



# THURSDAY PACKET



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

**A Note from the Principal...** “Do not look where you fell but where you slipped.” One possible meaning of this proverb is that if you wish to avoid having a “fall” in life, be careful with the steps you take along the way. As parents, we not only have to take care of our own life’s journey but, as well, to take care of how our children are travelling. One of the most important “steps” in any child’s journey is the welfare of their imagination.



A healthy and active imagination promotes emotional growth and creative development. Imagination is the mind’s ability to project itself beyond the ordinary that occurs as part of daily life. When our children engage in imaginative play, they become active users rather than passive recipients of experience; they work out difficulties and adjust the realities of life to their personal inner requirements. In make-believe play children might choose to take on our roles as parents, to make right any grievances that have caused anxiety or suffering and turn them into more satisfactory experiences.

One of the pitfalls to having a healthy and active imagination is television, for when children’s minds are occupied with television, computers, cell phones and other technology, their opportunities and abilities to exercise their own imaginations become limited. Children begin to rely on and to imitate adult-created images that are projected from the television into their minds. Eventually, children can become dependent on outside sources to create ideas and visual images for them.



In other words, when children watch television they are interacting only indirectly with their world. They are having second-hand experiences where they passively observe the actions and ideas of others. It is even possible for the television to replace the parent’s role in the socialization of their children and the development of human values. A child psychologist puts it this way: “The primary danger of the television screen lies not so much in the behavior it produces – although there is danger there – as in the behavior it prevents: the talks, the games, the family activities, and the arguments through which much of the child’s learning takes place and through which character is formed.”

If the traditional opportunities for expressing love within the family are replaced by television, then children are losing the opportunity to explore and experience real human relationships and values.



Through their imagination, children find expression for their inner most being. They discover their true feelings and thoughts that awaken their sense of who they are. To nurture this inner discovery, children need some quiet time each day for reflection, for processing the events of the day and, if necessary, for resolving conflicts that might have occurred. They need to be free from other people’s ideas and images and have the freedom to discover their own.

Here is an unclaimed saying: “I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.” To have a “fall” like this, it’s just possible you might have “slipped” on the television. Hopefully, this will not be something our children will ever claim.

**“Lord, guide us today in the choices we make for ourselves and our children. May they all be life-giving and based upon values that are lasting and beneficial. Amen.”**

*Many Blessing,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*



The Autumn of the Year



Is there anything quite as lovely as the autumn of the year? When the fields are golden brown and the air is crisp and clear? Is there anything as dazzling as the warm and vibrant hues? That autumn in all her glory so lavishly imbues? Folks may talk about the beauty of Winter wonderlands in white; They may sing the ardent praises of sunny bowers bright...But all of the warm, rich blessings in this world our Father made,

Is there anything quite so lovely as Autumn or parade?

Author-Kay Hoffman

**STAR Testing** ~ Testing has been completed for the Fall. Assessments will begin again in the Winter.

**Open House** St. Rocco School's Fall Open House

*"Discovery Today's Catholic Schools"*

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00am-1:00pm

Family Mass will be held at 10:00am

Please join us and tell your friends and family.

Meet the teachers, walk the school and enjoy refreshments!

Word of mouth is our best advertising. We hope to see everyone there!





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 each month to attend our monthly First Friday Masses. This past month's presentation was given by Grade 8. What a wonderful job!

Listed below are the classes that will be presenting at Mass each month.

November	Grade 7	December	Grade 6
January	Grade 5	February	Grade 4
March	Grade 3	April	Grade 2
May	Grade K	June	Grades PK3, PK4 & K

**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 competed 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.**

## Classroom News... Grade 1 ~ Mrs. Sweeney



The beginning of the school year is a 'new start' for my students as they transition from kindergarten to first grade. The children have adjusted very well to sitting at their book-filled desks and having more structured time and school work



throughout the day. The class is participating in interactive group lessons in religion, math, science, social studies, health and Spanish as we explore the Circle of Grace, addition, weather, communities, our senses and counting numbers in Spanish. Lessons are more individualized and small-group for reading and writing in order to help students build a strong foundation in these core areas of learning. The class practices curriculum skills on line, too, through using iPads in our classroom and lap tops in the technology center. I look forward to working with this class throughout this school year by teaching in a hands-on, creative way that will make *We are ready to have a great year!* learning engaging and fun!



**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 choose to participate and donate one dollar. Each year the Susan Henseler Foundation grants 2 scholarships to students at St. Rocco School. Any student entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade is eligible.

**Free & Reduced Lunch Deadline** ~ 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 21<sup>st</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 tomorrow, October 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your cooperation is needed so that deadline dates can be met. Thank you, Mrs. Okolowicz

### The Fundraising Programs

**SAVE AROUND Books Coupon Saving Book 18-19**

**And Meadow Farms Pie Sale ENDS TOMMOROW FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>!!!**

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 **TOMMOROW**. 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 tomorrow, **October 12<sup>th</sup>** to ensure Thanksgiving delivery!



**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 26<sup>th</sup>. 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. **Please submit a check for \$60.00 (your canceled check is your receipt) by Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**Extended Care News** ~ Any child participating in an afterschool activity outside of school must notify the Extended Care Program they will be returning to school. Ie. Basketball practices.

## 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)



Sports News ~ Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country Team for placing first in their meet last night and becoming Co-champions in their division.



**STUCO Wreath sale coming soon!** ~ Wreath will be available to order beginning next week. Delivery will be during the week of November 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost \$15.00 each (20" outside diameter)



- Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>      Dress Down Day – HENSELER FOUNDATION Wear **PINK**
- Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>      St. Rocco School Flu Clinic ~ Students Only
- Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>      Special Liturgy - St. Antonio Maria Gianelli Mass 8:45 AM
- Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>      Mother/Daughter Brunch 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>      Confirmation Parent Meeting (GRADE 8) Café Rocco 6:30PM
- Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>      In-school Halloween Celebration Grs. PK3 – Gr. 5 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>      Winter Dress Uniform Begins
- Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>      All Saints Mass Presentation from Grades K, 1 & 2.  
Please join us for this special Mass.
- Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>      Grades 5-8 Field Trip to BayView ~Peter Pan Production
- Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>      Family Mass 10:00 AM  
Open House - Discover Catholic Schools Week Begins  
Art Showcase to follow.
- Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>      Picture Re-Take Day
- Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>      Grades 7 & 8 Catholic School Youth Conference
- Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>      Middle School Bowling Night ~ **CW Lanes in Lincoln Mall Lincoln, RI**

**SAVE THE DATE**

*Weds., December 19<sup>th</sup>*

*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~*

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