

St. Rocco School

THURSDAY PACKET

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

Parent Notes



Meadow Farms Pie Delivery will be on Monday, November 19th 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.

A Note from the Principal...

A special thank you to everyone who supported our Annual Autumn Open House. We had many new families who came in for a tour in order to meet our teachers and staff. They were extremely impressed with our programs, as well as the facility that includes two art rooms, two technology rooms, Café Rocco and the music room!



A thank you to all of our Saint Rocco parents, families and friends who have been supporting our Annual Fantastic 50 fundraiser. We appreciate everyone's effort in selling these raffle tickets which translates into purchasing programs and materials, as well as reaching the education goals we have set for our school. We still have tickets available at the School Office, the Rectory and the Original Italian Bakery.



Please join us 9:00 AM on Friday, November 16th in St. Rocco Church for the Crowning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the Enthronement Ceremony. Saint Rocco School eighth graders and faculty were afforded the opportunity to choose one eighth grade boy who crowns the Sacred Heart of Jesus and a Crown Bearer. Jack Mooradian was chosen as the Crowner and Cooper Weir will carry the Crown. All are welcome to this beautiful Mass and ceremony!

*Special Note: Uniform Requirements for special school liturgies for students in Grades PK3-8 All students must wear their complete uniform including a uniform sweater or vest with SRS logo for all special masses. If Phys. Ed. is scheduled on a day of a special school liturgy, students are to wear the required uniform and just bring the gym sneakers to wear during gym class.

*Many Blessings,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella
Principal*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT FEDERATION OF RHODE ISLAND Educate, Advocate, Communicate

The Catholic School Parent Federation of Rhode Island & The St. Rocco School Community are co-sponsoring a regional informational night for Catholic school parents Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 6:00-8:00PM in Café Rocco.

Come learn what you can do to heighten Cyber Security and avoid Online Bullying at home and also learn about the Catholic School Parent Federation St. Rocco School students will receive a **FREE SNACK VOUCHER** if a parent attends!



STUCO Annual Wreath Sale ~ A flyer is available on the website with all the details. Deadline to order is Tuesday, Nov. 13th! Delivery will be during the week of November 19th. Cost \$15.00 each (20" outside diameter) All proceeds to benefit the St. Rocco Student Council.

Meadow Farms Gift Catalogue Fundraiser – The Meadow Farms fundraiser is ongoing through November 26th. Don't forget you may also use the Online Option. Please enter the CODE: 1030402. 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!

Veteran's Day has always been recognized as a special event for our students. This year St. Rocco School made cards with well wishes and a gift of \$127 from our Dress Down Day was donated for the Veteran's at Operation Stand Down.



Veteran's Day Prayer

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way.

Shield them from danger and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!

May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Amen.



Community Partnership UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Rocco School Annual Food Drive ~ St. Rocco School Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive has begun! The list of specific food items is listed below. All food items collected will be donated to families in need within our community as well as The Emmanuel House. See the flyer in the Thursday Packet.

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| Pre-K3 | Mac & Cheese | Pre-K4 | Jelly |
| KA | Tuna | 1A | Instant Mashed Potatoes |
| 2A | Cereal | 3A | Canned Fruit |
| 4A | Boxed/Bag Stuffing Mix | 5A | Canned Potatoes (White, Sweet, Yams, etc.) |
| 6A | Canned Soup | 7A | Canned Vegetables (Corn, Peas, Carrots, etc.) |
| 8A | Men's Deodorant, Body Soap, Shaving Cream, Shampoo | | |



Coat Drive ~ Our "Annual Coat Drive" will be held November 1st – 30th. All coats collected will be distributed to a local shelter. Please remember all coats are to be clean and may be brought to school and placed on the stage in Café Rocco. Many thanks!

Thank you for your generous and selfless giving.

Classroom News

Mrs. Montecalvo

Grade 5 ELA / Literature



Fifth grade has been working hard and learning to be middle schoolers! Lockers, schedules, different teachers, and new desks have become a breeze to them. During Reading class we have discussed similes, metaphors, cause, effect, summarizing, main idea, supporting details, and read a wide variety of genres. We began the school year writing a personal narrative about their favorite vacation. They learned to not leave me on a "cliff" and remember ending sentences to paragraphs. We are now learning about nouns in ELA. We have discussed possessive nouns, singular nouns, plural nouns, subject complements, direct object, object of prepositions, and have even learned a song about prepositions.



We have discussed self-esteem in Health class. They created unique acrostic poems with the word self-esteem. They have learned about mistakes, positive self-talk, negative self-talk, and imagination. They are progressing and making great strides!!!

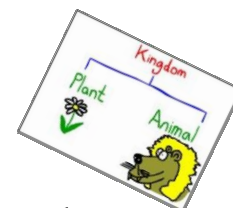
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Middle School Science



Students in Middle School have been busy with lab activities in Science and organizing their *Interactive Science* composition books.

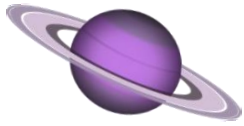


Grade 5 has been focusing on Plant and Animal Kingdoms. We have discussed vascular and nonvascular plants and students have learned the difference between animal and plant cells. We even observed celery placed in water with food coloring and observed how the food coloring moved throughout the stalks. Wow!

Grade 6 students have been learning about weather and climate. The topics of layers of the atmosphere, pollution, fossil fuels were discussed. Barometers were made in class and students are monitoring the air pressure.



Students in grade 7 are learning about the layers of the Earth. We have discussed continental drift, Alfred Wegener, Pangaea, and plate tectonics. They are also researching and planning for the Invention Convention project. We created “games” using everyday items to get them thinking about their inventions! This project will be completed on January 25th and the student’s work will be judged.



Grade 8 is learning about the Solar System. We have discussed tides, eclipses, astronomers, watched the Apollo 11 landing, and the moon was brought to life with their moon phase activity. All the Science classes have been working hard and making great progress!



MONTHLY PASSES ~ Monthly passes for 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 20th. (Checks ONLY)** Passes will be sent home in the Thursday Packet on November 29th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Friday, November 9th Grades 7 & 8 DOP Catholic School Youth Conference
- Friday, November 9th Middle School Bowling Night
CW Lanes in Lincoln Mall Lincoln, RI
- Thursday, November 15th **Dress Down Day ~ Recycling Wear Green**
- Friday, November 16th **Mass & Enthronement 9:00AM**
- Monday, November 19th **PIE DELIVERY~ Please PLAN Wreath DELIVERY**
- Wednesday, November 21st **Early Dismissal –11:30am (NO LUNCH OR AFTERSCHOOL EXTENDED CARE)**
- Thurs. & Fri, Nov. 22 & 23rd **Thanksgiving Recess**
- Monday, December 3rd **CHOIR Holiday Concert State House 10:30am All are welcome!**
- Tuesday, December 4th **Dress Down Day \$1.00’ ~ “Keep the Heat On” Wear RED**



Wednesday, December 19th
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~