



St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes

Dear St. Rocco School Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that I will be returning to school on Monday, December 10th.

I have missed coming into school each day, so I am truly looking forward to my return. Being able to again enjoy the faculty, staff, students and families is what makes St. Rocco School so special.

I wish to thank everyone for the many get-well wishes and prayers that were sent to me.

It is now time to enjoy the wonder of the Christmas season and the upcoming New Year.

With Blessings, Hope,
Gratefulness and Love,

Mrs. Lorraine S. Moschella

A Note from the Principal... Each week as I sit down to compose my message; I review all the things we have accomplished over the week at St. Rocco School. I consider the academic news, but I also look toward the many ways in which I've seen a strong Catholic identity grow amongst our students.



Always, I keep in mind that our students represent both St. Rocco School and St. Rocco's Church. We are one community. In educating our children, I am continuously aware that they are the future of our Church. They will become, someday, the very parishioners who pray for, work for and perpetuate our parish.



As I hope you know, education at St. Rocco School is not only about ABC-123 but it is about guaranteeing that our children are also ready to face life's challenges. Passing exams and learning good study habits are certainly cornerstones in our curriculum. However, it is just as important that today's children are taught to embody the Catholic virtues and values that Jesus sought to teach us.

From the smallest pre-kindergarten class to the graduating 8th grade class, our children are not simply preached the Word of God but shown how to live the Word every day by teachers and staff who are examples of faith, patience, and perseverance. It is only with your help that we at St. Rocco's can carry on in our mission: ensuring that the coming generations will be taught to lead not merely as well-educated children but as well-educated children of God. I thank you for your continuous support of Saint Rocco School.



Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of God's coming by taking time to have a closer look inside ourselves away from the busy outside. This looking inside is not about remorse or regret, nor about listing ways life over the past year could have been different; it's not about wishing we were better people. It's about forward movement, getting new bearings, relying more on God for directions. It's about a fresh start, getting closer to the "fire" and the "light" that are God's love and compassion. Advent is a time to "Rejoice, let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is nigh." ~St. Paul Phil 4:4,5 ~



Second Sunday of Advent

Advent is also a time to: "Accept surprises that upset your plans, shatter your dreams, give a completely different turn to your day and - who knows - to your life. It is not chance. Leave the Father Himself to weave the pattern of your days." Dom Helger Camara. A Thousand Reasons for Living.

"The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

St Paul. Phil. 4:7.

Many Blessing,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella
Principal

Classroom News..... Mrs. Colozzi

Middle School Math

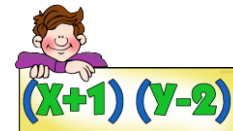
We have had a very productive school year thus far in Middle School Math, Grades 5-8. Due to the "spiral" nature of Math curriculum, topics are revisited each year with increased difficulty in computation. Students are working diligently to master one concept at a time so that they may use that information when solving future problems.



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Grade 5 is currently completing the chapter on multi-digit division, order of operations and divisibility. We will soon be studying Greatest Common Factor and Least Common Multiples in preparation for our study of Fractions.

Grade 6 is about to begin studying algebraic expressions and equations. Although this topic is quite challenging for this level, I have no doubt they will meet with great success.



Grade 7 is working through topics that combine two or more individual topics which were previously learned, for example, division of decimal numbers with integers. It is imperative that these skills are mastered prior to the study of solving algebraic equations and inequalities.

In addition to Grade 8 working through the Algebra I program, they had practice tests in order to prepare for the Catholic Schools Entrance Exam. I have no doubt that they will successfully be welcomed into the high school of their choice!

FANTASTIC 50 ~ KEEP RETURNS COMING IN !!! RETURNS DUE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, 12/7

Thanks to all the families who have sold their 25 Fantastic 50 tickets but there is still time to sell a few more! Please send in your returns! REMEMBER: The class who sells the most tickets ...wins a PIZZA PARTY! As always, your help is greatly appreciated and needed for this Major Fundraiser to be a GREAT success!

Drawing will be held at 9:00AM on Dec. 10th!

Christmas Pageant ~ Excitement is in the air! Our annual production will be held on Wednesday, December 19th. This year it's called "It's Christmas Everywhere" Please invite all your friends and family to this wonderful celebration during this Advent Season.

Special Note: If any parent is available after the production to help move the risers, piano, etc., please contact Mrs. Rodi directly. Thank you in advance!!



St. Rocco students "dressed down" on Tuesday for Bishop Tobin's annual "Keep the Heat On" program and raised \$127.00 for this worthy cause. 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.

NJHS/STUCO Coat Drive ~ Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Annual Coat Drive. We were able to collect 55 coats. Many thanks!

Statewide Busing ~The Statewide Student Transportation Office would like to remind our parents about their inclement weather/emergency closing/delay policy. For your convenience, the inclement weather/emergency closing/delay policy in English and Spanish is posted on our website:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/StudentsFamilies/AdditionalResources/StudentTransportation.aspx> .

For the most up to date listings of closings and delays, the statewide transportation office suggests checking the following sites:

<http://www.turnto10.com/category/256735/closings-and-delays>

<http://www.abc6.com/category/184901/closings-and-delays>

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.

Candy Cane Grams ~ is ongoing! The form is posted on the school website. Order deadline is Friday, December 14th. All proceeds to benefit the NJHS program. Candy Canes will be distributed to the students on the week of the 17th.





Extra, extra read all about it.... St. Rocco School Choir is one of the features in this week's Sunrise. The choir performed on Monday at the State House.



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.

DRESS DOWN DRY **Special Dress Down Passes** - Plan ahead for the month of January! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of January to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning January 7th unless otherwise noted. **Deadline to purchase these passes is Monday, December 17th.** Passes cannot be purchased after this date- **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Also, students can receive a pass for bringing in 50 Box Tops. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom.

St. Rocco School Gala/Silent Auction (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 9th 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.

Here's a sneak peek of some of the children's art work!



Little Shoppers Christmas Shoppe begins next Monday! A Christmas Shoppe Flyer and payment envelope is being sent home in today's Thursday Packet. 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 or Tyler Weir at tylerlweir@gmail.com. The shop will be open on Mon., Dec. 10th, Tues., Dec. 11th and Wed. Dec.12th. The items range in price from \$2.00 to \$12.00.



Grade	Shopping Day	Grade	Shopping Day
PK3	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday		
PK4	Monday & Tuesday	4	Monday, 12/10
K	Monday, 12/10	5	Tuesday, 12/11
1	Tuesday, 12/11	6	Tuesday, 12/11
2	Monday, 12/10	7	Tuesday, 12/11
3	Monday, 12/10	8	Monday, 12/10

Special Note: It would be greatly appreciated with all the monies being collected at this time that a separate check be sent into the School Office for Family School Events, Afterschool Programs, lunch money, Dress Down, Adopt-a-Family etc. We understand it might be a little inconvenient, however to ensure that everyone gets credited or a reserved spot is held it makes it much easier to keep track. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated!

SRS Jewelry ~ In celebration of our school, 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.**

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 22nd**.
- **Dance Program** ~ *Denise's Dance* will begin on **Wednesday, January 10th**. Instructor: Miss Denise
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School Office. Band meets on **Thursdays** from 2:35-4:00pm.
- **"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 9th**. Grades 1-3 Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney



- **Friday, December 14th** \$1.00 "Dress Down Day" ~ Adopt a Family Wear Red and/or Green
- **Wednesday, December 19th** Christmas Pageant
- **Thursday, December 20th** No Aftercare
- **Friday, December 21st** Choir to sing at Brookdale Nursing Home
- No Aftercare
- **Thursday, January 3rd** **School Resumes**
- **Saturday, January 5th** **Confirmation Retreat ~ Grade 8 students**
- **Monday, January 21st** No School ~ Martin Luther King Day
- **Sunday, January 27th** Family Mass 10:00AM
- **Catholic Schools Week Begins** **Open House, 11AM-1PM**

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~