



Class of 2019 News ~ High School Entrance Exam ~ Good luck to all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will be taking the RI Catholic High School Entrance Exam this Saturday, December 1, 2018.

A Note from the Principal...

Sunday begins the Season of Advent. Advent is a great time to focus on your home as a holy place called the “domestic church”. The domestic church refers to your home as the primary place where children first hear about and witness the Catholic Faith. In your home, your child will learn to love, to pray and to serve others. Throughout Advent you can gather as a family for prayer around an Advent wreath. You can create a Jesse tree and decorate it with symbols that represent the roots of our faith. You can focus your efforts as a family on ways to offer your resources to others.



Discuss with your family other ideas that will help you bring special meaning to Advent for your child. Share your ideas with others and all of us will experience a more meaningful Advent Season.

Honor this joyful season in a simple way in your home. Keep the focus on Jesus with prayer. Gather the family at least once a week to pray - how nice it would be if you could do this every day during Advent. It does not need to be more than a five minute moment in the day. The First Sunday of the Daily Advent Prayer is “Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.”

Here at school, each classroom receives an Advent wreath with the appropriate colored candles for each week in order to recognize the meaning of the preparation before Christmas.

Bishop Tobin has begun the annual “Keep the Heat On” program which helps struggling families with heating assistance. St. Rocco students will “dress down” this coming week and wear the color red for a \$1.00 donation. A check will be donated to this campaign, aiding those who have exhausted all other means to keep their families warm during the winter months.



On Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, our school Music Choir is invited to perform for the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts at the State House. It is an excellent opportunity for our students to share their musical singing talent on the steps within the State House. Our students represent St. Rocco School proudly while bringing their beautiful music to everyone. Also, on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our choir will have another opportunity to perform a musical salute to Christmas at the Brookdale Assisted Living Facility. The happiness that is brought to the residents is undeniably priceless! A special thanks to Mrs. Cecelia Rodi for the patience, passion and enthusiasm she brings forth in all of these productions!

Many Blessing,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella  
Principal

**St. Rocco Church Masses:** Weekend Masses are scheduled on Saturday evening at 5pm, Sundays at 8am, 10am & 12pm. Weekly attendance is important in your child’s religious foundation as well as strengthening their faith and understanding taught here at St. Rocco School. Attending as a family is a great way to show how to live by example in their Catholic faith. As a reminder, this Sunday begins the Advent Season.

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 by Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. REMEMBER: The Class who sells the most tickets ...wins a PIZZA PARTY! **Drawing- December 10<sup>th</sup>.**

It has been a wonderful beginning for art at St. Rocco School. Our new, beautiful easel for the lower level Art Room has arrived and the children are enjoying their individual creations!

Our Open House showcased the children's art work throughout the school. The lowered Art gallery and easel painting gallery were also on display. The children in the primary grades have enjoyed this time of year creating, painting pumpkin patches, making books, and crafting beautiful owls.



The intermediate and middle school grades have concentrated on drawing, graphic design, illustration and 3D Pop Art cake slices that looked delicious!

Our Art Enrichment in calligraphy has also been a wonderful addition for our After School Program.

Finally, the Gala piece created by all children has begun. Beautiful hand painted furniture, framed art work, and ceramic dishes are the items up for auction. Come and join us!!

~ Mrs.Connors



**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.

**Sports News...**This weekend begins the basketball season of the CAL League. All student athletes and parents/guardians were given the St. Rocco School Athletic Policies /Regulations Form prior to a child being able to participate in a sport. On the policy form was a Student Pledge as well as a Parent/Guardian Pledge. Below are the two pledges, please take the time to reread the pledge with your child. Stated in both is the fact that the student and adult are role models and each are representing St. Rocco School. Please refer to the policy in its fullest by going to the school website under the Student Life Tab, dropdown Athletics.



St. Rocco School students and parents must maintain a high standard of sportsmanship, citizenship, and respect at all times. Thank you for your cooperation. We wish them all good luck and offer a reminder that the primary focus is to garner enjoyment from this sport.

**Student Pledge**



*As a student participant, I am a role model. I understand the spirit of fair play and participation for enjoyment. I will not engage in any form of disrespectful behavior, including inappropriate language and unnecessary physical contact. I will show respect for all participants, coaches, referees, teachers, and group leaders. I understand the behavior and academic expectations of my school, and hereby accept the responsibility and privilege of representing this school and community as a student participant.*

**Parent/Guardian Pledge**

*As a parent/guardian, I acknowledge that I am a role model. I will remember that extra-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom, offering learning experiences for all students. I will show respect for all participants, coaches, referees, teachers, group leaders and spectators. I will participate by supporting, encouraging and uplifting all participants and groups. I understand the behavior and academic expectations of my child's school, and hereby accept the responsibility to be a good role model and I will encourage my child to do the same.*

**Outreach Programs... Adopt-A-Family** – Our annual Advent Adopt-A-Family flyer is included in today's packet. Please take a moment and review your class Adopt-A-Family wishes. We are appreciative of your help for those families who are in need, especially at this time of year.

**NJHS/STUCO Coat Drive** ~ Our “Annual Coat Drive” is ongoing through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember all coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks!

**Annual Food Drive** ~ Our food collection is an ongoing program. Many thanks!

**Adopt a Priest** ~ Once again; SRS will be participating in the Adopt-a-Priest Program sponsored by the Diocese. Each classroom will have an active or retired priest to pray for throughout the school year. We also pray for all vocations throughout the Diocese.



**Candy Cane Grams** ~ is ongoing! The form is posted on the school website. All proceeds to benefit the NJHS program. Candy Canes will be distributed to the students on the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>.



**Our Little Shoppers Christmas Shoppe** is just around the corner! Students will have the opportunity to shop for their family members with the aid of a personal shopper (Parent Volunteer). Anyone interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Karin Sabetta at [kas1126@cox.net](mailto:kas1126@cox.net) or Tyler Weir at [tylerlweir@gmail.com](mailto:tylerlweir@gmail.com). The shop will be open on Mon., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, Tues., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> and Wed. Dec.12<sup>th</sup>. The items range in price from \$2.00 to \$12.00.

**Friendly Safety Reminder** ~ When holidays or special occasions occur, please...NO FOOD ITEMS are allowed to be given to classmates and friends. Only items such as stickers, pencils, bookmarks, etc. are permissible. For safety reasons, there will be no exceptions.

**SRS Jewelry** ~ In celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it was with great excitement St. Rocco School had their very own **ANGELA MOORE Bracelet** made... with Christmas coming, these items would make great gifts and are available through the school office.



- **SRS Burgundy Corded Bracelet (Boy or Girl) ~ \$15.00**
- **SRS Bangle (Alex & Ani LIKE) ~ \$15.00**
- **St. Rocco School Angela Moore Bracelet ~ \$50.00 on SALE for \$30.00.**



- 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**
- **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pageant**
- Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> No Aftercare
- Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home
- No Aftercare
- **Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> School Resumes**
- **Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Retreat ~ Grade 8 students**
- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> No School ~ Martin Luther King Day
- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Family Mass 10:00AM
- **Catholic Schools Week Begins Open House, 11AM-1PM**

*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~*