



St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Weekly

# THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



**IMPORTANT!!**  
**CANDY IS BEING SENT HOME TODAY!**



## A Note from the Principal...

We have long heard about the “3Rs” and, in our Catholic schools, the special fourth “R”: Religion. Today I would like to offer you another “R” that can go a long way in preparing your children to learn. This extra “R” stands for *routines*. One of the most valuable things you can do is to provide your children with a stable, nurturing environment. Repetition and structure help children feel safe and secure. Children, like the rest of us, handle the constant expectations and changes in life better if they occur in the context of a predictable routine. Routines provide a sense of security and help children develop self-discipline, which is a very helpful skill throughout life.

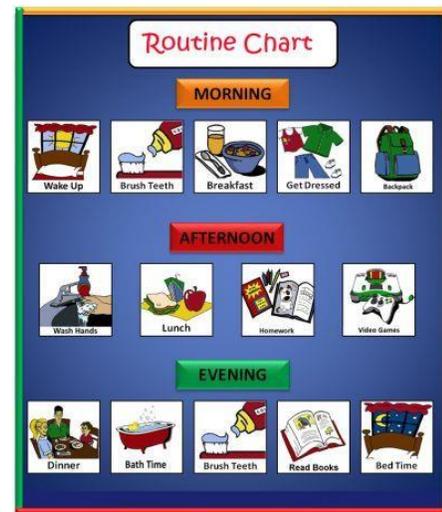
What can you do? As you and your family begin a new school year, give some careful thought to the routines you will establish for your children. These routines need not be elaborate. The key is to carry out whatever routines you choose predictably and regularly. Here are a few to consider:

**Morning routine:** Mornings start with an established wake-up time and include a healthful breakfast, time to get dressed, and a stress-free send off to school.

**Dinner routine:** Sit down to a family meal together if at all possible. The simple practice of eating a family meal together strengthens the family unit and provides an opportunity for family members to experience the support of one another.

**Homework routine:** Having a designated time and place for homework will emphasize its importance to your children. Be sure to check your child’s backpack and have your child pack it in the afternoon or evening for the next day. This is not something you want to leave for morning.

**Bedtime routine:** Establish a regular bedtime routine that may include a shower or bath for your child, a bedtime story, or an opportunity to talk about the day. Older children will establish their own routines, but it is still important to give them a regular bedtime and stick to it. A healthy, well-rested, and well-prepared child will enter school each day ready. Establishing daily routines allows you to provide the structure required to help your children internalize constructive habits and be better prepared to learn.



*With blessings for a great school year!*

*God Bless,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

## Take the 9/11 Good Deed Challenge!

All middle schools students viewed a short video about “9/11 day”. Although the details of that day will not be discussed, we did have a conversation about a good deed that all Americans should engage in for that anniversary.

We have discussed bringing in a “meal in a can” for someone in need. Please take some time to discuss this day in our history with your child. We are hoping that everyone was able to do one good deed on 9/11.



**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.

**DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY** ~ Dress Down Days will begin in October. Your child will be awarded pre-purchased passes on the last Thursday of the prior month. 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 at the cost of \$5.00. You may purchase these passes monthly or for the entire school year. These passes are to be used on **Mondays only**. Please print the **REQUIRED Monthly Dress Down Pass Request Form** on our school website, place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child’s name, grade, along with the form and your payment. Please note DEADLINE DATES. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet prior to its use.



**Box Tops** – We will again be offering the Box Tops for Education program. Any student who brings in 50 Box Tops will be issued a Dress Down Pass! Ink cartridges are NO LONGER ACCEPTED! Please label envelope with child’s name and grade.

**A+ School Rewards Program** ~ Please remember to sign up on [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus)

**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 insure clearance in time. If you are not sure of your status, you may contact the School Office or Mrs. Okolowicz.

**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 8:15am 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 serious 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 more than 3 consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor’s note before returning to school. \* Also, 3 times TARDY will result in a detention.



**Please call to notify the School Office by 9AM 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.**



**EXTENDED 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.**



**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. 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.

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.

**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 Web-site. 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** ~ 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 **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!

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

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

## **St. Rocco Church Youth Group**

Are you 12+ years old and looking for an opportunity to make friends, have fun, and expand your Catholic Faith? Then, the newly formed St. Rocco Youth Group is just for you. Some of the planned activities include Apple Picking, Car Wash, Ultimate Frisbee, visiting LaSalette Shrine, and Community Service Projects, just to name a few. Since we launched this program at our feast, we have been adding new members every week. For more details on how you can join the team, please contact either:



Sue Mooradian  
(401-864-7811)  
Tyler Weir  
(228-326-0436)



### **Fundraising**

**KIDSTUFF Books** –Informational packets are included in your packet. All proceeds from this **sale go directly towards your fundraising obligation.** For every book sold you receive a \$10.00 credit and for every 5 sold, you receive a **FREE BOOK!!!** Please read carefully, remember, if you **DO NOT** wish to participate you **MUST** return the packet and book. Thank you!

**STOP/SHOP Cards** - Cards may be purchased at the Church Rectory Office from 9:00am until 4:00PM. Remember, you may pre-order large quantities. All money raised through your fundraising efforts will be applied to your account in early February.

**Candy Sale** ~ All proceeds will go towards: the enhancements to grade level curriculum, in-school programs, etc. The box of candy is a 30 count/\$2.00 per bar. The sale dates are Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not opted out, you will receive notification when the candy will be distributed. **Please submit a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Thank you in advance for your support!

**SRS Spirit Wear/Jewelry** ~ Saint Rocco School has a variety of items to promote our school. Students may wear our spirit wear clothing to school as part of their uniform with the exception of the HOODIE which may be only worn to and from school and during recess. We also sell a sports bag, head bands and knit winter caps.



We are excited to say, we have three jewelry items:

- St. Rocco School Angela Moore Bracelet ~ \$50.00
- SRS Burgundy Corded Bracelet (Boy or Girl) ~ \$15.00
- SRS Bangle (Alex & Ani LIKE) ~ \$15.00

All orders must be pre-paid. Order early for Christmas! Students are allowed to wear school jewelry. Please see handbook for a more detailed explanation of school policy.

## After School program

- **One on One Basketball** (K-4) will begin on **Monday**, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 
- **“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 a integrated creative and “FUN” way. Classes begin **Tuesday**, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. See enclosed flyer for additional details. Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney 
- **LEGO** (K-3) Classes begin **Tuesday**, September 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dance Program** (K-4), *Denise’s Dance*, will begin on **Wednesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Instructor: Miss Denise 
- **LEGO** (6-8) Classes begin **Wednesday**, September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **Calligraphy Art Enrichment** - ~ Classes begin **Wednesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Grades 5-8)  
Your child may sign up for this class and **learn the art of handwriting and decorative lettering.** This will include usage of calligraphy pens - do functional inscriptions - art pieces using lettering design during this six week afterschool enrichment program. Instructor: Ms. Connors
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 3-8 may sign up for this afterschool program. Classes will begin on **Thursday**, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **Friends of Jesus** (K-8) Classes will begin on **Thursday**, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

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 21<sup>st</sup>**. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

For sign-up forms, please click on this link: <https://www.stroccoschool.org/enrichment-programs>

## Mother / Daughter Brunch Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> ~



Join us for a wonderful afternoon at the Kirkbrae Country Club!  
Enjoy Breakfast, Raffles, Pictures, DJ & Dancing!  
~All are Welcome! Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers ~  
Forms are available in your Parent Portal.  
Locate Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> on the Calendar in your Portal.  
Click on Mother/ Daughter Brunch.  
Print, complete and submit with a check,  
payable to St. Rocco School by the deadline of October 12<sup>th</sup>.



- Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>                      Scripzone Oder Deadline, 9AM
- Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>              Back to School Night 6:00pm-6:30pm, Grades Gr. 1-4  
    Back to School Night 6:45pm-8pm, Grades 5-8
- ❖ FANTASTIC 50 Raffle Begins!
  
- Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>                      October Dress Down Pass Deadline ~ NO EXCEPTIONS
- Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>                      Food Truck / Touch~A~ Truck Event, 4:30-7:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>                      St. Rocco School Flu Clinic
- Saturday, March 9, 2019                      St. Rocco School Annual Winter Gala

### September Virtue of the Month

#### *Wisdom*

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just.  
Psalm 37:30



## Community Partnership

**St. Rocco School Food Drive** ~Once again, St. Rocco School will join the Feinstein Foundation in helping families in our community. We will be having a Food Drive beginning on our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Each family is asked to bring in a food item (non-perishable) and place them in the basket located in the school foyer. **Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.**

## St Rocco Food Truck Night ~ *Rain or Shine*

St Rocco School will host a Food Truck Night on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 pm. The event is free and open to the school and parish community. Current families are invited to attend, as well as past and future students, friends and neighbors.



*Little B's BBQ, Buddy's Diner, The Village Greek & Sarcastic Sweets* are some of the vendors scheduled as well as ice cream and lemonade trucks! St. Rocco School hopes to make this a huge and fun community event. All are invited to come out and enjoy a night of great food. Pack your blankets and chairs and spend a fun night with family and friends! Come meet and mingle with St. Rocco School and St. Rocco Church parish families. For safety reasons, parking will be available **ONLY** in the Church lot located on Atwood Avenue.



As part of event, the school will also host "Touch a Truck" with some of Johnston's finest. Looking forward to seeing you!



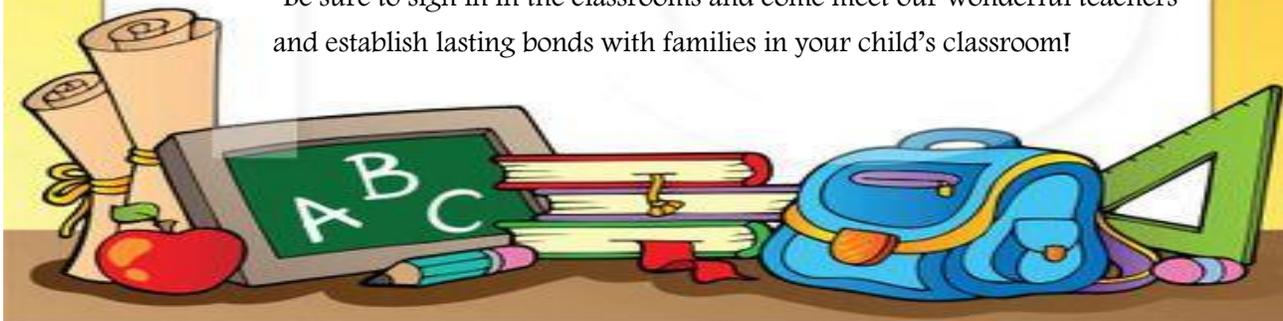
### Back to School Night Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

Grades Gr. 1-4.....6:00pm-6:30pm

Grades 5-8 .....6:45pm-8pm

Mark your calendar! Back to School Night will begin with a brief welcome in Café Rocco followed by a visit to your child's classroom!

Be sure to sign in in the classrooms and come meet our wonderful teachers and establish lasting bonds with families in your child's classroom!



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