



# THURSDAY PACKET

## A Note from the Principal...

Junk food, video games, toys, and favorite television programs can make us happy for a while but the feeling doesn't last. During Lent, we are reminded to stop going after temporary happiness and choose lasting happiness that comes from God.

A good way to teach children this idea is to use colors – one for each day of the week to represent a Lenten habit. Write the habit on the assigned color paper and post it in a prominent spot in your home.

**Monday – Pink** for an increase in love in our hearts. We start the week by showing extra kindness to anyone we meet that day.

**Tuesday – Green** for God's gift of creation. To honor all that God has given us we do chores without being asked.

**Wednesday- Yellow** to share God's light. We spend time reading the Bible, a book on saints, or other spiritual reading.

**Thursday- Purple** for sorrow. Help children perform an examination of conscience.

**Friday- Red** for sacrifice. In addition to abstaining from meat, give up a favorite activity, food, toy or game. Our sacrifice honors Jesus' great sacrifice on the Cross.

**Saturday- White** for joy of forgiveness. We celebrate God's unending forgiveness by forgiving anyone who has hurt us and asking for forgiveness from anyone we may have hurt. Attend Confession as a family.

### What to give up?

Help children make age-appropriate choices of what to give up for Lent so that they stick with their fast for the entire season.



We all want happiness for our families and ourselves. Happiness is the subject of countless books and yet it is elusive for many. What is it that really contributes to happiness? We all know that happy people like themselves; happy people feel in control of their lives; happy people are hope filled and optimistic. We all know people who are not happy or joyful. This could be for many reasons. Sometimes we mistake joy for the pleasures of this life; however, real joy is much deeper. Author Denis Waitley reminds us: *Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned or worn. It is a spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude. God Has created us to be people of hope and joy.*

Here are some simple ways to bring more joy to our lives and those of our children:

- Count your blessings- be grateful for what God has given you. Make it a habit to look for blessings.
- Don't make comparisons. God calls us to be in his image and likeness. He loves us for who we are and has given us special gifts.
- Don't sweat the small stuff. You might want to ask yourself, "Is this really a big deal in the big picture of life?"
- Practice acts of kindness. Generosity toward others helps us focus on the positive.
- Live in the present. Most of our anxiety is about the past and the future.
- Invest time and energy in your relationships. They are the primary source of human joy.
- Be positive and trust in God's goodness.

There are many other ways to bring joy to our own lives and those of our families. May each of you experience God's joyful love each day.

*Blessings,*

*Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

Principal



**Sweetheart Dance** ~ The Parent Association Activity Committee held our annual Sweetheart Dance last Friday evening. It was held at the Cranston Country Club. The girls enjoyed a special night of dinner, music and dancing with their "sweetheart"! A special eighth grade presentation by the daughters to their dads was held. Many of our young ladies have been here at St. Rocco School for over nine years! Thank you to Mrs. Levesque for planning such a memorable event and to Mrs. Barros and Mrs.

Montecalvo for chaperoning and giving of their time.



## Special Note

**Please be aware: Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
is the Deadline for FACTS Grant & Aide Applications.**

### Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders:

- Children are not allowed to share food, utensils, drinking cups, etc. most importantly now with the flu season in full bloom.
- St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school.
- No glass containers are allowed.
- There are quite a number of students bringing in food that needs to be heated; **we can no longer heat up food**. Sorry for any inconvenience it may cause but with the number of children asking it has become unmanageable to accommodate them all! Please be considerate of this procedure.
- All students have access to water all day; however, they need to bring in their own water bottle.

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



*A Starry Night with Friends* - Join us for this casual, relaxing evening; traditionally termed as a "Gala", this is a night for all to attend. As our children grow and evolve we want our annual Gala to grow and evolve into an event that is enjoyable for everyone, whether you have been part of Saint Rocco school for 10 years or whether your journey is just beginning in pre-K. Create a "Ladies Night Out", an after the holiday "Get-together" or an evening with family and friends, new or old. Reserve your table now and help support St. Rocco School. Whether you attend as single, in a group or as a date night, this night is sure to be filled with "Starry" memories! Formal attire not necessary! (Adults ONLY) Please see the ticket flyer posted on the School Website!

This event begins with a cocktail hour and Silent Auction, followed by hot hor d'oeuvres and food stations in the main room. Wonderful items are available for you to bid on. Simply list your bid on the sheet in front of the item and the highest bidder will win! And don't forget the Live Auction!

Join us on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 for a night filled with laughter, friends and prizes at the Pawtucket Country Club. A roving photographer will provide complimentary photos for you, your family and friends throughout the night! Many other surprises and much, much, more!

Our Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and has helped pay for many of the educational, technological, and school improvement needs.

Donation Letter (Local Businesses) ~ We are asking each family to consider seeking out one donation from a business you frequent; with everyone doing a small part to contribute, the rewards will be BIG! (i.e. hair and/or nail salon, landscaping company, car - oil change/repair, local market, liquor store, massage gift certificate, etc.) The letter is available on our website.

Gifts/Classroom Baskets ~ As part of our Annual Gala, classes are responsible for the Class Basket. Please refer to the class letters posted on the website for additional details.

Grades PreK3, PreK4 & Kindergarten

Grades 1, 2 & 3

Grades 4 & 5

Grade 6

Grades 7 & 8

Games, Books, Puzzles, Arts & Crafts etc.

Rhode Island Basket

Italian Basket

Date Night

Sports/Outdoor Basket

**MAKE A  
TAX-DEDUCTIBLE  
DONATION**

If you would like to consider a tax-deductible donation to help support our event, it would be greatly appreciated. All donations will be included in a bid book and items will be on display in beautifully arranged baskets. This event is attended by approximately 250 people each year. A donation is a great way to generate name recognition for your business and broaden your customer base. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Please contact Patricia Bowman at St. Rocco School, 944-2993, for additional information.

Ticket Form ~ Ticket order form is posted on the School Website and below for your convenience! Please consider asking family and friends to join for a fun filled evening and reserve your table NOW!!!



# Winter Gala & Silent Auction

A Starry Night with Friends...Build Memories!

**ADULT ONLY EVENT**



**Join us for a casual evening enjoyed with friends, family and co-workers!**

The event begins with a cocktail hour and Silent Auction. Wonderful donated items are available for you to bid on. Simply list your bid and table number on the sheet in front of the item and the highest bidder will win.

**Saturday, March 10, 2018**

Pawtucket Country Club ~ 900 Armistice Blvd, Pawtucket, RI 02861

Cocktails (Cash Bar)

Domestic & International Cheese Display & Crudités Table

6:30pm-7:30pm

Hot Hor D'oeuvres ~ Pasta Stations ~ Salad Station ~ Italian Station 7:30pm

Silent Auction ~ begins at 7:30pm Live Auction ~ 8:00pm

Dessert Table & Coffee

**Tickets ~ \$45.00 per person**

Emcee for the evening, our very own, **Mr. Michael Montecalvo**, WPRI Channel 12 News Anchor

*Mark your calendars now and schedule those babysitters early!!!*

Honoring two of our esteemed  
"Friends of St. Rocco School"

**Mr. John Keefe & Mrs. Phyllis Nigris**



Any questions: Contact the School Office at 944.2993.

Please make checks payable to: **St. Rocco School**

A Roaming Photographer will be present!

Complimentary Candids to build St. Rocco Memories!



## TICKET ORDER FORM

Please fill out form below and return to school by  
Friday, February 28, 2018



Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Attending

\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed

If you wish to reserve a table of 10 please indicate your name or any other special requests below:



**Community Partnership News...Pro-Life Baby Shower** –All proceeds will go toward the Project Gabriel sponsored by the Diocese of Providence for young mothers who chose Life for their baby! We will continue to collect items for our annual pro-life baby shower until February Winter Recess. We thank you in advanced for your generosity. Please refer to flyer posted on the School Website.

### Class of 2018 News...

**Eighth Grade Yearbook Ads** ~ Just a reminder: an email was sent to each eighth grade family last week. Please remit **by February 16<sup>th</sup>** or sooner as we will not be able to guarantee you ad space after that date.

**Class of 2018 Video** ~ It is now time to start working on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Video. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office and speak with Mrs. Moschella. We are collecting pictures from the students past years here at St. Rocco. Any pictures from past Halloween parties, field trips, first communion and any other events would be great! Start searching ~ we would like each student to try and bring in at least 4-6 pictures. Please put a return address label on the back of your pictures and place them in an envelope with your child's name labeled 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Video. If it is easier, you can email them to [nancylevesque@verizon.net](mailto:nancylevesque@verizon.net).

**Retreat** ~ Save the Date ~ Eighth grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend a mandatory retreat. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Rejoice and Hope Center in Cranston. Please mark your calendar. Failure to attend will exempt you from making the sacrament.

**Grade 7 News** ~ In keeping with tradition, the seventh grade class is responsible for hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Night being held Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> in Café Rocco at 6:00pm. Any questions, you may contact Mrs. Okolowicz at school.

**Special Dress Down Passes** ~ Plan ahead for the month of March! For \$5.00, you may purchase (4) Dress Down Passes for the Month of March to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is February 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.

**Classroom News ~ Ms. Bennett ~ Grade 3**

The third graders just completed a research paper on the Presidents! Each student read and wrote about a president. They also created a puppet of their president. The class learned so many facts about the amazing people that have led our country. The puppets were very creative! We also learned The Presidents Song that we will remember forever!! Both the papers and puppets were displayed during our Open House during Catholic Schools Week!!!

We are learning facts about Snow and the man who first photographed snowflakes - Snowflake Bentley!! The students were awestruck looking at the pictures he took. We learned that having a passion for something is a wonderful gift from God! We are thankful that Snowflake Bentley worked so hard and discovered how amazing snowflakes are! We created our own Snowflakes that are now decorating our classroom! We LOVE Third Grade!

**PARENT REMINDER** ~ Please take a look at your child's teacher notes on the Parent Portal! This is one of our means of school-to-home communication. It is a customized, online dashboard which provides access to vital information such as your child's student progress, daily activities, classroom assignments, etc.

**ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

- February 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> Winter Recess



Mark your Calendar  
**Chicken & Pasta Dinner**  
Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00PM  
St. Rocco Church Hall  
Proceeds to Benefit: *bags of hope!*  
Please see the attached flyer for additional details.  
Sponsored by: SRC Women's Guild & Holy Name Society



**ST. ROCCO'S CHURCH**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 7PM**  
Join us for a very special  
**LENTEN PERFORMANCE**  
*The Way of the Cross*

- Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Gala/Silent Auction 6:30pm  
Pawtucket Country Club
- Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 (Mandatory) Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 10:00AM  
Open House ~ State Fair 11AM-1PM
- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Production/Talent Show

**February Virtue of the Month ~ Kindness**

"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~*