



THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes

A Note from the Principal... Did you know that the ways in which we use praise to react to our child's successes and failures can have a significant impact on performance and success? Psychologist Dr. Carol Dweck explains: "If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their child to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort and keep on learning." Dweck's research has shown that by praising your child's effort rather than the end result, your child will be more likely to try harder, seek challenges, and be less afraid to make mistakes—all of which lead to more learning success.

Here are a couple of tips on how to praise and challenge your child to be his/her best:



→**Talk with your child about his or her efforts:**

When your child comes home from school, ask questions like: "What did you learn today?" "What mistake did you make that taught you something?" and "What did you try hard at today?" This will help your child think about his/her efforts throughout the day. It will also send the message that you appreciate his or her hard work and persistence. This kind of dialogue also helps children reflect upon what they did and what and how they learned new things at school that day.

→**Encourage, question and notice:**

Encourage your child's effort rather than the results. "Wow, you are working really hard on that! Just a little more practice and you'll have it down!" Ask your children questions about what they did and did not do well, and how they think they may be able to improve for the future. Notice your children by saying things like, "I see how hard you are working on that puzzle" and "I see that you chose to complete the sides of the puzzle first." This will help them reflect on their efforts and remember successful strategies that they used as well as providing your children with acknowledgement.

Dr. Dweck explains that "... No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishments". Encourage your children's efforts, and join them in attempting challenging but rewarding tasks.

National Catholic Sisters Week
March 8-14, 2018

NCSW is an annual celebration that began in 2014 to honor religious women with a series of events that instruct, enlighten, and bring greater focus on the lives of these incredible women. It's a chance to recognize all that they do, with the hope that as more young women learn about religious women, more will choose to follow their example. We will celebrate and acknowledge the incredible contribution Sr. Mary Antoinette, Sr. Daisy and Sr. Donna have made to St. Rocco School on Monday with the faculty and staff.



InView: Beginning next week, the students in grades 3-7 will be taking the InView Test. It will be administered by their classroom teachers. This test assesses cognitive skills which can map strengths; reveal hidden abilities (of what students are capable of doing) and point the way to new opportunities. InView helps with critical screening and identification for student placement.

It also helps identify students whose daily achievement is inconsistent with their abilities. There are five subtests within the assessment: verbal reasoning, sequences, analogies and quantitative reasoning. It is approximately an hour long.

God Bless,
Lorraine S. Moschella
Principal

UNIFORM SWAP



DON'T MISS OUT!

Saint Rocco School has an abundance of donated uniforms. Come on in and pick up an extra set, or plan ahead for that unexpected "growth spurt." Gently used uniforms will be available at **NO COST** on the following days and times:

Tuesday, March 13th - Friday, March 16th ~ 9AM - 11AM / 1PM-2PM

Open House ~ March 18th ~ 11AM - 1PM

Monday, March 19th ~ 9AM - 11AM / 1PM-2PM



Dress Code & Uniform Requirements ~ With Spring approaching and the Summer Uniform Dress going into effect on April 1st, please refer to **APPENDEX #2 DRESS CODE** in the Student Handbook.

Some areas of concern: hair length, styles and accessories ~ jewelry ~ proper footwear ~ HOODIES. If you have a special circumstance, feel free to contact the School Office.

The school uniform is a symbol of unity within the school community. It minimizes distractions in the learning process and teaches students to take pride in their appearance by wearing the regulated uniform. By wearing the uniform, students are constantly reminded they are representing St. Rocco School.

Classroom News ~ Mr. DiMichele ~ Social Studies

We are nearing the completion of the second trimester for the Middle School Social Studies curriculum. In Grade 8, we are studying the economic, political, and social transformation of the nation during the late 19th century. Known as the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era, this time witnessed tremendous changes in the nation as it moved from an agrarian-based economy and society to an urban-based industrial economy and society. These massive changes produced great disparities in wealth and social equality. This also was a time of the coming of large waves of immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe. These changes led to greater government involvement in the American economy and society. Still, this period led to America's debut on the world stage with the Spanish-American War of 1898 and The Great War of 1914-1918.

In Grade 7, we have moved on to the beginnings of the American Revolution and the creation of the new nation; the United States of America. We are looking at the social, political, and economic tensions between the American colonists and Great Britain. Soon we will be studying the War of Independence and the aftermath of the war; the writing of the United States Constitution. We will then look at the period of the Early Republic as the new nation takes its first steps among the nations of the world.

In Grade 6, we have recently completed our study of the ancient African and Asian civilizations of Egypt, India, and China. We have just begun looking at the two oldest European civilizations from which much of Western Civilization gets its heritage; namely, ancient Greece and Rome.

In Grade 5, we are continuing our study of the colonization of North America by various European powers. We will concentrate our attention on the English settlements along the Eastern seaboard of North America. These, of course, will become the Thirteen English Colonies from which our nation will be born.

In Grade 6 Religion, we have just completed our study of Salvation History that includes the Exodus and the entry into the Promised Land. We will continue our study by looking at the period of the Prophets, Judges, and Kings.

Finally, Grades 5, 6, and 7 have participated in a poster-making project related to the historical periods, places, and people they have been studying. The posters are great! They have put much time, effort, and thought in creating them. The students will have an opportunity to present their work to their classmates during the third trimester.

Retreat ~ Eighth grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend a mandatory retreat this 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.

Field Trip Grade 6 ~ Permission slips are posted online for **Cabaret Production ~ Collaboration of Broadway Musicals; Thursday, April 26, 2018 at St. Mary Academy ~ BayView.**



Music News ~ Choir members performing at Catholic Music Festival on April 3, 2018 at Mount St. Charles need to return the permission form by Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

Also, this day is a mandatory rehearsal after school until 4! Just a reminder, students are to wear their full dress uniform. (No shorts) You are all invited to attend this free concert at 6:30PM.

Spring Production permission forms are included in your child's Thursday Packet; it would be greatly appreciated if it is returned as soon as possible so that planning may begin.

Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of April! For \$5.00, you may purchase (4) Dress Down Passes for the Month of April to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning April 5th unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is March 23rd. 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.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- Saturday, March 10th Annual Winter Gala/Silent Auction 6:30pm
- Saturday, March 10th Grade 8 (Mandatory) Confirmation Retreat
- Thursday, March 15th First Penance 8:45am
- Sunday, March 18th Family Mass 10:00AM
- Saturday, May 19th Open House ~ State Fair 11AM-1PM
- Friday, March 23rd Spring Production/Showcase of Talent
- Wednesday, March 28th \$1.00 Dress Down ~ Rice Bowl
- Thursday, March 29th Living Stations 1:15 PM
- Thursday, March 29th **NO BUSING for Johnston Students ONLY**

Due to NO SCHOOL for Johnston Public Schools busing is not available.

- Thursday, March 29th 11:30 AM Holy Thursday ~ Early Dismissal ~ No Aftercare
- Friday, March 30th Good Friday ~ NO SCHOOL

March Virtue of the Month ~ Forgiveness

"Lord, when my brother or sister wrongs me, how often must I forgive? Seven times?"
"No," Jesus replied, "not seven times, I say seventy times seven times." Matthew 18:21



DON'T FORGET TO PUT YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!

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