


**St. Rocco**  
**School**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

*Weekly*

# THURSDAY PACKET

*Parent Notes*

 **Candy Sale** ~ The candy sale has ended. **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.



**BLIZZARD BAGS ARE COMING!!** Please refer to the cover letter posted on the website regarding St. Rocco School inclement weather school day procedure.



**Meadow Farms Pie Delivery will be on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> after 1:30pm.**  
**Please make arrangements to pick up your order. Thank you!**

## 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!



**Come and hear all the exciting things happening at our school!**

**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...



This season of giving is exemplified through all the kind and generous donations that are being done for those who are less fortunate. Our annual food drive is going extremely well!

This year, for each extracurricular activity which St. Rocco School holds, we are asking that a canned good be donated. Also, our coat drive will benefit those less fortunate. Your generosity means so much to us as a school that deeply cares for its community.

This week, the students were educated in Fire Safety. The Johnston Fire Department brings a "Smoke house" whereby a simulated room is filled with smoke and an emergency exit plan is executed.



*This week, St. Rocco School held its' second session of the Boston Museum of Science Traveling Program.*



*Our Early Education classes enjoyed Electricity and Digging for Dinosaurs. Both programs involved hands on interactive activities as well as play based learning. We plan to bring back additional programs in the Spring. Again, with the hard work and efforts of our families of the Parent Association Activities Committees, we are able to enhance our students learning experiences. Many Thanks!!!*

The Region IV symposium night “How Safe Are Our Kids?” held at St. Philip’s School for parents proved to be very informative. I, along with two teachers, was in attendance as well as parents from our school and surroundings schools. Detective Sergeant Cerce, who is a computer crimes detective, facilitated the evening along with Officer Gorman. Some of the topics covered were social media apps, spoofing, parental controls cell and internet use, to name a few.



November is National Recycling Month. **The \$1.00 Dress Down Day scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>** will benefit the National Junior Honor Society’s efforts for our recycling program. The students may wear the color GREEN. The monies raised will aid in offsetting the costs of our school’s recycling program. We have been so successful that we have had to add two additional containers for paper and plastic bottles!



Please join us on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in St. Rocco Church for the crowning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the \*Enthronement Ceremony. Saint Rocco School eighth graders and faculty were afforded the opportunity to choose one eighth grade boy who crowns the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a Crown Bearer. John Perrotta was chosen as the Crowner and Nicholas Arruda will carry the Crown.

**\*Special Note: Uniform Requirements for special school liturgies for students in Grades PK4-8**

All students must wear their complete uniform including a uniform sweater or vest with SRS logo for all special masses. If Phys. Ed. is scheduled on a day of a special school liturgy, students are to wear the required uniform and just bring the gym sneakers to wear during gym class.

**TUITION** ~ **Please be advised that the new tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year have been posted on the school website.**

*With Blessings,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

**Classroom News...** Mrs. Montecalvo ~ Grade 5

*Students in Middle School have been busy with lab activities in Science and organizing their composition books. Grade 5 has focused on Plant and Animal kingdoms. They have learned the difference between animal and plant cells. Vascular and nonvascular plants have been discussed. We even observed carnations placed in water with food coloring and saw how the flowers became blue and yellow! Grade 6 students have been learning about weather and climate. The layers of the atmosphere, pollution, fossil fuels, and barometers were made in class. Tony Petrarca from WPRI Channel 12 came in and talked to the students about forecasting the weather. Students in grade 7 are learning about the layers of the Earth. We have discussed continental drift, Alfred Wegener, Pangaea, and plate tectonics. They also have begun their research for their Invention Convention project. This project will be completed on January 25<sup>th</sup> and students from Bishop Hendricken will come to judge their work. Grade 8 is learning about the Solar System. We have discussed tides, eclipses, astronomers, and the moon was brought to life with their moon phase activity. All the Science classes have been working hard and making great progress.*

**Meadow Farms Gift Catalogue Fundraiser** – The Meadow Farms **GIFT COLLECTION** fundraiser **is ongoing through November 17<sup>th</sup>**. Don’t forget you may also use the *Online Option*. Please enter the **CODE: 1030276**. 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!

**A NOTE FROM THE NURSE...**



On Thursday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at 1pm., the eighth grade students will be taking part in learning CPR and learning what an AED is and how it is used. A firefighter, John Robinson, will be conducting the class. Our hope is to make the students more comfortable about what happens in an emergency, and how they might be able to help. Later this month, the fifth grade students will be taking part in the same program.

## **FANTASIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN !!!**

Thanks to all the families who have sold their **25 Fantastic 50 tickets** but there are still a huge 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!

**As always, thank you for supporting our children!!!**



**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** with 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.

**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.

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

## **Community Partnership EVENTS**

**St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive** ~ St. Rocco School began its' Food Drive. We will continue throughout the school year. Donations will be accepted at all school functions as well. This month, we began our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items. The Feinstein Foundation will donate \$1.00 to our school for each canned good donated during this time period. Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission. Please see the posted flyer on our website.



Of course, donations will be accepted any other time. Also, St. Rocco School will have all collected food items donated to families in need within our community. There will be a "DRESS DOWN DAY" on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Students may wear **Fall colors**.



**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 and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks!



**STUCO Annual Wreath Sale** ~ The Student Council is sponsoring their annual "Wreath Sale" fundraiser. Order forms are available on line. The cost of each 12" wreath (20" outside diameter) is only \$15.00! All orders and payments must be submitted to the School Office. Thank you. Deadline is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for more info.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Last day to purchase is **Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Veteran's day has always been recognized as a special event for our students. This year St. Rocco School will be making cards and well wishes for the Veteran's at the Veteran's Hospital.



### Veteran's Day Prayer

*God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and  
have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom.  
We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,  
whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.  
We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way.  
Shield them from danger and bring them home.*

*Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.*

*Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!*

*May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains,  
the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!*

*Amen.*



### ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> **NO SCHOOL ~ Veteran's Day**
- Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> **Family Mass/Open House**
- Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> **Wreath Sale Deadline**
- Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> **Lifetouch Picture Makeup Day**
- Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> **Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM**
- Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> **Father/Son Bowling ~ returns due by 11/14**
- Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> **Early Dismissal ~ 11:30AM No LUNCH/ No Aftercare**
- Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> **Catholic Youth Conference**
- Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> **Choir to sing at State House**
- Weds., December 13<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Pageant**
- Weds., December 20<sup>th</sup> **Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home**
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 **Annual Gala/Silent Auction  
Pawtucket Country Club**

### 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~*