



NEW THIS YEAR!!!

*Aftercare Policy Change for PREK3 & PREK4 ONLY!

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

A Note from the Principal... Sunday begins the Season of Advent. Advent is a great time to focus on your home as a holy place called the “domestic church”. The domestic church refers to your home as the primary place where children first hear about and witness the Catholic Faith. In your home, your child will learn to love, to pray and to serve others. Throughout Advent you can gather as a family for prayer around an Advent wreath. You can create a Jesse tree and decorate it with symbols that represent the roots of our faith. You can focus your efforts as a family on ways to offer your resources to others.



Discuss with your family other ideas that will help you bring special meaning to Advent for your child. Share your ideas with others and all of us will experience a more meaningful Advent Season.

Honor this joyful season in a simple way in your home. Keep the focus on Jesus with prayer. Gather the family at least once a week to pray - how nice it would be if you could do this every day during Advent. It does not need to be more than a five minute moment in the day. The First Sunday of the Daily Advent Prayer is “Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

Here at school each classroom receives an Advent wreath with the appropriate colored candles for each week in order to recognize the meaning of the preparation before Christmas.

Our eighth grade students will attend the Annual Catholic Youth Ministry Conference at Bishop McVinney Auditorium. These types of activities truly make a difference in furthering catholic development in the lives of our youth!

Bishop Tobin has begun the annual “Keep the Heat On” program which helps struggling families with heating assistance. St. Rocco students will “dress down” this coming week and wear the color red for a \$1.00 donation. A check will be donated to this campaign, aiding those who have exhausted all other means to keep their families warm during the winter months.



CHOIR

On Monday, December 4th, our school Music Choir is invited to perform for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts at the State House. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to share their musical singing talent on the steps within the State House. Our students represent St. Rocco School proudly while bringing their beautiful music to everyone. Also, on December 20th, our choir will have another opportunity to perform a musical salute to Christmas at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility. The happiness that is brought to the residents is undeniably priceless! A special thanks to Mrs. Cecelia Rodi for the patience, passion and enthusiasm she brings forth in all of these productions!

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

Candy Money Past Due ~ There are still a few families who have not submitted the \$60.00 for the candy fundraiser. Please be sure to send in your payment by Friday, December 1st. **Your prompt attention is greatly appreciated!**

St. Rocco Church Masses: Weekend Masses are scheduled on Saturday evening at 5pm, Sundays at 8am, 10am & 12pm. Weekly attendance is important in your child's religious foundation as well as strengthening their faith and understanding taught here at St. Rocco School. Attending as a family is a great way to show how to live by example in their Catholic faith. As a reminder, this Sunday begins the Advent Season.

FANTASTIC 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! As always, your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this Major Fundraiser to be a GREAT success! Drawing-Dec. 11th!

Class of 2018 News... High School Entrance Exam ~ Good luck to all our 8th grade students who will be taking the RI Catholic High School Entrance Exam this Saturday, December 2, 2017.

Catholic Youth Conference ~ Students in grades 7 & 8 will be attending this conference tomorrow, December 1st at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. Lunch is provided.

Classroom News... Ms. Connors~ Art Teacher Welcome to Art!



We have had a wonderful beginning in our Art classes. Our Pre K 3- Grade 3 art lessons have taken the children to pumpkin patches and apple picking, Halloween fun that goes boo in the night, Owls, Skyscrapers and Pointillism Painting, just to name a few.

The intermediate classes are studying drawing, color blending, mixed media, and popart. The Art and Music lesson that encompasses drawing and painting has been a wonderful experience for the children.

Middle School concentration is quite different with the emphasis in drawing. Realism, illustration, nature studies, graphic design, surrealism, metamorphosis drawing, and architecture allow the children to expand on their skills and knowledge. The lessons they have focused on will prepare them for High School.

In addition to our curriculum, all the children have been working on the Gala pieces. The Starry Night theme painted dishes are truly beautiful!

Please attend our Catholic Schools Week Open House, on Sunday January 28th, 2018, to view our annual Art Exhibit here at St. Rocco School.



Wishing you a wonderful and joyous Christmas and the best New Year!

BCI/Safe Environment ~ Just a reminder, all parents need to be BCI cleared and have viewed the Safe Environment video posted on our school website in order to volunteer for school activities and/or events. Once cleared, you will be certified for 3 years. It is the responsibility of parents to maintain their status. If unsure, feel free to contact the School Office.

Chaperones ~ St. Rocco School is very appreciative of all parent volunteers. Many events and/or activities require these volunteers for the activities can be held. However, at the many events that take place within the school or at outside venues, the chaperones are there only to assist. Your child is your responsibility from the beginning to the end of the activity. It has always been the policy of the school that each child be accompanied by a parent or family member who takes responsibility for his or her child. Many thanks again to all the parents, whether it is planning, organizing, chairing or co-chairing the event, setting up or breaking down...none of the events or activities would be possible. Through all of your efforts the children of St. Rocco School have many events and activities to attend and memories to cherish for a lifetime.

Sports News...This weekend begins the basketball season of the CAL League. All student athletes and parents/guardians were given the St. Rocco School Athletic Policies /Regulations Form prior to a child being able to participate in a sport. On the policy form was a Student Pledge as well as a Parent/Guardian Pledge. Below are the two pledges, please take the time to reread the pledge with your child. Stated in both is the fact that the student and adult are role models and each are representing St. Rocco School. Please refer to the policy in its fullest by going to the school website under the Student Life Tab, dropdown Athletics.



St. Rocco School students and parents must maintain a high standard of sportsmanship, citizenship, and respect at all times. Thank you for your cooperation. We wish them all good luck and offer a reminder that the primary focus is to garner enjoyment from this sport.

Student Pledge



As a student participant, I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play and participation for enjoyment. I will not engage in any form of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language and unnecessary physical contact. I will show respect for all participants, coaches, referees, teachers, and group leaders. I understand the behavior and academic expectations of my school, and hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of representing this school and community as a student participant.

Parent/Guardian Pledge

As a parent/guardian, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that extra-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for all students. I will show respect for all participants, coaches, referees, teachers, group leaders and spectators. I will participate by supporting, encouraging and uplifting all participants and groups. I understand the behavior and academic expectations of my child's school, and hereby accept the responsibility to be a good role model and I will encourage my child to do the same.



Outreach Programs... [NJHS/STUCO Coat Drive & Annual Feinstein Food Drive ...](#)

Many thanks to all who participated in donating coats and canned foods items to our drives. All coats collected are being distributed to a local shelter. The food items helped to make baskets for Thanksgiving. Additional baskets will be distributed for Christmas.



Mother/Son SWEETHEART Dance ~ Our Father/Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, January 19th at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website.



Father/Daughter SWEETHEART Dance ~ Our Father/Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, February 9th at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website.

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 Wed. Dec. 13th. The items range in price from \$2.00 to \$12.00.



Candy Cane Grams ~ Included in this packet is the order form for our annual Candy Cane Gram. Forms are also posted on the school website. All proceeds to benefit the cheerleading program. Candy Canes will be distributed to the students on the week of the 18th.



Friendly Safety Reminder ~ When holidays or special occasions occur, please...NO FOOD ITEMS are allowed to be given to classmates and friends. Only items such as stickers, pencils, bookmarks, etc. are permissible. For safety reasons, there will be no exceptions.

SRS Jewelry ~ In celebrating our 50th anniversary, it was with great excitement St. Rocco School had their very own ANGELA MOORE Bracelet made... with Christmas coming, these items would make great gifts and are available through the school office.



- SRS Burgundy Corded Bracelet (Boy or Girl) ~ \$15.00
- SRS Bangle (Alex & Ani LIKE) ~ \$15.00
- St. Rocco School Angela Moore Bracelet ~ \$50.00 **on SALE for \$30.00.**



School Hours/Tardiness ~ Our school hours are from 8:15AM -2:35PM. The front doors open at 8:00AM with the start of day bell ringing at 8:15AM and prayers immediately following. Students arriving after the bell has rung are considered tardy and will receive a tardy slip. Your child's tardiness is part of their school record. Please try to encourage them to be on time each day; detention may be a consequence for reoccurring instances.



Adopt-A-Family – Our annual Advent Adopt-A-Family flyer is included in today’s packet. Please take a moment and review your class Adopt-A-Family wishes. We are appreciative of your help for those families who are in need, especially at this time of year.



Catholic Schools Week begins Sunday, January 28, 2018

Open House

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On Sunday, January 28, 2018, the Annual St. Rocco School Open House will be held from 11:00am-1:00pm. If you know of a family interested in having their child attend St. Rocco School, please have them contact our school office at 944.2993 to schedule a tour.

LOOK FOR AFTERSCHOOL SIGNUPS NEXT WEEK

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES



- Friday, December 1, 2017 Catholic Youth Conference
- Sat., December 2, 2017 High School Placement Test
- Monday, December 4, 2017 Choir to sing at State House
- Weds., December 13, 2017 Christmas Pageant
- Weds., December 20, 2017 Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home
- Weds., December 20, 2017 **NO AFTERCARE**
- Thurs., December 21, 2017 Early Dismissal 11:30/ **NO AFTERCARE**
- Friday, January 19, 2018 Mother /Son Dance
- Sunday, January 28, 2018 Family Mass 10:00AM
- Catholic Schools Week
- Open House, 11AM-1PM
- Friday, February 9, 2018 Father /Daughter Dance
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 Annual Gala/Silent Auction
- Pawtucket Country Club

November Virtue of the Month ~ *Gratzfulness*

"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~