

St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Weekly

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



WINTER UNIFORM BEGINS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6th.
PLEASE REFER TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK
ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.



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 ends tomorrow, November 3rd. **Please write out a check for \$60.00; your canceled check is your receipt.** Thank you in advance for your support and prompt attention in submitting this payment.

Open House



St. Rocco School's Fall Open House

Sunday, November 12th 11:00am-1:00pm

Family Mass will be held at 10:00AM.

Please join us and tell your friends and family.

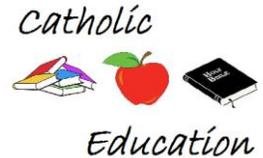
Meet the teachers, walk the school and enjoy refreshments!

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



A Note from the Principal...

A Catholic school is more than a place to gain academic knowledge. While a strong educational program is essential, Catholic schools are special because they are communities of faith as well as knowledge. Catholic schools operate in an environment that fosters the development of the whole person. This is generally understood to be the "Catholic school advantage" — all of the elements supporting your child's education that are not available in public schools.



Catholic School Advantages: A joyful and Gospel-centered environment enriches the minds, hearts and souls of students and prepares them to grow in their faith and responsibility to live justly. All curriculum and instruction in the Catholic school is permeated with religious and moral values promoted in the Gospels. Students explore their faith through classes, participation in spiritual activities and in Christian service programs. The catholic school environment and our mission to cultivate the religious, spiritual and moral knowledge to prepare our students to succeed in this world and the next by serving God and others.

Proven Record of Academic Achievement: High expectations and rigorous academic standards along with personalized attention and strong motivation result in high academic outcomes and successful transitions to high school and college. Teachers address the students' needs and encourage them to discover their own gifts and talents and share them with others. Catholic school students score significantly above the national average on standardized tests and have a 99 percent graduation rate with more than 90 percent attending college.

"Faith in their future"

Supportive Community: A Catholic school recognizes parents and families as a child's primary educators and joins with them to form a community of shared values in which each person is unique and valuable. In a safe and disciplined environment, students and teachers create a special bond of caring for one another. As a community rooted in the values of the Gospel, students are encouraged to live their faith in communion with one another. The Catholic school is a community where each child is accepted, respected and taught to practice self-discipline, generosity, inclusion and cooperation with others. Activities to promote social and civic engagement help students understand their roles in the church and society and their responsibility to contribute to the common good of all.

Well-rounded Student Development: Catholic schools are committed to the development of the whole person. Challenging academic subjects are balanced with additional instruction and activities that are integral parts of the total

educational experience. The arts, music, sports and community service projects reflect the diversity of student interests. All students are encouraged to participate in appropriate social and cultural activities. Through these opportunities, they develop skills including healthy competition, spirited friendship, cooperation and strong leadership.

Smart Investment: A Catholic school education is a commitment to a child's future that is well worth the investment a family makes. In addition to a strong academic program, Catholic schools provide students with the advantages of religious, moral and spiritual development that will influence the choices they make throughout life. Research shows that Catholic school attendance leads to higher economic earnings. Catholic school graduates are self-disciplined, self-motivated, responsible and creative citizens who will be tomorrow's leaders in church and society.

Mother-Daughter Brunch ~ A truly wonderful day was enjoyed by our girls and their Moms, Grandmothers, Aunts and other significant women in their lives with over 165 guests in attendance! "Thank You" to Mrs. Levesque, chairperson, & Mrs. Maddern for their time in wrapping of the baskets and to the parents for donating items and gift certificates. Also, I wish to extend a very special "thank you" to the faculty and staff for the many donations given towards the raffle and to Mrs. Tavares and Mrs. Heaton for their assistance at the brunch. A very special thank you to all those who brought a canned food item for our food drive; it was very much appreciated! With everyone's efforts and talents coming together it made for such a special day and a memorable experience! Our eighth grade girls presented roses and a beautiful poem and picture frame to their moms as a token to remember their years at St. Rocco School!



Halloween In-school Activity ~ This year, St. Rocco School children were treated to an in-school Halloween activity. It was a great time had by all. The children enjoyed playing games and trick or treating along the way for special treats. They also had refreshments and a snack. Truly, it was a *spooktacular* event for our students! Thank you to Mrs. Scotti & Mrs. Healey, along with the parent and grandparent volunteers; without you all this event would not have been possible!

Middle School Dance ~ A special "Thank you" to all the students who attended the Middle School Dance this past Friday for bringing in toiletries items to be donated to the Emmanuel House and canned food items for our food drive..

TUITION ~ **Please be advised that the new tuition rates for the 2018-2019 school year have been posted on the school website.**

*With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

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.

Meadow Farms Gift Catalogue Fundraiser – The Meadow Farms fundraiser **is ongoing through November 17th**. Don't forget you may also use the *Online Option*. Please enter the **CODE: 1030276**. Make all checks payable to "St. Rocco School" and include the seller's name and grade in the memo. Remember...up to 40% of your sales are applied to your mandatory fundraising fee!

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. 6th. The students will be visiting a "smoke house" behind the school in the parking lot. Please complete the permission slip that was sent home that will allow your son or daughter to attend this demonstration. Forms are due by November 2nd. 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. Forms are also on the website.



Fantastic 50 Fundraiser ~ Don't forget to sell your 25 tickets to help support our school. A schedule was emailed to you last week. 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!



Sports News ... Cross Country ... There are still a few jerseys not returned! All students who participated in Cross Country must return their clean team jersey in a bag labeled with their name to the School Office as soon as possible. **St. Rocco School had an amazing season! We would like to thank Coach Austin and Coach Mooradian for the generosity of their time during the season and to the many parent volunteers who supported the athletes as well.**

A note from the coaches ... Thank you to all the students that participated on our cross country team for 2017. We had a great season with the Boys placing 3rd and the Girls 5th overall in the Central Division.

Cheers to Camryn Phillips, the sole runner representing the 5th grade. She had a great first year, placing in the top three girls in every race. We look forward to you racing over the next three years.

Special thank you to our 8th graders, Julianna Vigneiro and Bailey Merlino. It's truly been a pleasure watching your determined faces as you cross the finish line over the last three years. We wish you best of luck in the future!

Also thank you to the following:

6th graders: Sara Austin, Kayla Bacon, Ryan Bacon, Brendan Case, Madison Cilberto, TJ Goron, Jim Ismee & Angelina Quattrucci

7th graders: Camani Batista, Adriana DeLaZerda, Dylan Feliciano, Jack Mooradian, Amanda Pierce & Matthew Pingitore.

Hope to see all of you in your running sneakers next season!

Tim Austin

Sue Mooradian

Classroom News... Mrs. Ciunci ~ Grade 4 The fourth graders here at St. Rocco School are busy learning and growing every day. They have all adjusted well to the routine and are flourishing academically as well as spiritually. Students are reading a variety of materials, including narrative and informational texts. We have recently completed a unit using Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing which students' enjoyed. In Math students have been practicing their computation skills, solving for variables, estimating and using a variety of problem solving skills. Science centers on ecosystem and how important it is for us to live in harmony with nature. In social studies students have learned about our world and will soon be learning about each of the 50 states in the USA. They will be writing letters to Chambers of Commerce and gathering information on various states. There will be a state fair in March to showcase individual state projects. The Ten Commandments and The Beatitudes are the focus of fourth grade religion. The children will perform the Living Stations of the Cross, also in March. Fourth grade is such an amazing year of growth and discovery for students. They are learning to become more independent and stretching their wings. They are part of choir, band, and basketball teams and are always excited for the next challenge. We look forward to an exciting year.



All Saints Day Mass ~ Yesterday, November 1st, All Saints Day Mass included a presentation from Mrs. Heaton's ~ Kindergarten Class, Mrs. Sweeney ~ First Grade Class and Sr. Daisy's ~ Second Grade Class for All Saints Day. Each student dressed up as one of the "Saints". The First Graders did all the readings and prayers at the Mass. A number of parents, family and friends joined us at this special Mass. Also, following the Mass, students from Mr. DiMichele's Seventh Grade Homeroom shared their thoughts in regard to the October monthly virtue "Mercy". It was very heartwarming to hear the students articulate the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy with such grace and understanding.



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 3rd**. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.

Catholic Youth Conference ~ Students in grades 7 & 8 will be attending this conference on Friday, December 1st at the Bishop McVinney Auditorium in Providence. Please look under the “Field Trip” tab for the permission slip along with details.

Community Partnership UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive ~ St. Rocco School began its’ Food Drive. We will continue throughout the school year. Donations will be accepted at all school functions as well. Beginning today, we will be holding our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for specific food items. Please see the attached flyer for more detailed information. Of course, donations will be accepted any other time. Also, St. Rocco School will have all food items collected donated to families in need within our community.



Coat Drive ~ Our “Annual Coat Drive” will begin on Monday, November 6th – 30th. All coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember all coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks!

Thank you in advance for helping us live out our mission.

STUCO Annual Wreath Sale ~ The STUCO members will once again be selling Christmas wreaths for the holidays! The cost is \$15.00 for each decorated wreath. Please see the attached flyer for more info.

Spread your blessings to others!



As you decorate your home for Christmas, *please* consider donating any religious items that you no longer need or use to the St. Rocco Religious Items booth. To donate, please leave items in the box marked “Religious Items for St. Rocco Feast” in the vestibule at Church.

We are very grateful for every donation we receive! Thank you! Sr. Donna

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES



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| • Monday, November 6 th | Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. K-2 |
| • Wednesday, November 8 th | Johnston Fire Safety Trailer ~ Grs. 3-5 |
| • Sunday, November 12 th | Family Mass/Open House |
| • Tuesday, November 14 th | Wreath Sale Deadline |
| • Thursday, November 16 th | Lifetouch Picture Makeup Day |
| • Friday, November 17 th | Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM |
| • Saturday, November 18 th | Father/Son Bowling ~ returns due by 11/14 |
| • Friday, December 1, 2017 | Catholic Youth Conference |
| • Monday, December 4, 2017 | Choir to sing at State House |
| • Weds., December 13, 2017 | Christmas Pageant |
| • Weds., December 20, 2017 | Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home |
| • Saturday, March 10, 2018 | Annual Gala/Silent Auction
Pawtucket Country Club |

November Virtue of the Month ~ *Gratefulness*

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

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