


## THURSDAY PACKET

### BLIZZARD BAGS ARE GOING HOME TODAY!

Please review the letter enclosed in your child's Blizzard Bag with important instructions.

 **Meadow Farms Pie Delivery** will be on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> after 1:30pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your order. The school does NOT have ample space to store all these items, please plan accordingly for pickup. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



### STUCO Annual Wreath Delivery

Wreaths available for pickup on Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.



**A Note from the Principal...** St. Rocco School will hold its' annual Enthronement Mass tomorrow. Jack Mooradian will be the Crowner and Cooper Weir the Crown Bearer. At the conclusion of Mass each eighth grade young man will be given a framed picture of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with a pledge to always live in union with him and to have him in the center of their hearts and home. In honor of our Enthronement Ceremony, students will receive a bookmark with the prayer of the Our Father.



A special thank- you to Mr. Monaco and Mrs. Rodi for their expertise in planning for this Mass.



During this Thanksgiving season, I would like to recognize our St Rocco School families for their tremendous generosity in making our annual food drive successful! Thank you for your generous and selfless giving.



Also, a special thank you to our faculty, staff and parents who supported our annual coat drive which continues through the end of the month. We will be proud to donate these lovely articles of clothing for those in need.

As parents, we all want to make memories and develop traditions. Thanksgiving Friday can be one of those times of year to have your family try something new. On Thanksgiving Friday, gather the family and do one or more of these activities.

- Start the day with a Thanksgiving Friday Blessing among all members of the household.
- Call a family member who lives a distance away and pass around the phone so everyone has a chance to offer a short greeting.
- Get out your Advent Wreath and have it ready to set up or bring out the figurines of Mary and Joseph from the family crèche, to begin their journey to the stable; Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the First Sunday of Advent.
- Review your family calendar for the next few weeks, making sure to include at least one total household activity each week of Advent.
- Write down brief Advent petitions and post them on the refrigerator where all can see throughout the Advent season.

A few of these ideas can help your children better understand this time of year!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Lorraine Moschella

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Outreach Programs** ~ As part of our outreach programs here at St. Rocco School, students made cards for our Veterans in honor of their distinguished service to our country. Last week, the cards were given to veterans at Operation Stand Down, Johnston.

The mission for Operation Stand Down Rhode Island is to help veterans secure stable housing and employment as well as other assistance according to individual needs including case management, basic human needs, referrals, and education and training services.

The heartfelt cards were greatly appreciated by many veterans thanks to our students expressing our mission message of “Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ”.

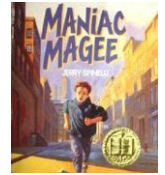
## Classroom News... Ms. Desilets ~ Middle School

### 6 ELA & Literature

Sixth grade has been working on organizational skills in both ELA and Literature. They have been working on writing skills in ELA. Students have composed their first piece of narrative writing about their name using new writing techniques they learned and are now working on delving deeper into the world of nouns. So far they have learned about subjects, subject complements, direct objects, indirect objects, objects of the preposition, and are currently learning about appositives.



In literature, the sixth grade students have been reading the novel *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. While reading, the students have been learning about main idea, supporting details, character development, hyperbole, word choice, tone, etc.. Currently, they are finishing a “quilt” project in which they had to design a quilt square they felt represented them as a person, thinking about what qualities could be used to describe them, what they were good at, etc, since much of the novel is about who the main character of the novel, Maniac Magee, really is.

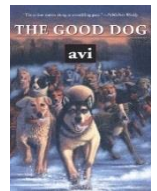


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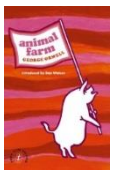
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In literature, seventh grade students are currently reading the novel *The Good Dog* by Avi. While reading, the students have been keeping a reading journal in which they are writing about things such as character development, making predictions, setting, main idea, and point of view.



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In literature, eighth grade students are reading the novel *Animal Farm* by George Orwell. We have been discussing how the novel is an allegory for the Russian Revolution. The students have been studying the revolution and identifying parallels between the revolution and the novel’s story. The students were asked to take on the persona of an animal on the farm and compose and give a persuasive speech either in support of, or against, the communist ruler of the far.

**Meadow Farms Gift Catalogue Fundraiser** – The Meadow Farms fundraiser is ongoing through November 26<sup>th</sup>. Don’t forget you may also use the Online Option. Please enter the CODE: 1030276. 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!



### **MONTHLY PASSES ~ Monthly passes for FANTASIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN !!!**

Thanks to all the families who have sold their 25 Fantastic 50 tickets DECEMBER are available to purchase ~ **Mondays only** for the cost of \$5.00. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with your child’s name, grade, along with your **payment and required form (online) for December passes are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>.** (Checks ONLY) Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on

November 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **FANTASTIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN!**

Thanks to all the families who have SOLD THEIR 25 Fantastic 50 tickets but there are still a number of tickets to be sold! Please send in your returns! REMEMBER: The Class who sells the most tickets ...wins a PIZZA PARTY!

Drawing- December 11<sup>th</sup>!



**Shoe Tying Club** ~ Congratulations to the first members of the Shoe Tying Club. The following students had to know how to double knot their sneakers: Pardis Ansari, Abigail Berube, Kaylee Branch, Sophia Domenicone, Mia Gorgievski, Hannah Jackson, Mikaela Mercier, Angelica Price and Emily Ramos. Great Job!!!

**St. Rocco School Gala/Silent Auction** (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2019 for a night filled with laughter, friends and prizes (both silent and live auction). It will be held at the Cranston Country Club, and parents, family and friends are invited. Stay tune for more information.....but save the date!

**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. Attached is a donation letter for your convenience. Feel free to pass it on! Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Please contact Patricia Bowman at St. Rocco School, 944-2993, for additional information or questions.



**NJHS Recycling** ~ Today's Dress Down Day for the NJHS Recycling Program collected \$126.00. Students in NJHS volunteer to collect the recycled paper and water bottles within our school. Your \$1.00 donation for the privilege of a non-uniform day helped defray the cost of recycling. Thank you for your support!



**Confirmation 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, January 5, 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.



- Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> **Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM**
- Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> **PIE DELIVERY~ Please PLAN**
- Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> **Wreath PICKUP**
- Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> **Early Dismissal –11:30am  
(NO LUNCH OR AFTERSCHOOL EXTENDED CARE)**
- Thurs. & Fri, Nov. 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup> **Thanksgiving Recess**
- Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> **CHOIR Holiday Concert State House 10:30am All are welcome!**
- Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> **Dress Down Day \$1.00' ~ "Keep the Heat On" **Wear RED****
- **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Retreat ~ Grade 8 students**

*Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Annual Christmas Pageant 6:30 PM- St. Rocco Church  
Sat., March 9, 2019  
St. Rocco School Annual Winter Gala*

**November Virtue of the Month ~ Gratitude**

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.  
For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods.  
Be glad in the LORD, you righteous ones, and give thanks to His holy name. Psalm 95:1*

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