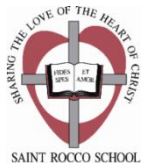


Celebrating Over 50 Years of Excellence!

JANUARY 4, 2018

Weekly



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

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

# THURSDAY PACKET

*Parent Notes*

**\*Aftercare Policy Change for PREK3 & PREK4 ONLY!**

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

Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 28 at 10:00AM  
followed by our

Open House



**OPEN HOUSE/ART EXHIBIT**  
**11:00AM – 1:00PM**



*If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School,  
please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.  
Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words.*

**A Note from the Principal...** The month of January begins the celebration of Catholic Schools. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education.

The new theme to celebrate Catholic schools. “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.



The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent.



Also, schools are communities—small communities in their own right, but also members of the larger communities of parish, town state and nation. They are, in the first place communities of faith, where children are openly taught about God, where God is worshiped regularly and where students and faculty put their faith into practice on a daily basis. Catholic schools exist to pass on knowledge, not just the practical knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic and so on, but also knowledge of God and truth, which is our spiritual heritage as Catholics. Finally,

Catholic schools are communities of service, places where helping one another and aiding the needy are the modus operandi, the normal way of living life.

## St. Rocco School's 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.***



St. Rocco School is accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. Please encourage family and friends to visit our school. “Word of mouth” is the best way to spread the good news about us. For years, St. Rocco has had the distinction and reputation of educating the whole child; spiritually, educationally and socially. We are proud of our accomplishments and we continue to strive to greatness for our students!





**A Starry Night with Friends** (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 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*

**New Applications for 2018-19:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 28<sup>th</sup> at our Open House. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at [www.stroccoschool.org](http://www.stroccoschool.org).

**Re-Registration for 2018-19:** Re-registration will take place the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will be scheduled upon our return from Christmas break and forwarded to you.

As January approaches, please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.

The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2017 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2017 income tax return, you may use your 2016 income tax return and your 2016 & 2017 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.

We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at

<https://onlinefactsmtg.com/signin/3FR8T>

**Parishioner Status** ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.



**Inclement and Cold Days** – Please make certain that your child comes to school properly dressed for the weather! (Some students are arriving to school without hats, gloves, or even a proper winter coat.) On extremely cold days the students will have indoor recess; however, there will be days when the students will be allowed to go outside for a short time during their recess period.

**Therefore, it is imperative that they have on proper clothing.**

**Winter Weather Alert** ~ This policy can be found on the school website under the Parents' Tab.  
(click on Policies & Forms)



**Morning Arrival** – Please be reminded that school doors open at **8:00AM**. Your child will be marked tardy after the 8:15AM bell. Daycare is available to students beginning at 7:15AM for those parents who need to send their child to school early.

**Early Dismissal** – Please send in a note with your child in the morning if he/she is going to be dismissed early. If for some reason dismissal plans change during the day, **contact the school office before 2:00pm**. For the safety and the least amount of disruption to the class, we would prefer not to have children dismissed after 2:15PM. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation. However, we do realize that emergencies and special circumstances occur; please don't hesitate to call the school office for assistance. Thank you!

**Family School Events:** ... *Where our Children always come first.*

Our **Mother/Son Dance** will take place on Friday, January 19th at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website. Deadline is Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Father/Daughter SWEETHEART Dance** will take place on Friday, February 9th at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website. Deadline is Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.





**Blizzard Bags** ~ Please review Blizzard Bag Policy posted on the school Web-site.

**ELECTRONICS POLICY REMINDER** ~ Please remind your child that they must follow and respect the school policy regarding electronics in order to continue having this school privilege. This includes Cell Phones. All phones MUST be brought to the School Office. NO phones are allowed with a student during the school day. Also, regarding the Kindle, Kindle Fire, I Pads etc, these electronics are not allowed into school. These items are very costly and St. Rocco School will not be held responsible for any loss or damage. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Special Dress Down Passes** ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress



Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning February 5<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 26<sup>th</sup>. Passes cannot be purchased after this date- NO EXCEPTIONS. Also, students can receive a pass for recycling 5 ink cartridges or bringing in 50 Box Tops. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Just a reminder the Campbell Soup labels program has ended.



Thanks for remembering this is a



Peanut/Nut Free School

**Lunch Room Policies** ~ Just a few reminders: St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school. Also, no glass containers are allowed. There are quite a number of students bringing in food that needs to be heated; it can be very difficult to accommodate them all at times. Please be considerate of this procedure. All students have access to water all day; however they need to bring in their own water bottle.

**Payment Policy Reminder:** All payments for Field Trips, Sports Registration, events, etc. **must be submitted by check.** The cancelled check will be your receipt. You may continue to pay cash for lunch, lunchroom snacks, ice cream and \$1.00 Dress Down Days if you choose. All checks payable to St. Rocco School.

Extended-Care Program

Before & After School

**EXTENDED CARE NEWS** ~ Just a reminder, any NEW or existing student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. **With the winter season upon us, transportation may become an**

**issue. Please be sure all information in regards to contacts and phone numbers are up to date as well.** The extension for daycare is #114. Your child's safety is our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Communication** ~ When sending in notes to school, please include your child's teacher and grade. Thank you!

**STAR Testing** ~ Students in grades 2-8 will begin STAR testing next week. Below is a prayer for you to share with your child.

*Prayer before an Exam*

*“O wise God, I pray that my mind might be rested, my body energized, and my spirit inspired for the exam I must write. Grant me peace and assurance so that I might do the best I am able, regardless of what that might be. Be with my fellow students and may I be a good example to them, offering reassurance and confidence regardless of how I feel. May I be honest and insightful, and able to give a true record of what I have learned. In the end, may any disappointment be born with grace, and any joy accompanied with humility. I write this exam with You, O Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.”*

# After School program

St. Rocco School offers an Afterschool Program. We continually expand the variety of programs offered for the students to reflect their interests and talents. The Winter Sessions Forms for the Afterschool Program are now posted on the school website. Form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs. Please adhere to the deadlines.

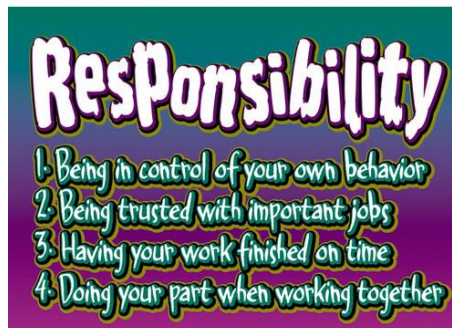
One on One Basketball ♥ Dance Program ♥ Band ♥ Friends of Jesus  
"The Afterschool Club" ♥ Chess Club ♥ Calligraphy ♥ LEGO



## ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Monday, January 15, 2018
  - Friday, January 19, 2018
  - Sunday, January 28, 2018
  - Friday, February 9, 2018
  - Saturday, March 10, 2018
- No School ~ Martin Luther King Day  
Mother /Son Dance  
Family Mass 10:00AM  
Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House, 11AM-1PM  
Father /Daughter Dance  
Annual Gala/Silent Auction  
Pawtucket Country Club

January Virtue of the Month ~ Responsibility



"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20

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