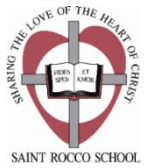


Celebrating Over 50 Years of Excellence!

OCTOBER 26, 2017

Weekly



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.
PLEASE REFER TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK
ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.



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... St. Rocco School prides itself on the **“Spirit of Giving Back”** to those in need both in our school, our community and in our world. We are certain that you as parents instill this virtue of generosity of oneself. Children have a natural desire to be helpful and responsible. There are key ingredients for student success. The desire to be helpful and responsible may lessen as your child grows older. To nurture these traits:

- ♥ Talk with your child about why it is important to help others.
- ♥ Discuss with your child how they can contribute to your household. Tailor their responsibilities to things they like to do, but avoid calling them “chores”. Involve them in making up a schedule with deadlines. Tell them how much you appreciate their help.
- ♥ Model how to be a contributing member of the community. Vote in elections. Donate blood. Recycle.
- ♥ Research community service opportunities your child can participate in. Try to connect them to their interest.
- ♥ Decide together what charities to support through volunteer work or donations.
- ♥ Praise your child when they take on new responsibilities and help others.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” - Winston S. Churchill



In keeping with the theme of **“Spirit of Giving Back”**, students attended an assembly this past Tuesday ~ “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 are available to purchase and all proceeds benefit *the Kenyan Kids and villagers* to get access to clean water. See enclosed flyer for more info.

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 runs through Nov. 3rd. **Please write out a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 3rd.** There are 4 additional boxes available in the School Office. Thank you in advance for your support and prompt attention in submitting this payment.



School Event ~ Mother-Daughter Brunch ~ St. Rocco School will be hosting its Annual Mother-Daughter Brunch this Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln. The arrival time is 10:00am. Please remember to bring a canned good or non-perishable item. Brunch will be served at 10:30am. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. Only prepaid admittance allowed.



Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers. • When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.



Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Class of 2018 News...



Special Announcement: *Our special Enthronement Mass will be celebrated on November 17th at 9:00AM. Congratulations to John Perrotta, who will crown the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and Nicholas Arruda, who will be the crown bearer. The two boys were selected by their peers and faculty members. All are welcome to join us for this memorable Mass.*

*With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

Spread your blessings to others!



As you decorate your home for Christmas, *please* consider donating any religious items that you no longer need or use to the St. Rocco Religious Items booth. To donate, please leave items in the box marked "Religious Items for St. Rocco Feast" in the vestibule at Church.

We are very grateful for every donation we receive! Thank you! Sr. Donna



Sports News ...All students who participated in Cross Country must return their clean team jersey in a bag labeled with their name to the School Office as soon as possible.

Fantastic 50 Fundraiser ~ Don't forget to sell your 25 tickets to help support our school. A schedule was emailed to you last week, 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!

Classroom News... Ms. Bennett ~ Grade 3

Third Grade is moving along. In Religion, we have discussed the Fatima Story. This is the 100th year since Our Blessed Mother appeared to the three children in Fatima. October is a special month for Mary. Our children are learning and praying the Rosary. Each Thursday, Sr. Daisy and I lead a prayer group, Friends of Jesus, where students pray the rosary.



The students have been learning all about Communities in Social Studies. There are different types of communities - urban, suburban and rural. Students learned what makes each one special. After reading, note-taking and discussions, each student wrote about a community. Then, groups were formed and students made a map on poster board depicting their community. They enjoyed working together on this project.

The third graders are becoming experts at Addition - adding larger numbers, adding more than two addends, estimating. Subtraction is coming next. Students use manipulatives and practice, practice, practice!! We love Math!



Confirmation News ~ There is a mandatory parent meeting tonight, October 26th in Café Rocco at 6:30PM. All parents whose children are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 8) are required to attend this informative meeting. Any questions please contact Sr. Mary Antoinette. Thank you!



All Saints Day Mass ~ Next Wednesday, November 1st, All Saints Day Mass will include a presentation from Grades K, 1 & 2. Please join us for this special Mass.



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.

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 is tomorrow evening Friday, October 27th from 6:30PM-8:30PM. Only students who have sent in a permission slip will be allowed to attend. 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.

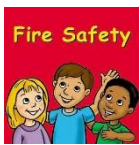


Catholic Youth Conference ~ Students in grades 7 & 8 will be attending this conference on Friday, December 1st at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. Please look under the “Field Trip” tab for the permission slip along with details.

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.

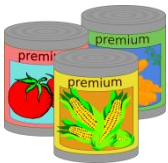
Meadow Farms Gift Catalogue Fundraiser – The Meadow Farms fundraiser **is ongoing through November 17th**. Don’t forget you may also use the *Online Option*. Please enter the **CODE: 1030276**. Make all checks payable to “St. Rocco School” and include the seller’s name and grade in the memo. Remember...up to 40% of your sales are applied to your mandatory fundraising fee!

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 permission slip that was sent home 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. Forms are also on the website.



Community Partnership UPCOMING 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. 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. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community.



If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one.



Coat Drive ~ Our “Annual Coat Drive” will be held November 1st – 30th. 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!

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

Extra, Extra Read All About It! ~ Throughout the year, SRS will acknowledge accomplishments of its’ students so that they can be recognized by our school community! Please feel free at any time to notify the school office so that we can share the good news of our students!

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; please be sure to reference the email sent in regard 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 Thursday afterschool from 2:30PM-4:00PM,



- Thursday, October 26th Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30PM
- Thursday, November 16th Lifetouch Picture Makeup Day

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVIES



- 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
- Friday, December 1, 2017 Catholic Youth Conference
- 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
- 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~