

THURSDAY PACKET

A Note from the Principal...

Let's start with a few true or false questions for parents.

True or False: When my children come to me with a problem, I listen briefly, and then I either make a joke or change the topic – anything to take their minds off of it.

True or False: When my children share their problems with me, I tell them not to worry; everything will turn out all right.

True or False: When my children tell me they are troubled, I immediately try to give some helpful suggestions.

If you answered, “True” to any of these questions, you may need to work on your listening skills. Studies have shown that responses like the ones above tend to be unhelpful in the long run. They may offer quick solutions, but they can also keep your children from opening up about what is truly bothering them.

One of the most important jobs any parent faces is to become a loving, careful listener. Listening tells your children that they are important to you. It tells that that you care for them. Listening carefully also helps you to suspend your own agenda and judgments for a bit so that you can put yourself in their shoes.



God is always ready to open our ears, both to Him and to the children He has given us. At the same time, He is asking us to work with Him so that we can become good listeners. Here are a few steps to consider:

- Pay attention to your children. Look for signs in their conversations and their actions that may point to a struggle they are having.
- When you sense that your child is stressed out, upset, withdrawn, or more aggressive, ask them what is wrong, and then listen. Avoid quick responses. Don't interrupt, redirect, or try to smooth things over.
- Try your best to hear both what they are saying and what they are trying to say. Pay attention also to what they are *not* saying.



If your children get the sense that you are really listening, they will feel comfortable talking more. And as they talk, they're more likely to find answers on their own-answers that bring them closer to the Lord.

“Lord, help me to listen closely- to You and to my loved ones.”

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella
Principal



Just before Easter, our students Dressed Down for the Rice Bowl Collection. A check for just over \$135.00 was sent to the Society for the Propagation of Faith/Operation Rice Bowl.

Each year, St. Rocco School celebrates National Reading Week! Our students will participate in our Spring Scholastic Book Fair-Buy One/Get One Book Free, Book Swaps, Book Mark Contests, and many special guest readers who will visit the classrooms! The Annual Parade of Words will be held on April 10th, whereby each student in grades PK3-5 will choose a word which they will physically represent. This activity always provides such fun and we are always amazed at the incredible creativity our students possess!



Reading opens doors
 To new people, places and things.
 So read as often as you can,
 And enjoy the wonder
 That it brings.



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

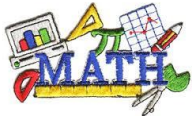
Barrington	Lincoln
Bristol	North Providence
Central Falls	Pawtucket
Cranston	Providence
East Providence	Smithfield
Warren	

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.

Classroom News - Mrs. Colozzi - Middle School Math



As we begin the third trimester of Middle School Math, we realize the progress we have made since the beginning of the school year. Due to the "spiral" nature of the Math curriculum, topics are revisited each year with increased difficulty in the computation. Students are working diligently to master one concept at a time so that may use that information when solving future problems.

Grade 5 is currently completing the study of performing the four operations with fractions. As we approach the end of the school year, we will be exploring topics such as geometry and higher level problem solving strategies.

Grade 6 is also working with fractions which involve integers. Future topics include geometry, probability and the beginning stages of Algebra.

Grades 7 and 8 are progressing through pre-Algebra and Algebra I respectively. Topics include solving multi-step equations and inequalities, the Pythagorean Theorem and radical numbers. Currently, grade 8 is studying polynomials and linear equations. Every year, they continue to make us proud by testing into upper level high school classes such as Honors Geometry and Algebra II.

Finally, in an effort to emphasize the importance of Math in our world, we have diligently followed the University of R.I. and Providence College basketball teams all season using their basketball statistics to generate meaningful Math discussions! As "March Madness" comes to an end, we will take our Math conversations outdoors. . . Baseball, anyone?



Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due Date ~ All orders are due on **Monday, April 9, 2018**. Please make sure your child's name and homeroom are clearly marked. All orders are prepaid. Just a reminder, 40% of your total sales will be applied to your fundraising.



Choir News~ I just wanted to thank the 16 students from Choir that sang at "The Catholic Music Festival" on Tuesday evening, April 3rd. Many people complimented both your solo performance and your final, all-choir performance. It was a wonderful experience! You were outstanding and made myself and St. Rocco School community very PROUD!

Musically, Mrs. Rodi

Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following students for achieving academic honors for the second trimester.

High Honors with Distinction: Grade 8 ~ Aaron Lewis, Bailey Merlino & John Perrotta. Grade 7 ~ Ciara Mercado-Alvarez & Mandy Tran. Grade 6 ~ Brendan Case, Landen McCarty, Marissa Reilly & Alexander Sano.

High Honors: Grade 8 ~ Emma Abatecola-Tusup, Shannon Healey, Stefanie Levesque & Sabrina Randall. Grade 7 ~ Adriana De La Zerda, Dylan Feliciano, Jack Mooradian, Amanda Pierce & Jade Zuena.

Grade 6 ~ Dominick DiMattia, Thomas Goron, Braden Healey & Jim Ismee.

Honors: Grade 8 ~ Tommy Sisouvong

Academic Achievement:

Grade 5 – Nicholas D'Aquila, Ava Iacobo, Grace Kogut, Gabriell Leon, Isabella Sanchez-Fernandez, Gabriella Sanchez-Fernandez, Ciara Sanchez & Gianna SanMartino,

Grade 4 – Paul Cabrera, Juliana Caparco, Keegan Carbone, Samantha Ciliberto, Steven Clinton, Sophia Colucci, Henry De La Zerda, Marcos Diaz, Cameron Healey, Domenic Iacobo, Darien Kiernan & Onna McCarty.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES



- April 9th – 13th
 - April 16th -20th
 - April 23rd – 27th
 - **Wednesday, April 25th**
 - Sunday, April 29th
 - Tuesday, May 8th
 - Thursday, May 3rd
 - Saturday, May 19th
 - Tuesday, May 22nd
 - Monday, May 28th
 - Tuesday, May 29th
 - Wednesday, May 30th
 - Thursday, May 31st
 - Friday, June 1st
 - Thursday, June 7th
 - Sunday, June 10th
- Reading Week**
 - Spring Recess**
 - Week of the Young Child**
 - \$1.00 Dress Down ~ EARTH DAY (Wear Green) (DATE CHANGE)**
 - Grade 2 First Communion 12:00Mass**
 - Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza Fundraiser ~ Details to follow**
 - Gr. 4 6:30PM Transition Meeting for Parents & Students**
 - Spring Production / Showcase of Talent**
 - May Crowning 9:00AM**
 - Memorial Day NO SCHOOL**
 - Athletic Celebration~ Kelly Gazzo Post at 5:30PM**
 - NJHS/STUCO Induction Ceremony 9:00Am**
 - Grades 6, 7 & 8 Field Trips**
 - Spring Dance 6:30-8:30PM Café Rocco**
 - Grade 8 Awards Night ~ 6:00PM Café Rocco**
 - 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~