

MISSION STATEMENT

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.*

*We are dedicated to creating an environment that instills*

*Catholic values and nourishes the development of the whole person.*

*We are committed to excellence in academic standards*

*that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the future.*

**Supply \$** ~ All student supply money was due to school on the first day. It would be greatly appreciated if you could kindly submit your payment as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

**A Note from the Principal...**

We have long heard about the “3Rs” and, in our Catholic schools, the special fourth “R”: Religion. Today I would like to offer you another “R” that can go a long way in preparing your children to learn. This extra “R” stands for *routines*. One of the most valuable things you can do is to provide your children with a stable, nurturing environment. Repetition and structure help children feel safe and secure. Children, like the rest of us, handle the constant expectations and changes in life better if they occur in the context of a predictable routine. Routines provide a sense of security and help children develop self-discipline, which is a very helpful skill throughout life.

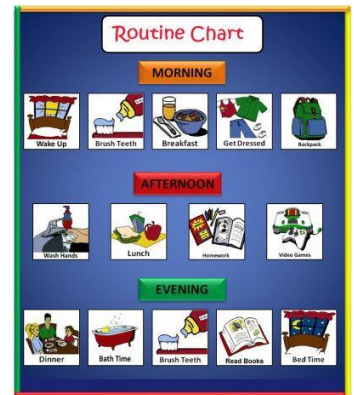
What can you do? As you and your family begin a new school year, give some careful thought to the routines you will establish for your children. These routines need not be elaborate. The key is to carry out whatever routines you choose predictably and regularly. Here are a few to consider:

**Morning routine:** Mornings start with an established wake-up time and include a healthful breakfast, time to get dressed, and a stress-free send off to school.

**Dinner routine:** Sit down to a family meal together if at all possible. The simple practice of eating a family meal together strengthens the family unit and provides an opportunity for family members to experience the support of one another.

**Homework routine:** Having a designated time and place for homework will emphasize its importance to your children. Be sure to check your child’s backpack and have your child pack it in the afternoon or evening for the next day. This is not something you want to leave for morning.

**Bedtime routine:** Establish a regular bedtime routine that may include a shower or bath for your child, a bedtime story, or an opportunity to talk about the day. Older children will establish their own routines, but it is still important to give them a regular bedtime and stick to it.



A healthy, well-rested, and well-prepared child will enter school each day ready. Establishing daily routines allows you to provide the structure required to help your children internalize constructive habits and be better prepared to learn.

*With blessings for a great school year!*  
*Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

**DRESS CODE:** – We take pride in the appearance of our students. The way a student dresses and appears often has an effect on behavior and learning. Uniforms must be worn at all times unless it is a casual “dress down” day. Please refer to the school handbook available on the school website and the **CLARIFICATION** listed below:

The opportunity for students to Dress Down on a Monday only applies if the student has a Dress Down Day Pass PRIOR to attending school on that Monday.

Students may earn passes by submitting 50 Box Top or Campbell Soup label points, 5 ink cartridges or have PREPAID for the SPECIAL monthly passes by the due date posted.

Students are NOT to dress down if they do not already have a pass to submit to their teacher.

The ONLY opportunity to donate \$1.00 for a Dress Down is when noted on the school calendar or in the Weekly Thursday Packet. These donations are generally used for a specific cause, i.e. American Heart Association, Adopt-A-Family and other worthy foundations.

Donations of \$1.00 are NOT for a Monday Dress Down opportunity.

Please be sure to follow the above guidelines for Dress Down.

**DRESS DOWN DAY POLICY** ~ Dress Down Days will begin in October. The designated day for these passes will be Monday. There will also be days designated as a *Dress Down Day* for celebrations, recognitions, etc. Please check the monthly calendars as these days will be noted.

*A special “Dress Down Day” has been added to the school calendar. Students may dress down for \$1.00. Proceeds to benefit Hurricane Harvey! Thank you for support!*

**MONTHLY PASSES** ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. Beginning in October, you may purchase the monthly passes for **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child’s name and grade, along with your payment due by September 22<sup>nd</sup>. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on September 28<sup>th</sup>.



**Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels/Ink Cartridges** – We will again be offering the Box Tops for Education program and the Campbell Soup labels. Any student who brings in either 50 Box Tops or 50 label points will be issued a Dress Down Pass! A Dress Down Pass will also be issued for every 5 ink cartridges recycled. Please label envelope with child’s name and grade.

**BCI / Safe Environment Reminder** – Just a reminder...All parents, volunteers and coaches interested in both on site and off site volunteer opportunities must have completed a BCI & Safe Environment check. Potential volunteers need to watch the Safe Environment Powerpoint presentation under the Parent Association tab on our school website. After you have viewed the presentation, you will sign a form in the School Office, submit a copy of your license and a payment of \$ 5.00. The school is informed when this process is successfully completed and individual is cleared for volunteering. If you wish to participate or volunteer during the school year at events or activities, please complete the training and submit all necessary paperwork early to insure clearance in time. If you are not sure of your status, you may contact the School Office or Mrs. Okolowicz.

### Communication

- **E-MAIL ADDRESSES / Text Notifications** ~ If you are not presently receiving these notifications, please inform the school office of your address.
- **Photo Consent Forms** ~ If you have received this form, please sign and return to school tomorrow. (These forms are required per the Diocese of Providence)
- **Text Weather/School Closing Alert** ~ You may go to: [turnto10.com](http://turnto10.com) and register your phone under the weather tab.
- **Thursday Packet Procedure** ~ Just a reminder that all Flyers, Notices, Letters, Nurses Notes, Afterschool Program Registration Forms, etc. are posted on the school website under the Thursday Packet tab for you to print and return when necessary. Please take some time to get acquainted with the school website. There is an enormous amount of information pertinent to our school, student academics and extra curricula activities.

PLEASE!  
NOTE

- **DISMISSAL ~ANY CHANGE** to your child's dismissal after 12:00pm, **MUST BE THROUGH A PHONE CALL TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**. Please **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL** this request after 12:00pm as we are unable to guarantee its receipt.

**DAY CARE NEWS** ~ Just a reminder, any student attending the Extended Care Program must have all



necessary paperwork on file. Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. The extension for daycare is #114. The policy regarding the receipt of payment: Please place your payment (CHECK ONLY) in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name on front and place in the LOCK BOX located in Café Rocco near the sign in/out book. Extended Care begins at **7:15am** and ends at **5:30pm**. Also, when dropping off and picking up from our Extended Care Program, you must park in the rear lot and use the door designated for Extended Care drop-off/pickup (located at the top of the ramp). There is a door bell located to the right of the door. Your child's and your safety is a top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



**Breakfast** – Breakfast is available each morning starting at 7:45 and ending at 8:00am. Students must enter through the Extended Care door and go directly to Cafe Rocco where they will select their breakfast choices. An Aramark employee will be there to assist them. Please plan accordingly, so that your child will be finished with breakfast on time and they will not be late for homeroom. The cost for breakfast is \$2.00.

**Morning Snacks** ~Students must bring snacks from home. Snacks are not available to purchase at that time.

**Lunch Program:** St. Rocco School partakes in the Federal Lunch Program. The menu is posted on our school web-site. Your child may select the hot or cold meal choice. In doing so, your child will receive the required food items of the entree along with additional options of fruit and vegetables that they must choose to complete their meal. Your help in explaining to your child this process, required by the Federal Government, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!



**Ordering Lunch** ~ Lunch is \$3.00. Please place the money in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. You may also choose to prepay for the week. We **can-not** guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. Thank you!

**Snack Shop** – Snacks are available for purchase daily. ie chips, pudding, ice cream, milk and water. All range from .50 to \$1.00

**Application for Free and Reduced Lunch** went home last week. Just a reminder, a new application is required each school year. If applying, **please make sure the application is filled out completely with all the required information and signed.**  
Forms are also available online on the school website.

Please Note: We are a PEANUT, TREE NUT, SODA, SMOKE and GUM FREE ENVIRONMENT. Also, NO GLASS CONTAINERS are to be used for a student's lunch or beverage.

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**Room Parent & Lunch/Snack Shop Volunteer Form are still be accepted.**

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**Fundraising  
NEW PROGRAM!!!**

**KIDSTUFF Books** –Informational packets are included in your packet for grade PK3 ~ Grade 4. All proceeds from this **sale go directly towards your fundraising obligation**. You will receive \$12.50 credit for each book sold and for every 5 books you sell, you will receive a **FREE BOOK**!!! Please read carefully, remember, if you **DO NOT** wish to participate you **MUST** return the packet and book. What a great way to earn credit towards your fundraising fee. Thank you!

**New Payment Policy:** All payments for Field Trips, Sports Registration, events, etc. **must be submitted by check.** The cancelled check will be your receipt. You may continue to pay cash for lunch, lunchroom snacks, ice cream and \$1.00 Dress Down Days if you choose. All checks payable to St. Rocco School.

**Student Busing/Parking**

Johnston Residence: please be sure you have submitted the required form to the School Office.

**Johnston residents** only use First Student. Any questions please call – 401-944-5880.



Statewide Busing: for students who reside in Region 3

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx>

Barrington    Lincoln    Bristol    North Providence    Smithfield  
Central Falls    Pawtucket    Cranston    Providence    East Providence    Warren

**New Parking Policy** ~ Please refer to the 2017-2018 Parent/Student Handbook for updated information.

**Family Dinner Dance** ~ Flyer is attached and also available on school website, please join us for a fun filled evening. **Returns are due by September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sports News** ~ **Basketball/Cheerleading** ~ All those students interested in Boys and Girls



Basketball (Grades 3-8) and Cheerleading (Grades 6-8) signed-up in school this week.

Registration form/packet will be coming home soon. Please ask your child if he/she will participate. **If so, they must complete all required paperwork and return it along**

**with the registration fee on one of the Back to School Nights. Please do not send paper work to school.**



**NO student will be allowed to begin practice until all paperwork and fees are returned.**

**SRS Spirit Wear/Jewelry** ~ Saint Rocco School has a variety of items to promote our school. Students may wear our spirit wear clothing to school as part of their uniform with the exception of the HOODIE which may be only worn to and from school and during recess. We also sell a sports bag, head bands and knit winter caps.

We are excited to say, we have three jewelry items:

- St. Rocco School Angela Moore Bracelet ~ \$50.00
- SRS Burgundy Corded Bracelet (Boy or Girl) ~ \$15.00
- SRS Bangle (Alex & Ani LIKE) ~ \$15.00



All orders must be pre-paid. Order early for Christmas! Students are allowed to wear school jewelry. Please see handbook for a more detailed explanation of school policy.

## After School program

- **One on One Basketball (K-4) will begin on **Monday**, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Chess Club (5-8) will begin on **Monday**, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Your child will be introduced to the strategic game of chess in this ten week after school club! Chess play has two fundamental aspects, analysis and strategy, always great life skills for your child! Participants will be taught the objectives of the game, movement of game pieces and other skills used in the game of chess, such as: Visualization, Evaluation, Calculation, Planning
- **“The Afterschool Club” (1-3) – A variety of Seasonal, Holiday Crafts, Art, Skits, Children’s Literature and Poetry that explore Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math and Writing in a integrated creative and “FUN” way. Classes begin **Tuesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**  
See enclosed flyer for additional details. Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney





- LEGO (K-2) & (3-5) Classes begin **Tuesday**, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Dance Program (K-4), *Denise's Dance*, will begin on **Wednesday**, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Instructor: Miss Denise
- Band ~ Any student in grades 4-8 may sign up for this afterschool program. Classes will begin on **Thursday**, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Friends of Jesus (K-8) Classes will begin on **Thursday**, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- LEGO (6-8) Classes begin **Thursday**, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fall Art Enrichment Club** ~ Classes begin **Thursday**, October 5<sup>th</sup>. (Grades 5-7) Your child may sign up for this class and create & design their very own masterpiece during this six week afterschool enrichment program. Instructor: Ms. Connors

Please submit your form and fees; checks only payable to St. Rocco School if your child wishes to enroll in any of these programs **by FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.

**STUDENTS MUST BE PICKED UP PROMPTLY AT END OF CLASS.**



- Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> First Friday Mass ~ 8:45AM
- Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> Family Mass-St. Rocco Church, Grandparent's Day Celebration 10:00am  
"Coffee and" following provided by our Parent Association from 11am-12:30pm

**Special Recognition of Sr. Mary Antoinette & Sr. Donna's 60<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> years respectively, for their commitment to God and to those in need.**

- Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> Lifetouch Picture Day - Order form to follow.
- Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> SRS Family Dinner Dance due date September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night 6:00pm-8:00pm, Grades Gr. 1-4 (Includes Basketball Sign Ups ~ Grades 3 & 4)
- Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> Back to School Night 6:00pm-8pm, Grades 5-8 (Includes Sign Ups~Basketball Grades 5-8 & Cheerleading Grades 6- 8)
- Saturday, March 11, 2018 Annual Winter Gala sponsored by St. Rocco School Parent Assoc.
- Saturday, May 19, 2018 Spring Production at Cranston West High School

**September Virtue of the Month ~ *Friendliness***



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-15

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