

MISSION STATEMENT

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.
We are dedicated to creating an environment that instills
Catholic values and nourishes the development 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 future.*

Supply \$ ~ All student supply money was due to school on the first day. It would be greatly appreciated if you could kindly submit your payment as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Family Dinner Dance ~ Final Returns are due by tomorrow.

A Note from the Principal...

There has never been a shortage of advice to parents as to how we should go about educating and raising our children. When we wish to explain the difference between right and wrong to our children, we can use various “do’s and don’ts”. Such explanations are important but they fail to touch children on the level where it matters – their imagination.



When a moral principle has the power to move us into action it is often because it is backed up by a picture or image. Over recent times images of natural disasters have led to outpourings of compassionate response and generosity from those who were exposed to them. The educationalist, Thomas Lickona, tells us that: “Stories teach by attracting rather than imposing. They capture the imagination and touch the heart. That’s why storytelling is such a natural way to engage and develop the emotional side of a child’s character.” –Educating for Character.

Of course, two stories not to be overlooked are the stories of the lives of parents; they are ongoing and evolving right in front of their children. What types of stories are influencing our children’s lives, for life is a process of growing and learning together. We can’t avoid being an example to our children whether good or bad. Being a good example is probably our most important job.

So here’s a quick “examination of conscience:

- Are we ready and willing to adjust as necessary to circumstances that arise in daily life?
- Are we adaptable?
- Do we show kindness and concern for others in distress by offering help? Are we compassionate?
- Are we truthful in all that we do and never take advantage of the trust in others? Are we honest?
- Do we show others that we are dependable when we have a commitment to them? Are we loyal?
- Are we positive in our self-belief our belief in others and in our future? Are we optimistic?
- Do we demonstrate accountability for our actions and follow through on our commitments?
- Are we responsible?



Children are always listening and absorbing the words and actions of their parents – their closest role models. If we want our children to be responsible for their own character crafting, we need to be responsible for the physical and moral environment in which the crafting takes place. We don’t become wiser, more patient, more self-disciplined, more truthful, more courageous, more forgiving persons

automatically. We do so by deliberately striving to be that kind of person. Character building is an “inside job”. It’s a personal responsibility that lasts a life time it’s a work in progress. Our children rely on us to teach them to be skilled “builders”. “Spirit of God, Be in our children and in the vision they have for their lives; Be in us and in the advice we give them by word and action. Amen.”



*With blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

STUDENT ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Thank you to the many parents for their cooperation of the new procedure of arriving and dismissing of students.

As always, safety is our #1 priority!

A Special Dress Down ~ The NCEA has organized a "student to student" campaign to provide relief to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Through this giving campaign students will be able to assist other Catholic school students. 100% of the funds collected will go to Catholic dioceses for schools, school children and their families. Students may “Dress Down” on **Thursday, September 21st** for a \$1.00. Also, may wear the colors of the Texas flag: Red, White and Blue. Other donations will be accepted as well. Lastly, we ask for your continued prayers for the victims.



Thank you for your support!

DRESS CODE: – We take pride in the appearance of our students. The way a student dresses and appears often has an effect on behavior and learning. Uniforms must be worn at all times unless it is a casual “dress down” day. Please refer to the school handbook available on the school website and the **CLARIFICATION** listed below:

The opportunity for students to Dress Down on a Monday only applies if the student has a Dress Down Day Pass PRIOR to attending school on that Monday.

Students may earn passes by submitting 50 Box Top or Campbell Soup label points, 5 ink cartridges or have PREPAID for the SPECIAL monthly passes by the due date posted.

Students are NOT to dress down if they do not already have a pass to submit to their teacher.

The ONLY opportunity to donate \$1.00 for a Dress Down is when noted on the school calendar or in the Weekly Thursday Packet. These donations are generally used for a specific cause, i.e. American Heart Association, Adopt-A-Family and other worthy foundations.

Donations of \$1.00 are NOT for a Monday Dress Down opportunity.

Please be sure to follow the above guidelines for Dress Down.

DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY ~ Dress Down Days will begin in October. The designated day for these passes will be Monday. There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted.

MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for OCTOBER ~ **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child’s name, grade, along with your payment due by September 22nd. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on September 28th.

BCI / Safe Environment Reminder – Just a reminder...All parents, volunteers and coaches interested in both on site and off site volunteer opportunities must have completed a BCI & Safe Environment check. Potential volunteers need to watch the Safe Environment Powerpoint presentation under the Parent Association tab on our

school website. After you have viewed the presentation, you will sign a form in the School Office, submit a copy of your license and a payment of \$ 5.00. The school is informed when this process is successfully completed and individual is cleared for volunteering. If you wish to participate or volunteer during the school year at events or activities, please complete the training and submit all necessary paperwork early to ensure clearance in time. If you are not sure of your status, you may contact the School Office or Mrs. Okolowicz.



Breakfast – Breakfast is available each morning starting at 7:45 and ending at 8:00am. Students must enter through the Extended Care door and go directly to Cafe Rocco where they will select their breakfast choices. An Aramark 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 to your child this process, required by the Federal Government, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Ordering Lunch ~ Lunch is \$3.00. Please place the money in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. You may also choose to prepay for the week. We **can-not** 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!

Snack Shop – Snacks are available for purchase daily. ie chips, pudding, ice cream, milk and water. All range from .50 to \$1.00

Application for Free and Reduced Lunch went home last week. Just a reminder, a new application is required each school year. If applying, **please make sure the application is filled out completely with all the required information and signed.** Forms are also available online on the school website.

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.

Room Parent & Lunch/Snack Shop Volunteer Form are still being accepted.

Room Parent ~ There are still a few classrooms where a Room Parent Volunteer is needed. If you would like to be the Room Parent, please send a note to the School Office.

Lunch Volunteers ~ We are seeking volunteers to help with Snack Shop. The time is 11:00am-1:00pm. Pick your day!!! If you are able, please contact the School Office.

Fundraising NEW PROGRAM!!!

KIDSTUFF Books – An amazing value at just \$25.00 with \$12.50 from each **sale going directly towards your fundraising obligation.** Every 5 books you sell, you will receive a **FREE BOOK!!!** Books are available in the school office. Please send in your check, made payable to “St. Rocco School”, with your child's name and grade in the memo. Great for gifts!!! What a great way to earn credit towards your fundraising fee. Remember, if you **DO NOT** wish to participate you **MUST** return the packet and book. Thank you!

New Payment Policy: All payments for Field Trips, Sports Registration, events, etc. **must be submitted by check.** The cancelled check will be your receipt. You may continue to pay cash for lunch, lunchroom snacks, ice cream and \$1.00 Dress Down Days if you choose. All checks payable to St. Rocco School.

Sports News ~ Basketball/Cheerleading ~ All those students that signed-up in school this week for Boys and Girls Basketball (Grades 3-8) and Cheerleading (Grades 6-8) received Registration form/packets today.



Please complete all required paperwork and return it along with the registration fee on one of the Back to School Nights. Please do not send paper work to school.



NO student will be allowed to begin practice until all paperwork and fees are returned.



Mother-Daughter Brunch ~ St. Rocco School will be hosting its Annual Mother-Daughter Brunch on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln at 10:00am. Mark your calendar. All are Welcome! (Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers) There will be breakfast, raffles, and pictures. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Nancy Levesque at 523-1419 or nancylevesque@verizon.net. Also, a donation letter is posted on the website for you to use to solicit for raffle prizes. If you are interested in donating any new items (gift certificates, toys, jewelry, accessories and more), please drop off the items, marked Mother-Daughter Brunch, in School Office by October 22nd.

We are looking for a couple of moms that would be willing to put together the gift baskets with the donated items. If interested please call the school. Thank you.

After School program

St. Rocco School is always so proud of the quality teaching and educational experiences that are provided for our students. Listed below are the many opportunities for the students to partake in.

- **One on One Basketball** (K-4) will begin on **Monday**, October 2nd.



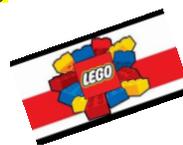
- **Chess Club** (5-8) will begin on **Monday**, October 2nd. Your child will be introduced to the strategic game of chess in this ten week after school club! Chess play has two fundamental aspects, analysis and strategy, always great life skills for your child! Participants will be taught the objectives of the game, movement of game pieces and other skills used in the game of chess, such as: Visualization, Evaluation, Calculation, Planning



- **"The Afterschool Club"** (1-3) – A variety of Seasonal, Holiday Crafts, Art, Skits, Children's Literature and Poetry that explore Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math and Writing in an integrated creative and "FUN" way. Classes begin **Tuesday**, October 3rd.

Instructor: Mrs. Swzeneg

- **LEGO** (K-2) & (3-5) Classes begin **Tuesday**, October 3rd.



- **Dance Program** (K-4), *Denise's Dance*, will begin on **Wednesday**, October 4th
Instructor: Miss Denise

- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 may sign up for this afterschool program. Classes will begin on **Thursday**, Oct. 5th.



- Friends of Jesus (K-8) Classes will begin on **Thursday**, October 5th.



- LEGO (6-8) Classes begin **Thursday**, October 5th.

- Fall Art Enrichment Club ~ Classes begin **Thursday**, October 5th. (Grades 5-7) Your child may sign up for this class and create & design their very own masterpiece during this six week afterschool enrichment program. Instructor: Ms. Connors

Please submit your form and fees; checks only payable to St. Rocco School if your child wishes to enroll in any of these programs **by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd**. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.



- Saturday, September 23rd SRS Family Dinner Dance due date September 12th. Order form enclosed.
- Wednesday, September 27th Back to School Night 6:00pm-8:00pm, Grades Gr. 1-4
(Includes Basketball Sign Ups ~ Grades 3 & 4)
- Thursday, September 28th Back to School Night 6:00pm-8pm, Grades 5-8
(Includes Sign Ups~Basketball Grades 5-8 & Cheerleading Grades 6- 8)



- Saturday, March 11, 2018 Annual Winter Gala sponsored by St. Rocco School Parent Assoc.
- Saturday, May 19, 2018 Spring Production at Cranston West High School

September Virtue of the Month ~ *Friendliness*



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:12-15

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