



A Note from the Principal... On Saturday night, St. Rocco School held its second annual Family Dance. It was an enchanting event since it was amazing to see many of our returning and new families in attendance. Grandparents also accompanied them, contributing to an even more special night! Everyone sat, talked, laughed and danced! New families were able to begin lasting friendships as St. Rocco School families.



A thank you to Mrs. Tara Zuena who assisted me in coordinating this St. Rocco School family activity! I am looking forward to this tradition for next year!



Saint Rocco School is holding its' annual Back to School Night this past week. (Grades 1-4 last night and Grades 5-8 tonight). This event is significant because it marks the official introduction for many of our new parents as well as returning parents. Seeing our Café Rocco filled with Saint Rocco School families was wonderful! Everyone seemed both happy and excited to be invited to this event and especially to meet the faculty and staff and enter into their child's classrooms!

Following my welcome, I introduced, Mark Vieira, Captain of the Johnston Police Department. He spoke about St. Rocco's School Safety Procedures. He addressed both our interior and exterior protocols for the school day. He emphasized how the police department recognizes a comprehensive plan and that St. Rocco exceeds many of these areas. Mr. Vieira is also a parent of a preschooler in our School.

One of our largest fundraisers for the year is the Fantastic 50's raffle. Mrs. Scotti and Mrs. Mooradian coordinate this event. We are always looking for parent volunteers to help and support the many upcoming events and activities. Your help, no matter how small the task or amount of time people so generously offer, please know that it is always needed and greatly appreciated. Working together not only strengthens our community, but exemplifies our mission of "Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!"



Also, during our Back to School Nights, we held mandatory cheerleading and basketball signups.



Mr. Lewis, St. Rocco School's Athletic Coordinator, spoke to the parents of Grades 3-8 regarding the required paperwork and expectations of both the adults and children during the season. Certainly, this year we are looking for a tremendous display of talent and most importantly sportsmanship.

Field Trip Fees/In School Activities

Please know that the Cost of Field Trips consists of admission to the Event and/or Transportation. However, at times hosting facilities absorb partial or all fees. At times transportation is provided.

Throughout the year, St. Rocco School hosts a variety of programs and presentations for all grade levels. The cost of these activities may be paid for by the monies raised by the St. Rocco School family events and/or St. Rocco School grant money, Feinstein funds, Sponsorships, etc.

If you have a school related question feel free to email me.

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!



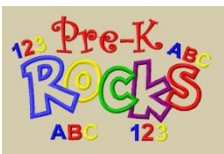
Special notes:

- I have hired Kristen Green as a substitute for Mrs. Bowman during her upcoming leave of absence. She will be working a staggered schedule until October 3rd and become full time on the 4th.
- If at any time you need to contact your child's teacher or myself, please send an email directly to one of us. All faculty and administration contact info is posted on the school website. No correspondences concerning your child's academic or personal situation should be sent to the School Office.

With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella

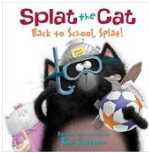
MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name, grade, along with your **payment due by October 27th**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 2nd.

Classroom News... Mrs. Tavares ~ Prekindergarten 4



We have had a great start to a new school year. I am very happy to say that Sister Donna is back with us again this year. She will be working in Pre-K 3, Pre-K4 and Kindergarten.

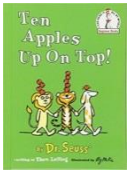
The Pre-School students have successfully transitioned into our daily routine. The children have already begun their Alphabet program, we have put apple prints on an A, buttons on a B, and colorful cotton on a C! We have had RED day where the students brought in something that was red to share with the class and they finger painted apples red! The students made a class book that they were able to take home and share with their families. The children have made an individual book based on "Ten Apples Up On Top", where they had to write the numeral and put the corresponding number of apples on the page.



The class has two book bags with friends in them that are visiting all the children for a night, one is Bear and the other is Splat the Cat and his friend Seymour. The bag includes a stuffed animal, a book and a notebook so that the children can draw and write about their adventures with our friends.

The Pre-School children along with Kindergarten will be going on a field trip to Jaswell's Farm in Smithfield. They will learn about how the apples are picked and how apple cider is made. Then, the students will have the opportunity to pick apples!

I am looking forward to a wonderful year with all my new friends and their families.



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 the packet and book.** 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.



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.

Sports News ~ Basketball/Cheerleading ~ All those students that signed-up in school for Boys and Girls Basketball (Grades 3-8) and Cheerleading (Grades 6-8) received Registration Packets. **Please complete all required paperwork and return it along with the registration fee on one of the Back to School Nights. Please do not send paper work to school.**



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. 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.



Coal Fire Pizza GIVE BACK EVENT Fundraiser ~ Following our October 15th 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!



EXTENDED CARE BILLING NOTICE ~ Billing will continue to be "hard copy" until January. Please keep your invoices for tax purposes. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

A Note from the Nurse... 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. 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.

Dress Down Passes ~ Students can receive a pass for recycling 5 ink cartridges, bringing in 50 Box Tops or 50 Campbell Soup labels. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom.



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

Deadline October 23rd. 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.

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 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.

Room Parent & Lunch/Snack Shop Volunteer Form are still being accepted.

Room Parent ~ There are still a few classrooms where a Room Parent Volunteer is needed. If you would like to be the Room Parent, please send a note to the School Office.

Lunch Volunteers ~ We are seeking volunteers to help with Snack Shop. The time is 11:00am-1:00pm. Pick your day!!! If you are able, please contact the School Office.

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 or will begin to start; please be sure to reference the email sent in regards to time and pickup.



- Thursday, September 28th Back to School Night 6:00pm-8pm, Grades 5-8
(Includes Sign Ups~Basketball Grades 5–8 & Cheerleading Grades 6– 8)

Back to School Night Procedures for tonight:

- At 6:00pm all parents are asked to be seated in Café Rocco for a short meet & greet.
- Special note: This is not an evening for parent conferences, although you may set up an appointment if you wish.
- Parents will then visit the classrooms and asked to sign in.
- At 7:00pm all parents whose children will be playing Basketball/Cheerleading will return to Cafe Rocco for a short mandatory meeting. (Please bring all necessary paperwork/fees with you.)

- Friday, October 6th First Friday Mass 8:45AM
- Monday, October 9th NO SCHOOL Columbus Day
- Sunday, October 15th Family Mass 10:00AM
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, 27th Halloween Event Grades PK3-5 (inschool)
- Friday, October, 27th Middle School Dance Grades 6-8
- Sunday, October 29th Mother/Daughter Brunch
- Weds., December 13, 2017 Christmas Pageant
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 Annual Winter Gala



September Virtue of the Month ~ *Friendliness*

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."
John 15:12-15

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~