



Spring Uniform Dress Code- Beginning on Monday, April 2nd, students will be able to begin wearing their spring uniform choice as stated in our uniform policy. Please review.

A Note from the Principal... Someone once gave voice to their observation that there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord." And there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord! It's morning!" Perhaps on the first Easter Day, there emerged a third group who, when they discovered the tomb in which they had placed Jesus' body late on Good Friday was now empty, might have exclaimed, "Lord, it's morning, where are You?"



Our Easter celebration, from Friday to Sunday, directs our attention to the Cross, to see in it and through it the mystery of a profound love, a love that does not forget, a love that is sustained in us through the Holy Spirit. At Easter, we remember the death of Jesus and we celebrate the new life of His presence within us. What we celebrate from Friday to Sunday is the core of our faith: "Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again."

It can be easy to simply focus on the "big events" that occur over Easter and forget about the life of Jesus before these momentous events. Jesus' attention had been focused on offering fellowship to the poor, the marginalized, the outcasts and it was from these groups that He chose the people who were to be the leaders when He was no longer there. Jesus' work now continues through us Christians – Christ followers – who, in the Mass and the Eucharist, eat and drink with Him after He has risen from the dead. For Christians, Easter is the matchless remedy for all forms of hopelessness. The Resurrection of Jesus is the basis for the deep trust that cultivates our faith and love. Easter is never over, Jesus lives on in all Christians; it is in us that His presence is in the world. God, our Father, we thank You for the Spirit within us. We ask that the Spirit strengthens us with courage and hope in times of difficulty and with generosity towards all other people in our lives.

I would like to share this prayer with you so that you may share it at your Easter table....



Lord,

*Thank You for the gift of HOPE You gave us on Easter morning.
Because of You we know that no problem is too difficult
And even death does not have power over us.*

*Thank You for the gift of JOY You gave us when You were resurrected.
Because of You we know that no matter how challenging life may be,
In the end we will rejoice again.*

*Thank You for the gift of LOVE You gave us when You laid down Your life.
Because of You we know that there is no sin too great to separate us
and we are incredibly valuable to You.*

*Thank You for the gift of LIFE You gave us when You left the tomb.
Because of Easter we know this world is just the beginning
and we will spend forever in Heaven with You.*

*We celebrate You, JESUS, with hearts full of praise and gratitude.
For who You are and all You've done for us! Amen.*



*God Bless,
Lorraine S. Moschella
Principal*



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Assessments

STAR midyear assessments have concluded and everyone should be extremely proud of the students testing attitude and motivation to do well! The teachers are continuing to always tailor the students' learning needs in order to give them the opportunity to strive and achieve their ultimate best. You will be receiving the second testing results in this Thursday Packet.

REPORT CARDS: All students 2nd Trimester Report Cards were emailed to Parents this morning. If you have any questions regarding your child's Report Card, please contact their teacher.

Field Trip Grade 6 ~ Permission slips are posted online under the Parent's Page > Field Trip Forms for **Cabaret Production ~ Collaboration of Broadway Musicals; Thursday, April 26, 2018 at St. Mary Academy ~ BayView.**

Classroom News ~ Mrs. Connors ~ Art Teacher

Spring is here and the art classes have been full of paintings of flowers, butterfly mobiles, and little bunnies, just to name a few that the PreK3-Kindergarten has been creating.

The primary grades have been drawing landscapes, still lifes, and illustrations. The paints and mixed media have been used to create these beautiful examples of art.

Imagination is always a concentration when creating. The intermediate levels have shined with color designs and illustrating poetry, as well as Astronomy filled with galaxies far away and compositions with shapes. Middle School has focused on architectural drawings, graphic design, and realistic portraits.

All the children Pre 3- Grade 8 have created bookmarks for their Individual use during Reading Week, April 9-13. The Gala pieces done by all students were a huge hit at the Starry Night Gala. Grades 5-8 students participated in the Fire prevention poster contest. The seventh and eighth grade children entered the Google Trade Mark poster contest. The Students of Grade 4- Grade 6 are participating in the Narragansett Bay Commission Poster contest also.

Finally, this year has been very creative, imaginative, and full of wonderful Art. Enjoy the loveliness of the season.



Cookie Dough Fundraiser Due Date ~ All orders are due on Friday, April 9, 2018. Please make sure your child's name and homeroom are clearly marked. All orders are prepaid. Just a reminder, 40% of your total sales will be applied to your fundraising.

After School program

- **One-on-One Basketball** ~ begins on Monday, April 2nd
- **Dance Program** ~ begins on Wednesday April 4th.
- **"The Afterschool Club"** ~ begins on Tuesday, April 3rd.
- **Lego** ~ begins Tuesday, April 3rd. **SESSION FULL**

Please submit your form and fees if your child wishes to enroll in any of these programs.



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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| • April 9 th – 13 th | Reading Week |
| • April 16 th -20 th | Spring Recess |
| • April 23 rd – 27 th | Week of the Young Child |
| • Wednesday, April 25th | \$1.00 Dress Down ~ EARTH DAY (Wear Green) (DATE CHANGE) |
| • Sunday, April 29 th | Grade 2 First Communion 12:00Mass |
| • Thursday, May 3 rd | Gr. 4 6:30PM Transition Meeting for Parents & Students |
| • Saturday, May 19 th | Spring Production / Showcase of Talent |
| • Tuesday, May 22 nd | May Crowning 9:00AM |
| • Monday, May 28 th | Memorial Day NO SCHOOL |
| • Tuesday, May 29 th | Athletic Celebration~ Kelly Gazzero Post at 5:30PM |
| • Wednesday, May 30 th | NJHS/STUCO Induction Ceremony 9:00Am |
| • Thursday, May 31 st | Grades 6, 7 & 8 Field Trips |
| • Friday, June 1 st | Spring Dance 6:30-8:30PM Café Rocco |
| • Thursday, June 7 th | Grade 8 Awards Night ~ 6:00PM Café Rocco |
| • Sunday, June 10 th | Grade 8 Graduation Mass 12:00
Followed by Commencement Ceremony |

March Virtue of the Month ~ Forgiveness

"Lord, when my brother or sister wrongs me, how often must I forgive? Seven times?"
"No," Jesus replied, "not seven times, I say seventy times seven times." Matthew 18:21

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