



**NEW THIS YEAR!!!**

\*Aftercare Policy Change for PREK3 & PREK4 ONLY!

Beginning, January 2, 2018 PREK3 & PREK4 Before & Aftercare are **included** in TUITION.



**A Note from the Principal...** *May God bless you all in this season of Advent, as we await the coming of our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ! May He be with you and your family at this holy time of year!*

The Christmas season was certainly celebrated at our Annual Christmas Pageant Concert. The students in grades PreK3 – 8 and the Children’s Choir sang, performed and did an outstanding job. The tradition of “The Living Nativity” was performed by the First Graders. The program was a thrilling event for all to experience! Mrs. Rodi, our Music Teacher, truly develops all of the students’ innermost talents through music and song!

Christmas Pageant DVD order forms will be made available next week! Cost \$20.00 each.

The St. Rocco School Fantastic 50 Raffle, one of our first major fundraisers for the year concluded; through everyone’s effort we raised \$5108.00. As always, the generosity and hard work of our parents is greatly appreciated. Our Fantastic 50 Raffle committee was chaired by Mrs. Lisa Scotti and Mrs. Sue Mooradian. Special thanks for a job well done! The funds raised provide our school the opportunity to purchase educational items, supplies and programs, which benefit our students directly. Many thanks to the area businesses for their generous donations and a special thank you The Italian Bakery for selling tickets and to Stop and Shop and Warwick Mall for allowing our students the opportunity to sell tickets at their location. Most importantly, a heartfelt thank you to all of our families, our students, their friends and St. Rocco Church parishioners who supported this event!



**FANTASTIC 50 ~ AND THE WINNERS ARE.....**GRADE 1 wins a PIZZA PARTY and Grade 2 win FREE ICE CREAM for a day!



**FINAL STANDINGS**

**First Place ~1<sup>st</sup> grade ~ \$748**

**Second Place-2<sup>nd</sup> grade ~ \$605**



**Thank you for supporting our fundraiser! Without everyone’s efforts it could not have been such a success!**



Our Christmas Shoppe was held this week with the help of many parent volunteers. They worked extremely hard to offer the greatest gifts for all of the families on the students’ list. I would like to extend a very special thank you to Mrs. Sabetta and Mrs. Weir who co-chaired this event. Without their untiring efforts this student activity would not have been possible.



Our National Junior Honor Society and Student Council will hold its’ annual Christmas breakfast this coming Tuesday morning in Café Rocco. The students enjoy this opportunity to share fellowship and conversation. We truly appreciate their continuing efforts thought-out the year in all of the community service projects!

There will be more music in the air at St. Rocco School. The School House Orchestra, directed by Mr. Thomas Rotondo, will perform a special Christmas program for our students next week. What a wonderful way to send the children off to begin their Christmas break!

## Open House



## OPEN HOUSE/ART EXHIBIT

**Sunday, January 28, 2018 ♥ 11:00AM – 1:00PM**

*If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.*

*Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words.*



***A Starry Night with Friends*** (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018 for a night filled with laughter, friends and prizes (both silent and live auction). It will be held at the Pawtucket Country Club, and parents, family and friends are invited. A roving photographer will provide complimentary photos for you and your family and friends throughout the night! Many other surprises and information.....stay tuned but save the date!



*With Blessings,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

**Candy Cane Grams** ~ Don't forget to send in your order form for our Annual Candy Cane Gram. All proceeds will benefit the cheerleading program. Candy Canes will be distributed to the students on the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>. Additional forms are available on line. (Under the Thursday Packet Tab)Deadline tomorrow!!!



**Exciting News...**Please refer to the flyer included in your child's Thursday Packet regarding "Christmas Spirit Week". During the week of the 18<sup>th</sup>, your child may accessorize their school uniform with some holiday cheer. Please adhere to the guidelines listed.



**Music News** ~ We are very excited to announce that we have purchased a new Roland Electronic Piano Keyboard with matching bench to enhance the beautiful sound of our music curriculum. It will be used in the Christmas Pageant for all to hear. A very special thank you to all the school families for their continued support of school events, activities and fundraising efforts which made this purchase possible.



**Special Dress Down Passes** - Plan ahead for the month of January! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of January to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted. **Deadline to purchase these passes is Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Passes cannot be purchased after this date- NO EXCEPTIONS. Also, students can receive a pass for recycling 5 ink cartridges, bringing in 50 Box Tops or 50 Campbell Soup labels. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Special Note: The Campbell Soup Label program will be ending at the end of the year. (December 2017)

**DRESS  
DOWN  
DAY**

**Mother/Son Dance** ~ Our Father/Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website.



**Father/Daughter SWEETHEART Dance** ~ Our Father/Daughter Dance will take place on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website.



**Outreach Programs... Adopt a Family** – Our annual Advent Adopt-A-Family flyer is ongoing thru tomorrow, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please take a moment and review your class Adopt-A-Family wishes. We are appreciative of your help for those families who are in need, especially at this time of year.



**Special Note: It would be greatly appreciated with all the monies being collected at this time that a separate check be sent into the School Office for Family School Events, Afterschool Programs, lunch money, Dress Down, Adopt-a-Family etc. We understand it might be a little inconvenient, however to ensure that everyone gets credited or a reserved spot is held it makes it much easier to keep track. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated!**

**New Applications for 2018-19:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 28<sup>th</sup> at our Open House. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at [www.stroccoschool.org](http://www.stroccoschool.org).

**Re-Registration for 2018-19:** Re-registration will take place the week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will be scheduled upon our return from Christmas break and forwarded to you.

As January approaches, please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year.

The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2017 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2017 income tax return, you may use your 2016 income tax return and your 2016 & 2017 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.

We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://.onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

## Flu Season...

This year's **flu virus** is already widespread in our neighboring state of Massachusetts. There have also been several students showing symptoms. Flu virus spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes near another person, or when a person touches something covered with infected droplets and then touches their own eyes, mouth or nose.



### Flu symptoms include:

- \* Fever over 100 degrees
- \* Nausea, vomiting (even once), diarrhea
- \* Frequent congested cough
- \* Runny/stuffy nose with nasal congestion and frequent blowing of nose
- \* General malaise or feelings of fatigue, discomfort, weakness or muscle aches
- \* Chills

If your child is experiencing flu-like symptoms, please keep them home and bring them to their doctor. They may need to be placed on antiviral medications at the doctor's discretion.

Students will need to be **fever-free – without the use of fever reducing medications – for 24 hours before returning to school.** It's also recommended that students not return to school until 24 hours after any flu-like symptoms have stopped.

## After School program

The Winter Sessions Forms for the Afterschool Program are now posted on the school website. Additional information is listed below. Form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.

- **One on One Basketball** will begin on **Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.
- **Dance Program** ~ *Denise's Dance* will begin on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Instructor: Miss Denise
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School Office. Band meets on **Thursdays** from 2:35-4:00pm.

- **"The Afterschool Club"** – A variety of Seasonal, Holiday Crafts, Art, Skits, Children’s Literature and Poetry that explore Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math and Writing in an integrated creative and “FUN” way. Classes begin **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Grades 1–3 Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney
- **Chess Club** ~ Any student in grades 4–8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School Office. The Chess Club will begin on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**. Instructor: Mr. DiMichele
- **Calligraphy** ~ Any student in grades 6–8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School Office. Classes are held on **Wednesdays** from 2:35–3:45pm and will begin on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- **LEGO** (K-2) & (3-5) Classes are held on **Tuesdays** and will begin on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**.
- **Friends of Jesus** (K-8) Classes are ongoing and are held on **Thursday** afternoons, All are welcome!



## ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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| • <b>Weds., December 20, 2017</b>  | <b>Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home</b>           |
| • <b>Weds., December 20, 2017</b>  | <b>Full day of school ~ NO AFTERCARE</b>                 |
| • <b>Thurs., December 21, 2017</b> | <b>Early Dismissal 11:30/ NO AFTERCARE</b>               |
| • <b>Tuesday, January 2, 2018</b>  | <b>School Resumes</b>                                    |
| • <b>Monday, January 15, 2018</b>  | <b>No School ~ Martin Luther King Day</b>                |
| • <b>Friday, January 19, 2018</b>  | <b>Mother /Son Dance</b>                                 |
| • <b>Sunday, January 28, 2018</b>  | <b>Family Mass 10:00AM</b>                               |
|                                    | <b>Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House, 11AM-1PM</b> |
| • <b>Friday, February 9, 2018</b>  | <b>Father /Daughter Dance</b>                            |
| • <b>Saturday, March 10, 2018</b>  | <b>Annual Gala/Silent Auction</b>                        |
|                                    | <b>Pawtucket Country Club</b>                            |

### December Virtue of the Month Generosity

"Whatever you do, in word and in action, do in the name of Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father."  
Col.3:17

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