A ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

JANUARY 9, 2025



THURSDAY PACKET



Weekly Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the Christmas break with your families. Our first week back at school has been awesome. It is wonderful to be back in school with all our smiling faces each day. Our children look very rested and happy. As we enter the second half of our school year, our staff and students come to school with boundless energy. I am very proud of our choir singing the National Anthem at the Providence Bruins game this Friday night. A special thank you to Mrs. Rachdouni and Mrs. Muccio for putting this event together.

Your children are settling back into their routines and getting ready for the next round of Star Testing. Please remember to be sure your children eat a good breakfast and get enough rest before taking their tests.

Looking forward to next week, we start our Reregistration appointments. If you are unable to make your scheduled appointment, please call the school office ASAP, and we will gladly reschedule. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to discuss your concerns and /or satisfaction with Fr. Carusi, Sister Daisy, or Sister Donna.

We also have our Open House coming up on January 26th (see the flyer on the 3rd page). The best way to show off our school is through your children. We have a mass at 10am to kick off Catholic Schools Week. We hope you and your children can join us for this mass. Afterward, we have an Open House at our school. This is a perfect time for us to brag about our children and their accomplishments. The Spelling Bee competition has begun and the winners (2 per grade) of the grade levels participating, will be having a pizza lunch with me.

Thank you for putting your trust and faith in St. Rocco's School!

Mrs. D'Amico

Reminder: Please remember Friday night, January 10th, is the Providence Bruins game where our very own St. Rocco's Middle School choir will sing the National Anthem. All students and family members need a ticket for admission. They need to be ordered through the PBruins link, listed on the flyer. This is open to all family and friends!

Classroom News!

ELA/Literature - Gr. 6-8 - Ms. Sam Tripp

We have been having a fantastic year so far in ELA and Literature!

All classes have been working very hard on their grammar units. So far, we have covered nouns, pronouns, and some adjectives! We have been working on our writing skills. 8th grade has been completing a research paper on an important figure from the 1940s to the 1960s. 7th grade has been learning how to write a newspaper article as a part of their *Stargirl* unit.



Students in sixth grade have been reading *Refugee* by Alan Gratz. We will be exploring the three different time periods within the novel as well as the hardships and struggles that refugees are faced with when having to flee from their home country.

Seventh grade is currently reading *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli where we are exploring all different types of figurative language, author's craft, extended metaphor poems, and the idea of what the meaning of the word "different" and "normal" really mean.



Eighth grade has just begun reading Hidden Figures where they are exploring aeronautics, space, the Cold War, and so much more. Eighth grade has also been busy getting ready for high school! Students have started to apply to high school and acceptances will begin to roll in soon! I am looking forward to seeing all the great things our eighth graders are going to do within their final year at St Rocco's!

We have also been blessed to have Mr. DeFusco, our student teacher from Providence College, with us. He departed in the beginning of December, and we wish him nothing but the best as he begins his teaching career!

Boys Junior Basketball Team!



All families are Welcomel

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE!

JANUARY 26, 2025 FROM 11:00AM TO 1:00PM





PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Full-day Pre-Kindergarten for ages 3 and 4, supported by full-time teacher assistants and a well-rounded curriculum featuring art, music, and physical education.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our curriculum encourages independent thinking and includes elementary enrichment classes in technology and Spanish.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our middle school features departmentalized classes, Honor Society, Student Council, team sports, clubs, and community service projects, fostering leadership and teamwork.

At our faith-based school, we provide a safe and positive environment rooted in Catholic values. Through our partnerships with LaSalle, Hendricken, and Bayview High Schools, as well as local colleges, we are committed to academic excellence, fostering growth, and equipping students to thrive in an increasingly globalized world.



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Our Location
931 Atwood Ave, Johnston, RI



Save the Date

Friday, January 10th Dress Down Day ~ \$1.00 – Wear Pink or Blue for Right to Life

Friday, January 17th PD/IL Learning Day – No in school learning

Monday, January 20th Martin Luther King Day – No School

Sunday, January 26th Start of Catholic Schools Week Mass – 10:00 am

SRS Open House -11:00 am -1:00 pm

Book Fair Kickoff in Café Rocco – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Monday, January 27th ~ Book Fair – Café Rocco

Friday, January 31st Parent Association – Snowball Event – 11:30 Dismissal

Friday, February 7th First Friday Mass 8:45 am



Hope ~ As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise You more and more.

Psalms 71:14

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St. Rocco School



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