


# THURSDAY PACKET

**Just a reminder, NO AFTERCARE TODAY OR TOMORROW!**

School will resume on Thursday, January 3, 2019.



**A Note from the Principal...** Who said that children don't take notice of how parents go about doing things? At a Nativity play last Christmas, an enthusiastic group of young children were going about their enactment in a bright-eyed, eager manner. All was going to plan until Joseph knocked on the inn door and asked for a room for himself and Mary. The innkeeper kept to the script and responded by saying that there were no spare rooms. Unexpectedly, this sparked a non-scripted reply from Joseph who emphatically stated, "But my mum booked a room for us on the Internet!" No doubt, this would be a treasured memory for "Joseph's" mother.



Of course, each of us gathers treasures of memories and experiences of teachings and principles as we age and mature. Christmas seems to be a time of drawing out these treasured memories that reach back as far as childhood. Carols and songs, decorated trees and presents, cultural traditions and midnight Mass, all have rich emotions attached, that give meaning to what we do in this season of Christmas. The ancient story told by Luke reminds us about the birth of Jesus and is one of those treasures we hear and store away:

"There were some shepherds in that part of the country who were spending the night in the fields taking care of their flocks. An angel of the Lord appeared to them and said: *'Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord. And this is what will prove it to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'* So, the shepherds hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and saw the baby lying in the manger." ~ Luke 2. 8:16 abridged



## Christmas Prayer

*God, our Father, We ask the Spirit to "clothe us with compassion, humility, meekness and patience and to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts" so that we, "God's chosen ones", will give true witness to the message of Christ. Amen. ~ Colossians 3. 12:15.*

*Wishing all a Blessed Christmas!*

*Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella*

## Christmas Thank You!

A Special Thank You - The Faculty and Staff would like to thank everyone for the lovely gifts they received. The homemade baked goods, cookies, candy and other treats were delicious! The gifts and gift certificates were truly appreciated. Your generosity and kindness is amazing!

**Outreach Program... Adopt-a-Family** - Through our Adopt-a-Family Program and the thoughtfulness and generosity of our school families, we were able to help 10 families (totaling 41 people) and 8 individuals. It is truly heartwarming to see how, here, at St. Rocco School, we live out the mission of Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

**Christmas Pageant** ~ The Christmas season was certainly celebrated at our Annual Christmas Pageant Concert. The students in grades PreK3 – 8 and the Children’s Choir sang, performed and did an outstanding job. The tradition of “The Living Nativity” was performed by the First Graders. The program was a thrilling event for all to experience! Mrs. Rodi, our Music Teacher, truly develops all of the students’ innermost talents through music and song! **Christmas Pageant DVD order forms are included in the Thursday Packet. Cost \$20.00 each.**

**Many thanks** to Mrs. Colozzi and her Middle School Students who made cards for the local nursing homes. The cards and kind words were received with smiles and thanks!

### **Classroom News...** Spanish - An Important Language

Spanish is one of the most important languages in the world. There are three hundred fifty millions Spanish speakers in the world; of this number, twenty one millions live in the USA. There are 22 countries in the world where Spanish is the official language and is spoken on a regular basis. The USA is the world's sixth largest country speaking Spanish, with nineteen million "Hispano Hablantes."



Keeping this in mind, St. Rocco School takes very seriously the teaching of the Spanish language. Our goal is to make the learning of this language an enjoyable and rewarding experience. It is amazing to see how much the students retain from year to year and how much they truly enjoy learning it. Once they learn the pattern of the language, they really enjoy making up sentences, translating from English to Spanish or vice versa, learning new expressions, conjugating verbs, exchanging greetings in Spanish, introducing themselves formally and describing themselves and their friends.

It is very rewarding to see how eager and interested some of the students are in the learning of this language. Even more rewarding is listening students saying, “*Sister can we have extra time in the Spanish class?*”

St. Rocco School has a wonderful Spanish Program which helps students to build a strong foundation in Spanish and prepares them to be culturally and linguistically able to participate in our global society. Our students do very well in high school. As a matter of fact, many of them come back and tell us that Spanish is their best and easiest subject. This encourages us to continue to teach the basic structure of the language, which eventually will lead students to acquire proficiency in Spanish.

Sister Mary Antoinette, FMH  
Spanish Teacher



Open House



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, January 27, 2019**

**11:00AM – 1:00PM**



We welcome you to come visit us for a tour and see why everyone is impressed with Saint Rocco School!

If you are interested in having your child or know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.

**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.

**HONOR ROLL  
STUDENTS**



### First Trimester Honor Roll



**Congratulations to the following students in Grades 6-8:**

**High Honors with Distinction** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 95 or above in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Mandy Tran & Ciara Mercado-Alvarez

Grade 7: Brendan Case & Landen McCarty

**High Honors** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 90-94 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Adriana De La Zerda, Jack Mooradian, Amanda Pierce & Jade Zuena

Grade 7: Sara Austin, Dominick DiMattia, Braden Healey, Marissa Reilly & Alexander Sano

Grade 6: Nicholas D'Aquila

**Honors** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-89 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 7: Ian Garcia Blanco

**Congratulations to the following students in Grades 4 & 5:**

**Certificates of Achievement** ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-100 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 in the major subjects and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

**Grade 4:** Luca Beltrami, Jolie Caparco, Sophia Caparco, Audrey Case, Ethan DeVito, Alexander Diaz Negrón, Jose Gonzalez, Kate Gorgievski, Jillian Hanson, Brianna Moosey, Talia Moosey, Alivia Poulin & Sydnee Walsh-Cirelli,

**Grade 5:** Darien Kieran & Onna McCarty



*On behalf of the St. Rocco School Administration, Faculty and Staff we wish you and your families a Blessed Christmas and know that you have touched the lives and warmed the hearts of many in this season of need!*

*Mrs. Lorraine S. Moschella*

# After School program

The Winter Sessions Forms for the Afterschool Program are now being posted on the school website. Additional information is listed below. Form and fees must be submitted to enroll your child into any of these programs.

- **One on One Basketball** will begin on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Dance Program** ~ *Denise's Dance* will begin on **Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Instructor: Miss Denise
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School
- **"The Afterschool Club"** – A variety of Seasonal, Holiday Crafts, Art, Skits, Children's Literature and Poetry that explore Religion, Science, Social Studies, Math and Writing in an integrated creative and "FUN" way. Classes begin **Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Grades 1-3 Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney
- **LEGOS ~ Jedi Engineering with LEGO Materials, Winter Session**  
Tuesdays 1/15/19—2/26/19 (no class 2/19) Grades K - 4 • 2:30pm-4:00pm • \$120/Student

## SAVE THE DATE



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup></b></li> <br/> <li>• <b>January 3, 2019</b></li> <li>• <b>January 4<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>January 5<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup></b></li> <br/> <li>• <b>January 30<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>• <b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b></li> </ul> | <p><b>No Aftercare</b></p> <p>Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home</p> <p><b>No Aftercare</b></p> <p>School Resumes</p> <p>First Friday Mass 8:45AM</p> <p>Confirmation Retreat ~ Grade 8 students</p> <p>STAR Assessment</p> <p>Choir singing at the Bruins Game</p> <p><b>No School</b> MLK, Jr. Day Observed</p> <p>Spelling Bee</p> <p><b>Mother/Son Dance (deadline for returns 1/11)</b></p> <p>Invention/Convention Judging ~ Winning Projects to be displayed at Open House</p> <p>10:00AM Family Mass Catholic Schools Week Begins</p> <p>11AM- 1PM Open House</p> <p>Ned Program</p> <p>Early Dismissal ~ 11:30AM <b>No LUNCH/No Aftercare</b></p> |
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*Sat., March 9, 2019 ~ St. Rocco School Annual Winter Gala*

### December Virtue of the Month ~ Faith

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.  
Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6

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