



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Weekly

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



Candy Sale ~ The candy sale has ended. There are still a couple outstanding payments due! **Please write out a check for \$60.00; your canceled check is your receipt.** Thank you in advance for your support and prompt attention in submitting this payment.

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

*Aftercare Policy Change for PREK3 & PREK4 ONLY!

Beginning, January 2, 2018 PREK3 & PREK4 Before/Aftercare is **included** in TUITION.

Saint Rocco School Mission

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.

A Note from the Principal... The month of November virtue is Gratefulness. During the season of appreciation and giving, St. Rocco School participates in assisting our community families in need. Each canned good or dry food item helps families in need immensely. A Dress Down Day was held this week to benefit this cause. The students were able to dress in Fall colors. Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to a number of families in our community, which always brings us happiness for helping others!



As an incentive, Mr. Feinstein encourages the students to bring in food items and for each item collected he will provide up to \$1000. These monies assist us in purchasing many educational items for our students.



In keeping with the theme of “**Spirit of Giving Back**”, students attended an assembly this past week ~ “Ned’s KINDNESS Adventure”. The program focused on kindness, cultural diversity and character development. The students in grades PreK4-Grade 8 enjoyed this interactive program. This program was another way to continue our school mission “Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ” and reinforced our monthly virtues. Products were available to purchase and all proceeds are to benefit: “Clean Water for Kids in Kenya” and their village so that they may all have access to clean water. Through our efforts a donation of \$1100.00 was made for the cause.



The Father /Son Bowling was again another wonderful event! A special thank you to Mrs. Tara Zuena & Mrs. Sabetta for their assistance. Also, Mrs. Ciunci joined the activity, representing our faculty involvement in parent /student events!

St. Rocco School’s First trimester has concluded. The student report cards, along with the STAR Reading & Math parent reports, will be distributed on December 14th. Our students overall do a superb job of being responsible and serious about their studies. At times, parents need guidance on how to assist their children to obtain optimal student performance. Being proactive and keeping current on your child’s academic performance will prove to provide success for all. Setting realistic standards, supervising homework, establishing goals, do prove to be effective guides. I need to commend our



parents who form partnerships here at St. Rocco School; without your support we would not achieve the greatness at every level-spiritually, academically and socially!

A Starry Night with Friends (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 10th 2018 for a night filled with laughter, friends and prizes (both silent and live auction). It will be held at the Pawtucket Country Club, and parents, family and friends are invited. A roving photographer will provide complimentary photos for you and your family and friends throughout the night! Many other surprises and information.....stay tuned but save the date!



***With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella***

Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of December! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of December to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning December 5th unless otherwise noted. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Last day to purchase is **Mon., Nov. 27th**.

FANTASIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN !!!

Thanks to all the families who have sold their **25 Fantastic 50 tickets** but there are a number of tickets to be sold! Please send in your returns! REMEMBER: The class who sells the most tickets ...wins a PIZZA PARTY! A schedule was emailed to you. Please review the dates and contact Mrs. Scotti to volunteer. As always, your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this Major Fundraiser to be a GREAT success! Drawing-Dec. 11th!

Catholic Youth Conference ~ Students in grades 7 & 8 will be attending this conference on Monday, December 1st at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. Please look under the "Field Trip" tab for the permission slip along with details.

Classroom News... Mrs. Snizek~ M.S. ELA/Literature



Students in grades 5-8 have been studying very hard in ELA. All classes have already finished the entire noun unit and grades 7 and 8 have also finished the adjective and pronoun unit as well, In addition, grades 5 and 7 have composed some beautiful 5 paragraph essays about a favorite season or special vacation spot! Some of these writing works are prominently displayed in the classroom. Reading is an integral part of our middle school life. In addition to the various fictional and nonfictional short stories we read together in our Literature book, Grade 8 has just finished reading and discussing FRIEDRICH by Hans Peter Richter - a historical fiction book, this story has brought us back to the days of the Holocaust in Germany and we discussed the way of life for a Jewish boy growing up during this era. In Grade 7 we have just begun reading THE OUTSIDERS by S.E. Hinton. We will be discussing the development of the characters and exploring the theme of the book as well as internal and external conflicts experienced by the main character.



Community Partnership EVENTS



St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive ~ St. Rocco School Food Drive is ongoing. Please see the posted flyer for more detailed information. All food items collected will be donated to families in need within our community. There was a "DRESS DOWN DAY" on November 21st. Students wore Fall colors and collected \$ 150.00. Many thanks!



Coat Drive ~ Our "Annual Coat Drive" has begun; all coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember all coats are to be clean. Many thanks!

Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.

Class of 2018 News...

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 past due. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.

Uniform Dress Code ~ As stated in the Student Handbook ... *the school uniform is a symbol of unity within the school community. It minimizes distractions in the learning process and teaches students to take pride in their appearance by wearing the regulated uniform. By wearing the uniform, students are constantly reminded they are representing St. Rocco School.*

Please refer to it for the requirements. i.e. ~ no fingernail polish, no boots worn during the school day, no novelty headpieces, no colored hair, no hoodies etc. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

STUCO News... We would like to thank all who supported our Wreath Sale. Special thanks to Al-Jacs Inc., the Jacavone Family, for all their help and support!

Our Little Shoppers Christmas Shoppe is just around the corner! Students will have the opportunity to shop for their family members with the aid of a personal shopper (Parent Volunteer). Anyone interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Karin Sabetta at kas1126@cox.net or Tyler Weir at tylerlweir@gmail.com. The shop will be open on Mon., Dec. 11th, Tues., Dec. 12th and Weds. Dec. 13th. The items range in price from \$2.00 to \$12.00.



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Friday, December 1, 2017
 - Monday, December 4, 2017
 - Weds., December 13, 2017
 - Weds., December 20, 2017
 - Weds., December 20, 2017
 - Thurs., December 21, 2017
 - Friday, January 19, 2018
 - Friday, February 9, 2018
 - Saturday, March 10, 2018
- Catholic Youth Conference
 - Choir to sing at State House
 - Christmas Pageant
 - Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home
 - NO AFTERCARE**
 - Early Dismissal 11:30/ **NO AFTERCARE**
 - Mother /Son Dance
 - Father /Daughter Dance
 - Annual Gala/Silent Auction
 - Pawtucket Country Club



Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



November Virtue of the Month ~ *Gratefulness*

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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