



St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes

Open House



St. Rocco School's Fall Open House

Sunday, November 12th 11:00am-1:00pm

Family Mass will be held at 10:00AM

Please join us and tell your friends and family.

Meet the teachers, walk the school and enjoy refreshments!

Word of mouth is our best advertising. We hope to see everyone there!



A Note from the Principal... Our next designated charitable Dress Down Day will be next Wednesday, October 18th. Students may dress down and/or wear PINK appropriate clothing in recognition of Fighting Breast Cancer for a donation of \$1.00. All money collected will be donated to honor and support the Suzanne Henseler Foundation. Mrs. Henseler was a former teacher for many years at St. Rocco School. Special Note ~ This is a charitable Dress Down Day ~ Free passes are not to be used.



St. Rocco School faculty, staff and students have been making a concerted effort to have everyone learn to live our school's 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.

This mission represents the heart and purpose of what we are doing daily in order to bring together all the educational, spiritual, and social meaning within the students' lives.

The STAR assessments began this week for grades 2-8 to screen for reading and math achievement levels. This is our Fall administration of the test. There will be future assessments throughout the school year.

There are many students participating in the Afterschool Programs; your cooperation would be greatly appreciated with the prompt pick-up of your child. If you are going to be late your child will be sent to the Aftercare Program where there is a \$5.50 fee. As always, we understand extenuating situations. Thank you!

Candy Sale ~ All proceeds will go toward: the enhancements to grade level curriculum, etc. The box of candy is a 30 count/\$2.00 per bar. The sale dates are Oct. 1st – Nov. 3rd. **Please write out a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 3rd.** There are 3 additional boxes available in the School Office. Thank you in advance for your support and prompt attention in submitting this payment.



Coal Fire Pizza GIVE BACK EVENT Fundraiser ~ This weekend following our **October 15th** 10:00am Family Mass at St. Rocco Church/ St. Rocco School will be having a fundraiser at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza Restaurant in Garden City ~ Cranston. A portion of all meals purchased on Sunday by members of the St. Rocco School Community will be given to our school. Please pass the word to your family members and friends; what a great way to support our school while dining out and enjoying great food!



*With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

Fundraising

KIDSTUFF ... and more Books! Coupon Saving Book 17-18
Meadow Farms Pie Sale



KIDSTUFF Books – All orders and books were due last week. **PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK FOR YOUR BOOK** made payable to “St. Rocco School”, with your child’s name and grade in the memo.

Meadow Farms GOURMET PIES Fall Fundraiser – The Meadow Farms fundraiser **SALE ENDS TOMORROW**. Don’t forget you may also use the *Online Option*. Your school ID#: 1030291. Make all checks payable to “St. Rocco School” and include the seller’s name and grade in the memo. Remember...up to 40% of your sales are applied to your mandatory fundraising fee! This deadline date **MUST** be adhere to ensure a Thanksgiving delivery.

Fantastic 50 Fundraiser ~ Don’t forget to sign up for ticket sales this weekend at St. Rocco Church. Please see the enclosed schedule for future dates. As always, your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this Major Fundraiser to be a GREAT success!

Nurses News ...The Flu Clinic will be held next Wednesday, October 18, 2017, from 9:00am-11:00am in Café Rocco for students in GRADE PK4 - 8.



No PreK 3 students will be able to receive the flu vaccine at school; student must see your own physician. Only PreK 4 students who have received a previous flu shot in their physician’s office may get vaccinated at school. Any questions, feel free to call the School Nurse.

Parents must register their child(ren) on-line at www.thewellcomp.com/school: The date has passed for acceptance of paper registration forms.



First Communion Parent Meeting ~ There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 18th at 6:30 PM in Café Rocco. At least one parent must be in attendance for this meeting.

Classroom News... Mrs. Sweeney ~ Grade 1



Again, it's the beginning of a new school year for the first graders at St. Rocco School. It's a big step for them as they're now learning to focus on lessons while sitting at desks that are filled with their own sets of books! They're doing very well with this transition and seem to be enjoying the creative lessons and activities that I have planned.

The children are reading stories and learning information from their science and social studies text books. They are practicing handwriting skills as they pay attention to the size and form of the letters they write. The class is learning to write telling sentences by remembering that these sentences begin with a capital letter and end with a period. In math, they are counting, comparing numbers and learning to add. The children like to role-play using puppets as they practice asking 'trusted adults' for help during our lessons for 'The Circle of Grace'. In health, the class is enjoying hands-on exploration to learn about the five senses. Last, the children enjoy technology and Spanish as they learn how to type words using the keyboard and practice color and number words in a different language.

I look forward to teaching this class this year. They are beginners who are eager to learn!



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 NOVEMBER ~ **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 October 27th**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 2nd.

School Event ~ 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.

Ordering Lunch ~ It would be greatly appreciated when sending in your child's lunch choice and money that their snack money is placed in a separate envelope IF POSSIBLE. If a student orders a school lunch in the morning and is dismissed for any reason prior to his/her scheduled lunch, a credit cannot be given. If a student pre-orders lunch and is absent, a credit slip will be issued to the student. The credit slip MUST BE submitted in order to be redeemed for a lunch credit.

Class of 2018 News...

Class Video - Eighth graders are required to send to school three pictures: one baby, one from elementary school years and a current photo. These photos will be used for their class video to be shown at the Awards Celebration. **If you could send in the baby photo now** and the other two photos by the November Thanksgiving break, it would be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to LABEL the back of your photos, preferably with an Address Label. Writing directly on the back of photo may cause damage to it. All photos will be returned.



Yearbook Baby Photo - Each eighth grade student needs a baby photo for the yearbook. You may use the same baby photo submitted for the video or you may submit a different one. This photo is **due by Friday, November 3rd**. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.

Middle School Dance ~ The Middle School NEON Dance will be on Friday, October 27th.



Students are required to have a signed permission slip into school prior to the dance. **Deadline October 23rd. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Each student is asked to donate a toiletry item. All donations will be made to the Emmanuel House. (A Men's Homeless Shelter sponsored by the Diocese of Providence)



Please refer to the Middle School Dance Guidelines posted on the school website.

Johnston Fire Dept. SMOKE HOUSE ~ Johnston Fire Dept. Smoke House – The Annual Fire Safety Program



sponsored by the Johnston Fire Department will be held during the week of Nov. 6th. The students will be visiting a "smoke house" behind the school in the parking lot. Please complete the enclosed permission slip that will allow your son or daughter to attend this demonstration. Forms are due by November 2nd. There is also a line on the

permission slip that needs to be completed if you are not interested in having your child visit the smoke house.



Community Partnership

St. Rocco School Food Drive ~ St. Rocco School began its' Food Drive at last week's First Friday Mass. We will continue throughout the school year. Next month, we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items. More info will follow. Of course, donations will be accepted any other time as well. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community. *Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.*



After School program

St. Rocco School is always so proud of the quality teaching and educational experiences that are provided for our students. Each of our afterschool programs have begun to start; please be sure to reference the email sent in regards to time and pickup.

There are still spaces available for students to join the SRS Band Afterschool Club.

Band ~ Any student in grades 4-8 may sign up for this afterschool program.

Classes are held on Thursdays,

- Sunday, October 15th Family Mass 10:00AM
- Sunday, October 15th All Day ~COAL FIRE PIZZA GIVE BACK EVENT
20% of tracked dine-in and carry out sales will be donated to our school.
- Wednesday, October 18th First Communion Parent Meeting 6:30PM
- Thursday, October 26th Hearing Screening ~ Grades K-3
- Thursday, October 26th Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30PM
- Thursday, November 16th Lifetouch Picture Makeup Day



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS

- Friday, October, 27th Halloween Event Grades PK3-5 (in school)
- Friday, October, 27th Middle School Dance Grades 6-8
- Sunday, October 29th Mother/Daughter Brunch
- Monday, November 6th Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. K-2
- Wednesday, November 8th Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. 3-5
- Sunday, November 12th Family Mass/Open House
- Friday, November 17th Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM
- Saturday, November 18th Father/Son Bowling ~ returns due by 11/14
- Weds., December 13, 2017 Christmas Pageant
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 Annual Gala/Silent Acton



October Virtue of the Month ~ *Mercy*

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7

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