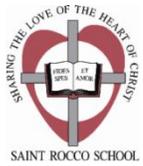


Celebrating Over 50 Years of Excellence!

NOVEMBER 16, 2017



St. Rocco
School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Weekly

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes



Candy Sale ~ The candy sale has ended. There are still a few outstanding payments due! **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.



Meadow Farms Pie Delivery will be on Monday, November 20th after 1:30pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your order. Thank you!

New this year *Aftercare Policy Change for PREK3 & PREK4 ONLY!
Beginning, January 2, 2018 PREK3 & PREK4 Before/Aftercare is **included** in TUITION.

A Note from the Principal... A special thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Autumn Open House. We had many new families who came in for a tour in order to meet our teachers and staff. They were extremely impressed with our programs as well as the facility that includes two art rooms, two technology rooms, cafeteria and a music room!

A thank you to all of our Saint Rocco parents, families and friends who have been supporting our 12th Annual Fantastic 50 fundraiser. We appreciate everyone's effort in selling these raffle tickets which translates into purchasing programs and materials, as well as reaching the education goals we have set for our school. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank the many parishioners who purchased raffle tickets. We still have tickets available at the school Main Office, the Rectory and the Original Italian Bakery.

The holidays are approaching and many of us are thinking of purchasing material gifts to give happiness to our children. We all know material things do not last but an enrollment of your child in St. Rocco School is a gift that keeps on giving. No better gift than to prepare them for their future. Children who have attended St. Rocco School for over 50 years have faced life with a wonderful foundation of respect, discipline and academic excellence due to their education and Christian values taught during their elementary school years. Please call the school for a tour or more information or visit our website at www.stroccoschool.org.



Please join us tomorrow at 9:00am in St. Rocco Church for the crowning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the Enthronement Ceremony.

Saint Rocco School eighth graders and faculty were afforded the opportunity to choose one eighth grade boy who crowns the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a Crown Bearer. John Perrotta was chosen as the Crowner and Nicholas Arruda will carry the Crown. Your child in honor of our Enthronement Ceremony will receive a bookmark with the prayer of the *Our Father*.

With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella

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!

Special Dress Down Passes ~ **Plan ahead for the month of December!** For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of December to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning December 5th unless otherwise noted. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Last day to purchase is **Mon., Nov. 27th**.

FANTASIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN !!!

Thanks to all the families who have sold their **25 Fantastic 50 tickets** but there are still a number of tickets to be sold! Please send in your returns! REMEMBER: The Class who sells the most tickets ...wins a PIZZA PARTY!
A schedule was emailed to you. 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! Drawing- December 11th!

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.

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE



It has come to my attention that there have been several cases of hand, foot and mouth disease within the community. I would like to share with you the signs & symptoms to look for and methods of prevention. It is highly contagious and prevalent among children under ten years of age. If diagnosed, I caution you to keep your child at home, until fever free, without the aid of Tylenol, or Motrin, and the sores are healing.

Hand, foot and mouth disease- a mild, contagious viral infection common in young children—is characterized by sores in the mouth, and a rash on the hands and feet (the soles of feet).

There is no specific treatment for the disease. Frequent handwashing and avoiding close contact with people who are infected may help reduce your child’s risk of infection.

SYMPTOMS

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Feeling of being unwell
- Painful red blisters on the tongue, gums and inside of the cheeks
- A red rash without itching but sometimes with blistering, on the palms, soles and sometimes the buttocks
- Irritability in infants and toddlers
- Loss of appetite

The usual period from initial infection to the onset of signs & symptom is three to six days. A fever is often the first sign of the disease, followed by a sore throat and sometimes a poor appetite and malaise.

One or two days after the fever begins, painful sores develop in the front of the mouth or throat. A rash on the hands or feet can follow within one or two days.

WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR

Contact the doctor if mouth sores or a sore throat keep your child from drinking fluids and contact your doctor if after a few days symptoms worsen.

CAUSES

Oral ingestion is the main source of infection. The illness spreads by person to person contact with an infected person’s:

- Nasal secretions or throat discharge
- Saliva
- Fluid from blisters
- Stool
- Respiratory droplets sprayed into the air after a cough or sneeze

PREVENTION

Certain precautions can help to reduce the risk of infection:

- **WASH HANDS CAREFULLY AND OFTEN** - Especially after using the toilet, or changing a diaper and before preparing food and eating. Use gel when soap & water is unavailable.
- **DISINFECT COMMON AREAS** ~ Get in the habit of cleaning high traffic areas and surfaces first with soap & water, then with a diluted solution of chlorine bleach & water. Clean & disinfect toys, as the virus can live on these objects for days. Clean baby pacifiers often.
- **TEACH GOOD HYGIENE** ~ Show your children how to practice good hygiene and how to keep themselves clean. Explain to them why it’s best not to put their fingers, hands or any other objects in their mouths.
- **ISOLATE CONTAGIOUS PEOPLE** ~ Because the disease is highly contagious, people with the illness should limit their exposure to others while they have active signs and symptoms. Keep children out of school until fever is gone and mouth sores have healed

Classroom News... Mr. DiMichele ~ M.S. Social Studies



We are nearing the completion of the first trimester for the Middle School Social Studies curriculum. In Grade 8, we have completed our study of Civil War America and the changes wrought by that war. We are now studying the political, economic, and social changes in the nation during the post war period known as Reconstruction. This period added three new amendments to our Constitution; the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

In Grade 7, we have completed our study of the Native Americans during the pre-Columbian period and the early European exploration and colonization of North America. We are now studying the period of the creation of the thirteen English colonies. We are focusing on the competition among European nations in North America as well as the impact of colonization on the Native Americans.



In Grade 6, we have completed our study of early man and the first civilizations in Mesopotamia. We are now studying a unit that will explore the civilizations of ancient Egypt, India, and China. We are focusing on how geography and religion shaped these civilizations.

In Grade 5, we have completed our study of the geography of North America and are now studying the various Native American groups in pre-Columbian North America. This will lead us into the period of European colonization and the creation of the thirteen English colonies.

 In Grade 6 Religion, we have just begun our study of the Patriarchs period. We have read and analyzed the story of the first patriarch, Abraham.

Community Partnership UPCOMING EVENTS



St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive ~ St. Rocco School Food Drive is ongoing. Please see the posted flyer for more detailed information. All food items collected will be donated to families in need within our community. There will be a “DRESS DOWN DAY” on November 21st. Students may wear Orange.



Coat Drive ~ Our “Annual Coat Drive” has begun; all coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember all coats are to be clean. Many thanks!

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



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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| • 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 |
| • Wednesday, November 22 nd | Early Dismissal – 11:30am
(NO LUNCH OR AFTERSCHOOL EXTENDED CARE) |
| • Friday, December 1 st | First Friday Mass 8:45am |
| • Friday, December 1 st | Catholic Youth Conference |
| • Monday, December 4 th | Choir to sing at State House |
| • Weds., December 6 th | Dress Down ~ “Keep the Heat On” |
| • Monday, December 11 th | Fantastic 50’s Final Raffle Drawing |
| • Weds., December 13 th | Christmas Pageant |
| • Weds., December 20 th | 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~