



# St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Weekly

## THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



**SPECIAL NOTE: Meadow Farms Fundraising (Cookie Dough) will be delivered on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 1:00PM; please make arrangements for pick up at Dismissal.**

A Note from the Principal... On behalf of the Faculty, Staff and entire school community, we would like to congratulate our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students who received the Holy Sacrament of First Communion on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. May the blessing of Almighty God be with each of them and may they continue to be filled with the Love of Christ each and every time they receive Holy Communion.

*Saint Rocco School First Communion*

		
Arseni Aguilar	Isabella Barros	
Matthew Beauregard	Elena Capaldi	
Pablo Chhay	Scott Creighton	
Cesin Curi	Dante DeAngelis	
Alessandro Fava	Nathan Henao	
Julia Innocenti	Adrianna Insana	
Connor Maddern	Alivia Mallozzi	
Zarrin Moyen	William Quattrucci	
Michael Ramos	Nicholas Scotti	
Aurora Trainor	Estefania Vigniero	
Noah Ward	Aidan Wentworth	

As always, thank you to Sr. Daisy, whose faith and guidance has blessed the First Communion class with enduring love for Jesus and a desire to follow Him.



Also, a special thank you to Mrs. Kogut, a school parent, who through her love and devotion to Jesus, designs, makes and donates beautiful rosary beads each year to all school students receiving this sacrament.



**May Crowning** ~ St. Rocco School would like to invite you to our May Crowning on Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00AM. The honor of Crowning Mary is given to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl who, by her words and actions, exemplifies the virtues of Mary. The Crowning this year has an extra special connection. The young lady, chosen by her peers and our faculty, is the daughter of an alumnus who we learned was chosen by her peers 39 years ago! What a very special day for Stefanie Levesque & Mrs. Nancy (Calitri) Levesque to share such an honor! Stefanie's attendants are Bailey Merlino and Julianna Vigniero. Flowers will be presented to our Blessed Mother by Grade 8 students and our Second Grade First Communion Class. Also, several students from each homeroom will take part in reciting the Living Rosary. This beautiful tradition is an extraordinary display of our love for our Blessed Mother.



Also, on Thursday, our Grades 5 & 7 students were able to tour the Rhode Island State House with Rep. Stephen Ucci and experience a mock trial. Students were able to ask questions and learn about this important due process of our country. Special thanks to Rep. Ucci who then treated the students to a wonderful pizza lunch!



## The family that worships together...

Catholic parents already know the importance of taking our families to mass each week.

Research results from the last ten years prove us right; it's one of the most important things we can do for our children. When families are religious, children get:

**Social support** - Religious social networks such as Catholic parishes provide support to parents and give parenting skills a boost. Children benefit by hearing parental messages reinforced by other caring adults and may take more to heart the messages they hear at home. Plus, being anchored in a religious community can offer positive peer relationships.

**Academic success** - Teachers rated youngsters who attend religious services at least once a week higher in self-control, social skills, and in attitudes toward learning than those from non-religious families. They also had higher gains in education, especially when coming from low-income families.

**Greater well-being** - Religious children experience better mental health, hope and optimism: less loneliness, less depression, and fewer suicides.

**Better behavior**- Coming from a religious family results in less risky behavior. Studies showed fewer out-of-wedlock births, less premarital sex, less drug and alcohol abuse, good work habits and higher aspirations in religious children.

**Sacred purpose**- Catholic parents also know there's more at stake than getting our children into college. We want to get our youngsters into Heaven and we can't do that alone.

© St. Mary Academy - Bay View



Our Grade 6 students were invited to attend the St. Mary Academy~ Bay View Cabaret Production ~ Collaboration of Broadway Musicals on Thursday. Students, along with Mr. Monaco and Mrs. Colozzi, truly enjoyed the show and seeing the talents of former St. Rocco School classmates!

Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Moschella  
Principal

## Classroom News - **St. Rocco Students Excel in the Spanish Language** Sr. Mary Antoinette Cappelli, FMH

Teaching has many rewards, but seeing students growing in the knowledge of a foreign language is one of the greatest gratifications. Most of the students at St. Rocco have grown to love and appreciate not only the Spanish language but its rich culture and wonderful traditions as well.

I am amazed to see how much the students retain from the previous years. I am even more amazed to listen to the 8th graders speak Spanish and to notice their ability to deal with grammar structure. They have certainly solidified the foundation of the Spanish language acquisition and comprehension and are well prepared to successfully continue its study in High School. As a matter of fact, they have mastered many Grammar concepts including irregular verbs ending in AR, ER, and IR, the idiomatic expressions of the verbs TENER, HACER, GUSTAR, the correct use of the verbs SER and ESTAR, the possessive and demonstrative adjectives and the use of the prepositions and reflexive pronouns. They can also describe themselves and others and carry on a simple conversation.

I feel very confident that this year's 8th graders, just like the ones who graduated before, will come back with the same expressions: "*Sister, Spanish is my best and easiest subject!*" This is our goal: get the students ready to succeed in High School and ultimately in life.

**Confirmation News** ~ Students in Grade 8 that will be making their Confirmation in the Fall have a very important letter included in the Thursday Packet.



**STUCO**~ Students in Grades 5-7 will attend an assembly in regard to STUCO positions for the 2018-2019 school year. If your child is interested, a nomination form is attached.

Please return completed and signed form to school by **8:15AM, Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Elections are May 3<sup>rd</sup>.



We now have an **automated external defibrillator (AED)** located in the Church Hall to assist in case of an emergency, both at School and at events held in the Hall. This is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses life – threatening cardiac arrhythmias and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm.

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson.

### **PARENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE NEWS... “Where Our Children Always Come First”**



Many thanks to the numerous *Parent Volunteers* who have chaired events and /or volunteered this year. We are already starting to plan for next year’s events; anyone interested in Chairing or Co-chairing any of the events listed below, please see Mrs. Moschella.

Within the following months, we will need to have committees planning these events. The following are the activities which have traditionally been held at St. Rocco School:

**Halloween Event; Christmas Bazaar; Family Event;  
Father/Daughter Dance; Mother/Son Dance;  
Mother/Daughter Brunch; Father/Son Event;  
Annual Winter Gala Silent Auction & Dinner**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Volunteer Social Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> following First Friday Mass.  
More info to follow!**



**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.

***Suzanne M. Henseler Memorial Scholarship St. Rocco School*** ~ *Applications are now being accepted. Two scholarships of \$750 will be awarded for academic year 2018-19. Two deserving students currently attending St. Rocco School will receive a scholarship. You may download the application on our school website. Deadline to submit: May 18, 2018*

***Selection Criteria:*** *Applicants currently in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades are eligible to apply with proof of attendance or acceptance to St. Rocco. Selection criteria, in order of priority, are: 1) demonstrated financial need, 2) academic performance or promise, and 3) participation in extracurricular activities. The selection committee also will give weight to student statements explaining what the Catholic educational experience means to them, and will consider one letter of recommendation from a teacher. Students who receive scholarships may re-apply in the following academic year.*



**Lifetouch Spring Picture Returns** ~ Lifetouch has informed the School Office that there are still 30 families that have **NOT YET** returned their child’s Spring Photo Package.

Picture returns were due 2 weeks ago. Please return the pictures or send in your payment by tomorrow. **Parents will be charged for any pictures that were not returned.**



**Yearbook News**...FYI...If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, it’s not too late. There are only 20 books left! We cannot guarantee that at the end of the school year any will be available for purchase! First come, first serve basis. Books are \$32.00 each. Too late for personalization!

**Region 3 Statewide Busing**~ Beginning on April 1, 2018, the statewide transportation system will be open to receive student transportation requests for the **upcoming 2018-2019 school year**. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of the school next year, **both current and new riders** must register by **July 31, 2018**.



**Region 3**

<b>Barrington</b>	<b>Lincoln</b>	<b>Bristol</b>	<b>North Providence</b>
<b>Central Falls</b>	<b>Pawtucket</b>	<b>Cranston</b>	<b>Providence</b>
<b>East Providence</b>	<b>Smithfield</b>	<b>Warren</b>	

Please visit the Rhode Island Department of Education Transportation system website for registration and information regarding this bus service. There will be a drop down menu to indicate St. Rocco School.

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx>

Only registered students in Grades Kindergarten – Grade 8 will be permitted on the school buses. For questions regarding the statewide transportation website, please call 401-222-5024.

**Extended Care News** ~ St. Rocco Extended Care Program is looking for donations of any **Action Figures, Loving Family People, Weebles, Animals Figures etc.** The children truly enjoy using their imagination playing with these smaller objects. During your Spring cleaning, if would like to donation any gently used toys, please bring them to the Extended Care in Café Rocco. Thank you in advanced!



**Field Trip News** ~ Any parent wishing to chaperone for a school sponsored event or field trip **MUST FIRST** go through the classroom teacher and not just drop off forms and payment (if required) to the School Office and assume they are chaperoning. Some trips allowed for unlimited chaperones and others are limited. Please remember to be eligible you must have a current BCI on file and Safe Environment as well. You may check in the School Office for your status. Thank you for your cooperation!

**Coming this Spring!**  
**MAY 19, 2018**

**Our Spring Performance~“ROCK AND ROLL FOREVER”~Cranston West High School**



**Drama/Tickets Spring Performance** ~ Tickets are on sale now; please send in your order form which is included in your packet. Also, additional copies may be downloaded from under the Thursday Packet tab on the school website.

**Program Ad Book** – Place an ad for your “Superstar” in our program. Please submit ad and payment to the School Office in order for it to appear in the booklet. Form is available on line.

## ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES



- Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 First Communion 12:00Mass
- Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Fundraiser ~ Details to follow
- Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr. 4 6:30PM Transition Meeting for Parents & Students
- Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Spring Production / Showcase of Talent
- Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> May Crowning 9:00AM
- Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Athletic Celebration~ Kelly Gazzerro Post at 5:30PM
- Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> NJHS/STUCO Induction Ceremony 9:00Am
- Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> Grades 6, 7 & 8 Field Trips
- Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Dance 6:30-8:30PM Café Rocco
- Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Awards Night ~ 6:00PM Café Rocco
- Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> Grade 8 Graduation Mass 12:00  
Followed by Commencement Ceremony

April Virtue of the Month ~ Courage

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

**CHRIST** is the reason for this school.

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