



SHARE THE JOY OF THE ROSARY!!!
October is a month we celebrate the Rosary!



A Note from the Principal...

"Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go." This quote by William Feather illustrates the value of perseverance. Children can be taught, from a young age, to stick with a task and not give up. There are countless inspiring stories about people who simply refused to give up on their dreams.

Why is perseverance so important? Perseverance is a character trait that is essential for becoming a success in personal relationships, social situations and business endeavors. It is a value that will serve your child well throughout life.

How can you help your child develop perseverance?
Here are a few ideas:



- Help your child set specific, realistic goals: Aim your child at a "door", not a "wall".
- Define small steps to reach goals: Breaking down a task makes it more doable.
- Identify who and what can help: Cultivating teamwork helps in reaching any goal.
- Monitor progress: Be realistic yet encouraging as your child stays with a task.
- Reward persistence: Recognize and point out when a child works at something, and cheer him or her on when he or she doesn't give up.
- Read books about famous people who have persevered: this will help your child realize his or her dreams. Children can be deeply moved and inspired by such stories. After all, we all love the story of the *Little Engine That Could*.

Finally, model perseverance for your child. Talk with your child about a time when you had to stay with a task. Your own actions are your child's most important lesson.

God Bless,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella



Each month, Saint Rocco School recognizes a spiritual or moral virtue. Following First Friday Mass, students from grade level classes will present what has been taught in order to understand the Virtue of the Month. The month of September's virtue is *Wisdom*. This virtue reflects the one of the many character traits that will be communicated this year within St. Rocco School, as well as the teachings of Jesus, "The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just." Psalm 37:30. All are invited to attend our monthly First Friday Masses. This month's presentation will be by Grade 8.

STAR Testing ~ Our Fall STAR assessments are still on-going. These assessments are used regularly for Grades 2-8 throughout the year as formative and interim testing to screen for Reading and Math achievement levels. There will be Fall, Winter & Spring screenings.

Please consider continuing to follow the suggestions below not only for the Star Testing but for the entire school year! Students will begin Make-ups next week.

Suggestions for Good Test Taking:

- Well rested students achieve better scores
- Healthy, nutritious breakfast
- Be on time to school
- Please do not schedule appointments as interruptions to the classroom are not possible during testing.



Hi! My name is Miss Kristina Califano and I am the new Kindergarten teacher! I am happy to be here and share my enthusiasm and experience with the children as well as my Catholic religion. My class and I are getting into our daily routine and learning new things about ourselves and our classmates.

In Math, we are counting and sorting objects by color and shape. In Religion, we are talking about the importance of God in our lives and why we are all unique! In Phonics, we are practicing our letter sounds and can identify letters as well as write them. Also, we are building a sight word vocabulary, developing a strong base for reading and enjoy searching for words in our books!

We are growing everyday academically and spiritually! Kindergarten is full of learning and fun!

Touch a Truck/Food Truck Event ~ Many thanks to Mrs. Sabetta, Mrs. Scotti, Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Zuena for planning such a wonderful new and exciting event.



Not only did school families attend but many from the community enjoyed the evening as well. There were a variety of vendors selling their delicious food. Also, a very special thank you to the Town of Johnston! They were represented by the Fire Department, as well as the Police Department. Our very own



Palliotta Landscaping also provided a number of trucks. Children were able to not only "touch", but also climb in and get behind the wheel.

Events like this continue to promote community and enable all to come together! A wonderful time was had by all!



Character Development

Students in Grades K - 8 attended grade level assemblies last Friday.

Camfel Productions presented "EYE TO EYE" to students in Grades K-5. It was a high energy three-screen multimedia presentation designed to give students a straightforward look at how we classify, categorize, and label each other. This experience of music and media focuses on the attitudes that lead to building up cliques, tearing down confidence, and bullying behaviors. It's an invitation to look beneath the surface and see other people and ourselves **EYE TO EYE**.

Students in Grades 6-8 attended the "POINT OF VIEW!" presentation. It was a new 40 minute multimedia experience from Camfel Productions designed to look beyond the violence, racism, intolerance, harassment, and hate in this world, giving students a new perspective on the differences that separate them from their peers, their parents, and the others who are around them. While they gain a new sense of

their own innate worth, they'll grow to appreciate the diversity of race, language, and culture that make up the community in which they live.

Feel free to visit their website: <http://camfel.com> for more information.

St. Rocco School prides itself in promoting the whole person through programs with these messages.



Dress Down Day ~ In honor and support of the Susan Henseler Foundation there will be a Dress Down Day on the 17th of October. Mrs. Henseler was a former teacher for many years at St. Rocco School. Student may wear pink and/or white if they chose to participate and donate one dollar. Each year the Susan Henseler Foundation grants 2 scholarships to students at St. Rocco School. Any student entering 6th, 7th or 8th grade is eligible.

MONTHLY PASSES ~ Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month at the cost of \$5.00. You may purchase these passes monthly or for the entire school year. These passes are to be used on **Mondays only**. Please print the **REQUIRED Monthly Dress Down Pass Request Form** on our school website, place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child's name, grade, along with the form and your payment. Please note **DEADLINE DATES**. (**Checks ONLY**) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet prior to its use.



A+ School Rewards Program ~ Please remember to sign up on www.stopandshop.com/aplus. Our School ID# is 06011.

STOP/SHOP Cards ~ Cards may be purchased at the Church Rectory Office from 9:00am until 4:00PM. Remember, you may pre-order large quantities. All money raised through your fundraising efforts will be applied to your account in early February.

Umbrella Sale ~ Now available for purchase are SRS umbrellas. Cost: \$15.00 each. They are maroon and white with our logo imprinted on them. Umbrellas are available in the School Office.

Free & Reduced Lunch ~ Meal benefit applications must be filled out every school year. If you were receiving free or reduced meal benefits last year but failed to fill out a new application before the **October 15th** deadline, any balance incurred between that time and the time that a new application was filed is still your responsibility to pay. Please note that if your ability to pay or circumstances have changed, please re-submit a new application to be considered for Free & Reduced Benefits.

Mother / Daughter Brunch Sunday, October 21st



Join us for a wonderful afternoon at the Kirkbrae Country Club!
Enjoy Breakfast, Raffles, Pictures, DJ & Dancing!
~All are Welcome! Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, Godmothers ~
Forms are available in your Parent Portal.
Locate Sunday, October 21st on the Calendar in your Portal.
Click on Mother/ Daughter Brunch.



Print, complete and submit form along with a check payable to: St. Rocco School by the deadline of October 12th.

Class of 2019 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 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 2nd. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met.
Thank you, Mrs. Okolowicz

Fundraising
Programs Ongoing
SAVE AROUND Books Coupon Saving Book 18-19
Meadow Farms Pie Sale

Each year a number of fundraising programs are made available to our school families. You may select as many or as few as you wish. Every family is responsible for contributing to Saint Rocco School fundraising efforts. This money is accounted for in the annual budget and all families are required to contribute their "fair share" of \$500.00 per family. This fee is added to your annual tuition plan. Fundraising programs are calculated by calendar year, not by school year. Therefore, all monies raised by you, through specified school sponsored fundraisers, will be applied to your (Facts Tuition Account) for the 2018-2019 school year as a one-time credit in February 2019. If you paid your tuition and fundraising fee in full, a refund check of your fundraising will be mailed to you.

**Any excess monies raised over the \$500.00 will be applied to your tuition.*

SAVE AROUND Books – All proceeds from this **sale go directly towards your fundraising obligation**. For every book sold you receive a **\$10.00 credit and for every 5 sold**, you receive a **FREE BOOK!!!** WHAT A GREAT DEAL!!! Please read carefully, remember, if you **DO NOT** wish to participate you **MUST** return the packet and book undamaged. Otherwise you will be charged \$25.00. Thank you!

Meadow Farms GOURMET PIES Fall Fundraiser – The Meadow Farms fundraising packet are included in your child's Thursday Packet. Don't forget you may also use the *Online Option*. Your school ID#: 1030401. 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! Please adhere to the deadline date of October 15th to ensure Thanksgiving delivery!



NJHS News – We would like to congratulate all of the students who gave speeches this week for the officers of NJHS. You all did an amazing job! Listed below are the new officers of the National Junior Honor Society for the 2018-2019 school year.

President ~ Ciara Mercado-Alvarez
Vice President ~ Amanda Pierce
Secretary ~ Adriana De La Zerda
Treasurer ~ Landen McCarty

Congratulations to all!

We are looking forward to a very productive year filled with many activities and events.
The meetings are held every other Tuesday morning at 7:40am in the Music Room.

NJHS Advisors: Mrs. Ciunci, Mrs. Colozzi, Mrs. Rodi & Mrs. Okolowicz



Halloween Volunteers Needed ~ Students in Grades PK3 – Grade 5 at St. Rocco School will be treated to a Halloween Event in school on Friday, October 26th. Any parent wishing to volunteer may do so by contacting Mrs. Scotti at 474-0940 and/or Mrs. Healey at 864-4832. Please be sure you are BCI and Safe Environment cleared.

Candy Sale ~ All proceeds will go toward: the enhancements to grade level curriculum, in-school programs, etc. The box of candy is a 30 count/\$2.00 per bar. The sale dates are Oct. 1st – Nov. 3rd. **Please submit a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Nov. 2nd.** Thank you in advance for your support!

Fantastic 50 Raffle ~ Students received this year's Fantastic 50 raffle tickets last week. Please call the School Office to request more tickets!

BCI News

The following information is an update to the requirements needed for a BCI check.
Beginning as of October 1, 2018.

The Attorney General's Office will only run one BCI on an individual per year. If an applicant has completed a BCI within the past year, whether at the Attorney General's or local police, it will be accepted by the Office of Compliance. The individual **MUST** still complete a BCI Disclaimer Form and attach a copy of the front and back of their license.

NO FEE WILL BE REQUIRED.

A Note from the Nurse ~ Immunization Requirement ~ By state law all students in 7th grade must submit proof of a recent physical examination performed by their health care provider. Additionally, a booster of Tdap (tetanus and diphtheria, pertussis) Vaccine is required, one dose of Meningitis Vaccine; and one dose of Human Papillomavirus Vaccine.

Also students in PK & K need yearly physicals. Please see the Admission Tab on the school website for the drop down Forms Tab. The medical requirements sheet is located there.

Special Note: As your child has an updated physical and/or immunizations, please forward a copy to the school nurse so that their file can be up to date. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank you, Linda Barbour, RN ~ Johnston Public Schools

After School program

- One on One Basketball
- "The Afterschool Club"
- LEGO
- Calligraphy Art Enrichment

The following are yearly programs that students may join at any time!
Inquire in School Office for additional information.

- **Dance Program** (K-4), *Denise's Dance*, Meets on **Wednesdays in Church Hall.**
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 3-8 may sign up for this afterschool program. Classes are held on **Thursday** afternoons.
- **Friends of Jesus** (K-8) Classes are on **Thursday** afternoons.

There are many students participating in the Afterschool Programs; your cooperation would be greatly appreciated with the prompt pick-up of your child. If you are going to be late your child will be sent to the Aftercare Program where there is a \$5.50 fee. As always, we understand extenuating situations. Thank you!



St. Rocco Church Youth Group



Are you 12+ years old and looking for an opportunity to make friends, have fun, and expand your Catholic Faith? Then the newly formed St. Rocco Youth Group is just for you. Some of the planned activities include Apple Picking, Car Wash, Ultimate Frisbee, visiting LaSalette Shrine, and Community Service Projects, just to name a few. Since we launched this program at our feast, we have been adding new members every week. For more details on how you can join the team, please contact either:

Sue Mooradian(401-864-7811)

Tyler Weir (228-326-0436)



Congratulations to the Boys 1st Place Overall ~ 41 runners total

Jack Mooradian (2nd place); Ryan Bacon (8th place); Mathew Pingitore (10th place)

and the Girls 4th Place Overall ~ 30 runners total

Adriana De La Zerda (7th place); Kayla Bacon (15th); Camryn Phillips (17th).



- Wednesday, October 17th Dress Down Day – HENSELER FOUNDATION
- Wednesday, October 17th St. Rocco School Flu Clinic ~ Students Only
- Friday, October 19th Special Liturgy - St. Antonio Maria Gianelli Mass 8:45 AM
- Sunday, October 21st Mother/Daughter Brunch 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Friday, October 26th In school Halloween Celebration Grs. PK3 – Gr. 5 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursday, November 1st Winter Dress Uniform Begins
- Thursday, November 1st All Saints Mass Presentation from Grades K, 1 & 2.
Please join us for this special Mass.
- Friday, November 2nd Grades 5-8 Field Trip to BayView ~Peter Pan Production
- Sunday, November 4th Family Mass 10:00 AM
Open House - Discover Catholic Schools Week Begins
Art Showcase to follow.
- Monday, November 5th Picture Re-Take Day
- Friday, November 9th Grades 7 & 8 Catholic School Youth Conference
- Friday, November 9th Middle School Bowling Night ~ **CW Lanes in Lincoln Mall Lincoln, RI**

SAVE THE DATE

Weds., December 19th

Annual Christmas Pageant 6:30 PM- St. Rocco Church

Sat., March 9, 2019

St. Rocco School Annual Winter Gala

October Virtue of the Month

Perseverance

We want each of you to show the same diligence to the very end,
so that what you hope for may be fully realized.

Hebrews 6:11

CHRIST is the reason for this school.

~in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts~