

**Open House**



**St. Rocco School's Fall Open House**

Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-1:00pm

Family Mass will be held at 10:00AM

Please join us and tell your friends and family.

Meet the teachers, walk the school and enjoy refreshments!

Word of mouth is our best advertising. We hope to see everyone there!

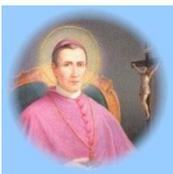


**A Note from the Principal...** St. Rocco School prides itself on the "Spirit of Giving Back" to those in need both in our school and in community settings. We are certain that you, as parents, instill this virtue of generosity of oneself. Children have a natural desire to be helpful and responsible. There are key ingredients for student success. The desire to be helpful and responsible may lessen, as your child grows older. To nurture these traits:

- ❖ Talk with child about why it is important to help others.
- ❖ Discuss with your child how they can contribute to your household. Tailor their responsibilities to things they like to do, but avoid calling them "chores". Involve them in making up a schedule with deadlines. Tell them how much you appreciate their help.
- ❖ Model how to be a contributing member of the community. Vote in elections. Donate blood. Recycle.
- ❖ Research community service opportunities where your child can participate. Try to connect them to their interest.
- ❖ Decide together what charities to support through volunteer work or donations.
- ❖ Praise your child when they take on new responsibilities and help others.

Tomorrow, St. Rocco School students will attend a Mass dedicated to St. Anthony Maria Gianelli. He is the founder of Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden, the same order to which our St. Rocco Sisters belong.

**St. Anthony M. Gianelli**



To honor St. Anthony Gianelli, we will celebrate a very special Mass on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Many of you may be asking yourselves, "But who is this Saint?" He is the son of very poor parents who had nothing in the way of this world's goods to offer him, but they gave him a priceless spiritual heritage.

It was only through the generosity of the family's landlord that Anthony was able to enter the seminary and study for the priesthood. He was ordained a priest when he was only 23 years old.

In 1826, he was named Archpriest of St. John's Church in Chiavari, North Italy. Soon he realized that the needs of this town were many and that he needed dependable help to meet them. Thus on January 12, 1829, he organized a religious group of 12 women willing to dedicate themselves completely to the glory of God and the good of the people.

Gianelli entrusted this group of Sisters to the Blessed Mother and gave them the name of Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden taken from the nearby Basilica of Our Lady of the Garden. The Sisters were founded to meet the needs of the citizens of Chiavari, but their zeal and desire to reach out to others soon led them to spread themselves throughout Italy and to cross the Atlantic Ocean.

From that far 1829, the Sisters have never failed to carry on Gianelli's work by teaching, nursing, doing pastoral and social work and reaching out to others, especially the poor, in evangelical vigilant charity. Today we find them carrying on the mission entrusted to them in Italy, Spain, Holy Land, Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil, India, Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa, Papua New Guinea, and in the United States. These are the Sisters who are serving the needs of St. Rocco School/Parish by teaching, doing pastoral work and reaching out to others whenever they can.





Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> students participated in a designated charitable Dress Down Day in recognition of Fighting Breast Cancer for a donation of \$1.00. We raised \$ 164.00 that will be donated to honor and support the Suzanne Henszler Foundation. Mrs. Henszler was a former teacher for many years at St. Rocco School. Many thanks!

**Candy Sale** ~ All proceeds will go toward: the enhancements to grade level curriculum, etc. The box of candy is a 30 count/\$2.00 per bar. The sale runs through Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Please write out a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.** There are 4 additional boxes available in the School Office. Thank you in advance for your support and prompt attention in submitting this payment.



**Coal Fire Pizza GIVE BACK EVENT Fundraiser** ~ This past weekend following the 10:00am Family Mass at St. Rocco Church/St. Rocco School a fundraiser was held at Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza Restaurant in Garden City ~ Cranston. A portion of all meals purchased on Sunday by members of the St. Rocco School Community was given to our school. We raised \$140.48. Thank you to those who were able to support this event!



**FYI** ~ Parents of students participating in basketball or cheerleading: all correspondences in regards to practice or games will be through the individual coaches of the respective teams. Emails will be forthcoming in the next week or so. Please check with the coach to insure the correct email address to be used.

*With Blessings,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

**Fantastic 50 Fundraiser** ~ Don't forget to sell your 25 tickets to help support our school. A schedule was emailed to you on Tuesday, please review the dates and contact Mrs. Scotti to volunteer. As always, your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this Major Fundraiser to be a GREAT success!

**Classroom News... Sr. Daisy's ~ Grade 2**

God's smart apples grow here!



Yes, the second graders are God's small colorful apples trying very hard to grow and become smart. They are moving forward with enthusiasm; learning new things and having fun at the same time. In Religion, they learned that through Baptism, we became children of God. They had a lot of fun doing their baptismal project at home and acting out their baptism in school.

In Math, they learned addition and subtraction facts and place value. Now they are very excited to learn to collect data and create a graph. They will have an opportunity to survey various classes, gather information, record data, and create a particular graph. **123456  
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In Reading, they are learning various types of stories. They are learning to use grammar and punctuation correctly. Using the Empowers Writing Skills, they are trying to write their own stories. In Social Studies, they learned about the Tree Branches of our Government and their functions. It was so fun to do the activity with real branches and leaves. They took a virtual tour of the White House and they were amazed to see the Blue Room, the Red Room, and the Green Room. They felt that they were walking in the White House and enjoying being there! They had a lot of fun learning the life cycle of plants and animals. They were able to make a butterfly life cycle wheel and play a game related to it. They were very lucky to have the Boston Science Museum come to them and teach them all about electricity and magnet. What a wonderful presentation with hands activities. They enjoyed every minute of it and learned a lot. They also had a very engaging lesson on pumpkins. Yes, our days are very busy with learning and fun activities. *A thank you for the funds raised thru the parent fundraising in order for us to bring in such a wonderful program.*



**Confirmation News** ~ There is a mandatory parent meeting on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in Café Rocco at 6:30PM. All parents whose children are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 8) are required to attend this informative meeting. Any questions please contact Sr. Mary Antoinette. Thank you!

## DRESS DOWN DRY

**MONTHLY PASSES** ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name, grade, along with your **payment due by October 27<sup>th</sup>**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### School Event ~ Mother-Daughter Brunch



~ St. Rocco School will be hosting its Annual Mother-Daughter Brunch on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at the Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln at 10:00am. Mark your calendar. All are Welcome! (Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers) There will be breakfast, raffles, and pictures. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Nancy Levesque at 523-1419 or nancylevesque@verizon.net. Also, a donation letter is posted on the website for you to use to solicit for raffle prizes. If you are interested in donating any new items (gift certificates, toys, jewelry, accessories and more), please drop off the items, marked Mother-Daughter Brunch, in School Office by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*We are looking for a couple of moms that would be willing to put together the gift baskets with the donated items. If interested please call the school. Thank you.*

**Ordering Lunch** ~ It would be greatly appreciated when sending in your child's lunch choice and money that their snack money is placed in a **separate envelope IF POSSIBLE**. If a student orders a school lunch in the morning and is dismissed for any reason prior to his/her scheduled lunch, a credit cannot be given. If a student pre-orders lunch and is absent, a credit slip will be issued to the student. The credit slip **MUST BE** submitted in order to be redeemed for a lunch credit.

### Class of 2018 News...

**Class Video** - Eighth graders are required to send to school three pictures: one baby, one from elementary school years and a current photo. These photos will be used for their class video to be shown at the Awards Celebration. **If you could send in the baby photo now** and the other two photos by the November Thanksgiving break, it would be greatly appreciated. Please be sure to LABEL the back of your photos, preferably with an Address Label. Writing directly on the back of photo may cause damage to it. All photos will be returned.



**Yearbook Baby Photo** - Each eighth grade student needs a baby photo for the yearbook. You may use the same baby photo submitted for the video or you may submit a different one. This photo is **due by Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.

### Middle School Dance ~ The Middle School NEON Dance will be on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from



6:30PM-8:30PM. Students are required to have a signed permission slip into school prior to the dance. **Deadline Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Each student is asked to donate a toiletry item. All donations will be made to the Emmanuel House. (A Men's Homeless Shelter sponsored by the Diocese of Providence)

**Please refer to the Middle School Dance Guidelines posted on the school website.**



### Johnston Fire Dept. SMOKE HOUSE ~ Johnston Fire Dept. Smoke House



The Annual Fire Safety Program sponsored by the Johnston Fire Department will be held during the week of Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. The students will be visiting a "smoke house" behind the school in the parking lot. Please complete the enclosed permission slip that will allow your son or daughter to attend this demonstration. Forms are due by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. There is also a line on the permission slip that needs to be completed if you are not interested in having your child visit the smoke house.



### Community Partnership

**St. Rocco School Food Drive** ~ St. Rocco School began its' Food Drive at last week's First Friday Mass. We will continue throughout the school year. Next month, we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items. More info will follow. Of course, donations will be accepted any other time as well. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community. *Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.*



**Adopt a Priest** ~ Once again; SRS will be participating in the Adopt-a-Priest Program sponsored by the Diocese. Each classroom will have an active or retired priest to pray for throughout the school year. We also pray for all vocations throughout the Diocese.

**Extra, Extra Read All About It!** ~ Throughout the year, SRS will acknowledge accomplishments of its' students so that they can be recognized by our school community! Please feel free at any time to notify the school office so that we can share the good news of other students!

- Lola Paolissi, a fifth grader, won an award for supporting local charities and organizations. Lola recently won the Isabella Corcelli Community Service Award. Congratulations to Lola for her untiring community service.
- Gabriel Ross, a second grader, will be performing at the Stadium Theatre on October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in the production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.
- RubyMarie Corsi, a fifth grader, will be performing at PPAC alongside the Festival Ballet Company in *The Nutcracker* this December. She will be dancing as one of the Soldiers.
- Congratulations to Jade Almonte, Carmen Corvese and Gabriella Curi (Grade 6 students) who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Johnston Panthers Cheerleading Squad (11&12 yr. old) Competition held this past week and to Jenna Connolly (Grade 8) who placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the (13&14 yr. old) division along with her squad.

## After School program

St. Rocco School is always so proud of the quality teaching and educational experiences that are provided for our students. Each of our afterschool programs have begun to start; please be sure to reference the email sent in regards to time and pickup.

There are still spaces available for students to join the SRS Band Afterschool Club.

**Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 may sign up for this afterschool program.  
Classes are held on Thursday afterschool from 2:30PM-4:00PM,



- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Parent Meeting 6:30PM
- Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Lifetouch Picture Makeup Day

### ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS

- Friday, October, 27<sup>th</sup> Halloween Event Grades PK3-5 (in school)
- Friday, October, 27<sup>th</sup> Middle School Dance Grades 6-8
- Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> Mother/Daughter Brunch
- Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. K-2
- Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. 3-5
- Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> Family Mass/Open House
- Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM
- Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Father/Son Bowling ~ returns due by 11/14
- Weds., December 13, 2017 Christmas Pageant
- Saturday, March 10, 2018 Annual Gala/Silent Acton



October Virtue of the Month ~ *Mercy*

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." Matthew 5:7*

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