



Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass this Sunday, January 28 at 10:00AM

Open House



followed by our
OPEN HOUSE/ART EXHIBIT
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.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR PAYMENTS:

Please be sure to use a **BLACK or BLUE PEN** when writing a check for payment.

NO OTHER COLORED INK OR MARKER IS ACCEPTABLE!

A Note from the Principal... *Every day, we at St. Rocco School strive to instill in our students the "Love of the Heart of Christ", hand-in-hand with the tenants of an excellent education. We recognize, however, that we cannot do this without the helping hands of others, friends who are always there to assist us when they can. The confidence, faith and encouragement has taken on many forms and it is the basis for choosing to honor Phyllis Nigris and John Keefe with a "Friend of St. Rocco" award, to be presented at our annual Gala and Silent Auction this March.*

Phyllis Nigris is a friend and businesswoman whose guidance and support has been a blessing to St. Rocco School. Her connection to St. Rocco goes back many years, and she has never failed to offer sound advice and reassurance for the good of our school without ever seeking recognition for herself.

John Keefe is also a staunch friend to St. Rocco School. Humble and unpretentious, he offers support and advice wherever he sees a need. He entrusted his children to St. Rocco School and though years have passed, he has never abandoned us in our mission to educate in faith.

The dictionary defines altruism as selflessness, as the belief that acting for the benefit of others is right and good. Mrs. Nigris and Mr. Keefe live that definition every day and in light of that, we are privileged to gratefully honor them for their devotion to our school.



A Starry Night with Friends - Join us for this casual, relaxing evening; traditionally termed as a "Gala", this is a night for all to attend. As our children grow and evolve we want our annual Gala to grow and evolve into an event that is enjoyable for everyone, whether you have been part of Saint Rocco school for 10 years or whether your journey is just beginning in pre-K. Create a "Ladies Night Out", an after the holiday "Get-together" or an evening with family and friends, new or old. Reserve your table now and help support St. Rocco School. So whether you attend as single, in a group or as a date night, this night is sure to be filled with "Starry" memories! Not necessary for formal attire. (Adults ONLY) Please see the ticket flyer posted on the School website!

This event begins with a cocktail hour and Silent Auction, followed by hot hor d'oeuvres, food stations in the main room. Wonderful items are available for you to bid on. Simply list your bid on the sheet in front of the item and the highest bidder will win, along with a Live Auction!

Join us on Saturday, March 10th 2018 for a night filled with laughter, friends and prizes at the Pawtucket Country Club. A roving photographer will provide complimentary photos for you, your family and friends throughout the night! Many other surprises and much, much, more!

Our Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and has helped pay for many of the educational, technological, and school improvement needs.

Donation Letter (Local Businesses) ~ We are asking if each family would consider seeking out one donation from a business you frequent; with everyone doing a small part to contribute, the rewards will be BIG! (I.e. hair and/or nail salon, landscaping company, car - oil change/repair, local market, liquor store, massage gift certificate, etc.) The letter is available on website.

Gifts/Classroom Baskets ~ As part of our Annual Gala, classes are responsible for the Class Basket. Please refer to the class letters posted on the website for additional details.

Grades PreK3, PreK4 & Kindergarten
Grades 1, 2 & 3
Grades 4 & 5
Grade 6
Grades 7 & 8

Games, Books, Puzzles, Arts & Crafts etc.
Rhode Island Basket
Italian Basket
Date Night
Sports/Outdoor Basket

MAKE A
TAX-DEDUCTIBLE
DONATION

If you would like to consider a tax-deductible donation to help support our event, it would be greatly appreciated. All donations will be included in a bid book and items will be on display in beautifully arranged baskets. This event is attended by approximately 250 people each year. A donation is a great way to generate name recognition for your business and broaden your customer base. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Please contact Patricia Bowman at St. Rocco School, 944-2993, for additional information.

Ticket Form ~ Ticket order form is posted on the school website. Please consider asking family and friends to join for a fun filled evening and reserve your table NOW!!!

*With Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella, Principal*

Family School Events: ... *Where our Children always come first.*

Mother/Son Dance – A great time was had by all! Both Moms and sons alike enjoyed a night of fun, friends and dancing! A special thank you to Mrs. Christy Healey and Mrs. Tara Zuena for their time and talent in planning this event.

Father/Daughter SWEETHEART Dance will take place on Friday, February 9th from 6-9pm at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website. **Deadline is Friday, February 2nd.** Photos begin at 5:30pm.



Re-Registration for 2018-19:

It is **strongly recommended** that all families re-applying for our next school year should **complete the online FACTS Grant and Aid** form. 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://.onlinefactsmtg.com/signin/3FR8T>

Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning February 5th unless otherwise noted. **Deadline to purchase these passes is tomorrow, January 26th.** Passes cannot be purchased after this date- NO EXCEPTIONS. Also, students can receive a pass for recycling 5 ink cartridges or bringing in 50 Box Tops. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. Just a reminder the Campbell Soup labels program has ended.



Class of 2018 News...

Eighth Grade Yearbook Ads ~ Just a reminder, an email was sent to each eighth grade family last week; please remit by February 16th or sooner as we will not be able to guarantee you ad space after that date.

Retreat ~ Save the Date ~ Eighth grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation are to attend a mandatory retreat. The retreat will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Rejoice and Hope Center in Cranston. Please mark your calendar. Failure to attend will exempt you from making the sacrament. More info to follow.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ Please refer to the calendar of events posted on the school website.

Anyone wishing to volunteer at any of the events must be cleared through the School Office.

Classroom News ~ Miss Piccolino ~ Prekindergarten 3



It is a new year in the Pre-K 3 classroom, which means new beginnings. We will begin to learn new skills along with new words. We have begun a thematic unit on the Polar Region: The Arctic and Antarctica. We are learning about the physical aspects of the North and South Pole regions and the many animals that live there. We have many new books in our classroom, our sensory table is filled with blue water, big blocks of ice and polar animals, and our Discovery Table is filled with pretend ice blocks, an igloo, polar animals and Eskimos.

At our art table, the children have been busy making polar bears, beautiful snow owls and penguins. We learned many interesting facts about penguins and other polar animals.



The children learned first-hand about blubber, the fat that keeps a polar bear and penguin warm in such a cold climate/ water temperatures. We stuck our hands in a bowl of ice and then put our hands on top of the “blubber” while in the ice and learned that it kept our hands “warm”, just like it keeps many animals warm. We also have been practicing writing our names in capital letters, learning our letters, numbers, shapes and colors! At least once a day if you walk past our classroom, you can hear and see us dancing and learning to our favorite movement songs, especially “Baby Shark” and “We’re Going on a Bear Hunt!”



Community Partnership News...Pro-Life Baby Shower –All proceeds will go toward the Project Gabriel sponsored by the Diocese of Providence for young mothers who chose Life for their baby! We will continue to collect items for our annual pro-life baby shower until February Winter Recess. We thank you in advanced for your generosity. Please refer to flyer posted on the school website.

Last weeks “Dress Down” day brought in \$140.00. Many thanks to all who participated!

Feinstein News ~ Through the generosity of the Feinstein Foundation each student will be receiving a Feinstein t-shirt today. These shirts may be worn on Casual Dress Monday’s with a dress pass or on your child’s schedule PE day/s.

Sports News ~ Volleyball & Soccer forms (registration) are included in your child’s packet if he/she signed up to play. Many have shown interest in both sports...it is fine, however, be prepared for conflicts.

Also, any student who has already participated in a sport this year; **ONLY** needs to fill out the Registration Form and return it to school along with the appropriate fee.

Those who have not played on a team must complete the 6 page packet and return all forms and fees to the School Office for your child’s name to be place on the official school team roster. **DUE DATE FEBRUARY 6th.**



Coming this Spring!

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Our Spring Production/Talent Show ~ Cranston West High School ~ 6:30PM



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- **Sunday, January 28th**
Family Mass 10:00AM
Catholic Schools Week Begins
Open House/Art Exhibit ~11AM-1PM
- **Friday, February 2nd**
Early Dismissal ~ 11:30AM No LUNCH/No Aftercare
- **Wednesday, February 7th**
Dress Down ~ American Heart Assoc. ~ wear RED
See details on website
- **Friday, February 9th**
Father /Daughter Dance 6-9pm ~Pictures start at 5:30pm
Deadline for FACTS Grant & Aide Form (Grs. K-8 only)
- **Wednesday, February 14th**
Ash Wednesday Mass 8:45am
- **February 19th -23rd**
Winter Recess
- **Saturday, March 10th**
Annual Winter Gala/Silent Auction 6:30pm
Pawtucket Country Club
- **Saturday, March 10th**
Grade 8 Confirmation Retreat
- **Sunday, March 18th**
Family Mass 10:00AM
Open House ~ State Fair 11AM-1PM

January Virtue of the Month ~ Responsibility

"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord." Colossians 3:20

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