a sweater/vest), as these are the yearbook pictures.**



Cheryl Boscia BSN, RN
St. Rocco School Nurse

Contact the Nurse Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Email: cboscia@stroccoschool.org

School Number: 401-944-2993 ext. 104; Fax: 401-944-3019

SAVE THE DATE

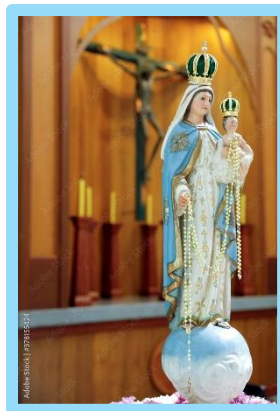
*****ST. ROCCO'S FLU VACCINE CLINIC – October 16th*****

The St. Rocco School Flu Vaccine Clinic is taking place on **Wednesday, October 16th** starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Flu Vaccine Clinic is for all faculty, staff, and students.

Information on how to register is coming soon. The flu mist will

If you prefer your child to receive the flu mist, please email



The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Here at St. Rocco School, we honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary. It takes place in the church on October 7th at 8:45 am. All are welcome to pray the Rosary with us. Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for us.

Classroom News



Pre-KA 4 News

The Pre-K 4 students have had a great start to a new school year. I am happy to have Miss Kathy and Sister Eva 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 the students wrote the word "RED" then



they made a red bird, the students also finger-painted apples red! 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. During circle time we learn a new pattern each month, at the end of the month the students have to build the pattern from memory by

themselves.

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.

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

Mrs. Tavares



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION NEWS

Where our Children always come first!

Alison Anderson - President
Selaina Scarcella - Secretary

Danielle Cazzarro - Vice President
Shayanna Jenkins-Hernandez - Treasurer

Save the Date for our Upcoming Events



2nd Annual Trunk or Treat - Sunday October 20th 2:00-4:00pm in the side school parking lot. Please come and join us for an afternoon of fun - peanut free Trick or Treating. If you would like to volunteer for this event or sign up to decorate a Trunk, please contact the office office@stroccoschool.org or Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org

Halloween Games Extravaganza - Wednesday October 30th 8:30am-12:30pm: This is an in school event you will need a BCI to volunteer for it. This Event is filled with Halloween fun, games and prizes for Pre-K-Elementary. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office office@stroccoschool.org



Calendar Sales Are Open - Support SRS Fall Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who sent in their \$10 to participate in the SRS Calendar Raffle! To all those that sent in your \$10. Your first batch of 10 Calendars +1 for your family will be sent home in **TODAY's Thursday Packet 10/3.**

The Calendar looks amazing; we have gift certificates & cash raffle prizes lined up for each day of November! All your favorite local businesses are featured! Our target per student/family is to sell 10, but you can sell as many as you like. For every 5 Calendars a student sells, they are entered into a special student raffle! Once you sell out of your first batch of Calendars please request more through the office.

FAQ's

- \$10 per Calendar (Calendars were sent out today 10/3 and can be picked up in office as students sell out anytime the month of October till the 25th)
- Each calendar purchased is 1 ticket (Slips must be turned in for raffle. Buyer keeps Calendar)
- Each \$10 Calendar purchased is entered to win daily prizes throughout the month of November
- Each ticket(s) stays in the raffle every single day
- Each day in November a ticket will be drawn at 2:00pm at school
- Weekends too! Saturday and Sunday tickets will be drawn on Monday.
- You don't have to attend Saint Rocco's to participate: Students, friends, family, co-workers are all welcome to enter!
- Purchase as many Calendars as you like
- Winners will be announced at the end of the day, posted on the school website and notified via email
- Prizes will be delivered based on the slip choice: Send with student or pick up in office.

We are hoping for 100% participation. All proceeds will go directly to the students for field trips, events and activities! Please feel free to reach out to Danielle dcazzarro@gmail.com, Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org with questions, Thank you in advance for your help and support!

If you would like to volunteer for any of this year's events or help in any way, please reach out to: Alison aanderson@stroccoschool.org. We are looking forward to an amazing year of events and activities for the students and families that create connection and lasting memories!

Boo Bags on Sale – See the flyer below



BOO
Bags

A treat not a trick!
A bag filled with
Halloween treats.
(non edible)

\$3.00 a bag
Label in seperate
envelope "Boo Bags"

Boo Bags
will be distributed on
October 9, 16, 23

Partial Proceeds to support Drama
Department

Save the Date:



Friday, October 4 th	First Friday Mass - 8:45 am
Monday, October 14 th	Columbus Day~ NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, October 16 th	Flu Clinic for students/faculty/staff (See Nurse's Corner)
Thursday, October 17 th	Picture Day - Lifetouch (Full Dress Uniform Required)
Friday, October 18 th	Dress Down for Breast Cancer – Wear Pink \$1.00 donation
Friday, October 18 th	Middle School Halloween Event
Wednesday, October 30 th	Parent Association Halloween in-school event



*Courage – “Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart,
all ye that hope in the Lord.” Psalm 31:24*

CHRIST is the reason for this school.
~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~