

# THURSDAY PACKET

## Open House



### St. Rocco School's Fall Open House

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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...** October's virtue of the month is Mercy. October is the month that is traditionally dedicated to our Lady of the Rosary. This week St. Rocco School's faculty and students prayed the rosary. Sister Mary Antoinette transformed Café Rocco into a living Rosary. In 1992 Pope John Paul II, now St. John Paul II, wrote a letter to all the children asking them to pray for their own family and for the families of the world. The St. Rocco's children offered the rosary for their family and for all the families of the world.



### St. Rocco School utilizes the STAR testing assessment tool.

STAR assessments will begin next week for grades 2-8; to screen for reading and math achievement levels. This will be our Fall administration of the test.

**Internet Safety** ~ Many times, in all of our busy schedules, we need to remind our families about certain safety guidelines. Please take some time with your family in the next week to review the following Internet and Fire Safety Tips.



Here are a few common sense tips in order for you to keep your children safe online:

- The best safeguard against online dangers is being informed. A good place to start with some basics is [www.LearntheNet.com](http://www.LearntheNet.com).

- Discuss with your children about the benefits and dangers of the Internet. Explore their online interests. Ask your children who they are talking to online and what they are talking about. Provide guidelines for using the Internet. Write them down and review and post them near the computer.

Remind them never to share personal information and have them tell you about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

- Make sure there is software on your computer that can block inappropriate websites, restrict the amount of time that your children are on the Internet and have a check regarding their Instant Messenger.
- Always know what your child is doing online by having open communication and conversation in order to reap the wonderful benefits of the Internet safely!

**ADULTS: please join us on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, St. Phillip School, Smithfield for an informative meeting regarding the above. Visit our School Website for more information.**

### Fire Safety Tips ~



- Complete a home fire safety checklist and identify fire risks in your home.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly and change the batteries at least one a year.
- Place smoke alarms on each floor of your home and in each bedroom.
- Make sure everyone in the house understands the family fire escape plan.



- Place fire extinguishers throughout your home and make sure everyone in the house knows how to use them.
- Never leave food unattended on the stove, keep all matches and lighters out of the reach of children, and don't place portable heaters near flammable materials.
- Know the telephone number for your local fire department.

### The Autumn of the Year



Is there anything quite as lovely as the autumn of the year? When the fields are golden brown and the air is crisp and clear? Is there anything as dazzling as the warm and vibrant hues? That autumn in all her glory so lavishly imbues? Folks may talk about the beauty of Winter wonderlands in white; They may sing the ardent praises of sunny bowers bright...But all of the warm, rich blessings in this world our Father made, Is there anything quite so lovely as Autumn or parade?

Author-Kay Hoffman



**Candy Sale** ~ Last week each family that did not opt out received a box of candy. All proceeds will go towards: the enhancements to grade level curriculum, 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>. **Please write out a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** There are 6 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** ~ Following our October 15<sup>th</sup> 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

#### Programs Ongoing

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

**KIDSTUFF Books** – An amazing value at just \$25.00 with \$12.50 from each **sale going directly toward your fundraising obligation.** For 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 book TOMORROW.** Thank you!



**Meadow Farms GOURMET PIES Fall Fundraiser** – The Meadow Farms fundraiser is ongoing. 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! Please adhere to the deadline date to ensure Thanksgiving delivery.

**Nurses News ...The Flu Clinic** will be held on Thursday, 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 may register their child(ren) on-line at [www.thewellcomp.com/school](http://www.thewellcomp.com/school). You do not need to print the form or parents can complete a paper consent form that is included in this packet and return it to school. All forms are due by October 6th. Please make sure when returning the form you fill it out completely.



**Hearing Screening** ~ The Town of Johnston Nurse will be here on October 26<sup>th</sup> to check the students in Grades K-3 for their hearing.

I would like to remind parents to have your children eat breakfast before school. We've had several instances recently, with children complaining of stomach aches and headaches when they arrive at school. Further questioning reveals that they have not eaten anything for breakfast. I know that mornings are very hectic with getting children ready for school and getting ready for work. There are several portable versions of breakfast that could work in these situations. Some examples are: Granola bars, toaster waffles, cheese sticks, yogurt, fruit, applesauce, juice boxes. If they can't eat at home, they can eat in the car. Another alternative is **Early Morning Breakfast at school at 7:45 am**, for a charge of \$2.00. Children need to fuel their brains in order for them to function at their best.



### **Classroom News... Mrs. Heaton ~ Kindergarten**

Welcome to Kindergarten! We have a wonderful class this year and we have already been learning so much! Each day we learn new things in fun, hands on way. Our class does the "Daily 5" each day, this is small group learning time. Our groups work on different activities that help us learn how to read. Reading and writers workshop is a great time in our day where we learn about different kinds of books and how to write words and sentences. In math, we are learning about different shapes and patterns. Every Tuesday we have computer class where we learn how to use computers and play fun learning games. Once a week, we do STEM challenges. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. We use different materials to complete challenges. Our class works hard at being kind and helpful members of St. Rocco School.



**Umbrella Sale** ~ Now available for purchase are SRS umbrellas. Cost: \$15.00 each. They are maroon and white with our logo imprinted on them. Umbrellas are available in the School Office.



**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](mailto: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/Illness** ~ 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.

**School Field Trips** ~ Please be sure to check the drop down FIELD TRIPS FORM tab under the PARENT'S PAGE on the school website. All permission slips are posted and deadline dates are listed for each event.

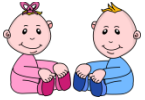
**DRESS  
DOWN  
DRY**

**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 27<sup>th</sup>**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

 **DRESS DOWN DAY** ~ There will be a special Dress Down Day on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, in honor and support of the Susan Henseler Foundation. Mrs. Henseler was a former teacher for many years at St. Rocco School. Each student, who chose to participate and donate one dollar, are able to wear pink and white that day.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.

**Middle School Dance** ~ The Middle School will be having their first dance of the school year on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the evening is NEON. Students are required to have a signed permission slip into school prior to the dance. **Deadline October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.**

### Community Partnership



**St. Rocco School Food Drive** ~ Once again, St. Rocco School will be holding its annual Thanksgiving Food Drive in November for specific food items. More info will follow. However, this year, we are asking students to bring in a canned food item each First Friday and to any school sponsored event. ie. Mother/Daughter Brunch, Father/Daughter Dance, Father/Son Bowling etc. to help support this cause. Our *Food Drive* will begin this Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and continues until the year end. 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.**

 **NJHS News** – We would like to congratulate all of the students who gave speeches this week for the officers of NJHS. You all did an amazing job! Listed below are the new officers of the National Junior Honor Society for the 2017-2018 school year.

President ~ Bailey Merlino

Vice President ~ John Perrotta

Secretary ~ Aaron Lewis

Treasurer ~ Sabrina Randall

Congratulations to all! Advisors: Mrs. Ciunci & Mrs. Colozzi

**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.



- Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> First Friday Mass 8:45AM
- Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 10:00AM
- Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> All Day ~COAL FIRE PIZZA GIVE BACK EVENT  
20% of tracked dine-in and carry out sales will be donated to our school.

### ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS



- Friday, October, 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Event Grades PK3-5 (inschool)
- Friday, October, 27<sup>th</sup> Middle School Dance Grades 6-8
- Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Mother/Daughter Brunch
- Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Family Mass/Open House
- Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM
- Weds., December 13, 2017 Christmas Pageant
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 Annual Gala/ Silent Acton

October Virtue of the Month ~ *Mercy*

# 5 TIPS FOR LIVING A MORE MERCIFUL LIFE

- 1** Hold the door for someone, even when you are in a rush.
- 2** Take time out of your day to ask a co-worker how she is doing.
- 3** See those around you as your brothers and sisters, not your rivals.
- 4** Don't be afraid to enter in to the "chaos" of another person's life.
- 5** Surrender to God's mercy by accepting the merciful acts of others.

"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~