

St. Rocco School

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

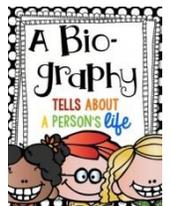
Parent Notes

A Note from the Principal...

This week's celebration of **Reading Week** proved to be a delight for all the faculty, staff and students!



Sheryl Faye, a historical performer presenting school assembly productions of historical women, captivated us with her performance of *Helen Keller*. This is the second of our programs that complement our Social Studies, Science and Language Arts curricula, with History and Biographies. Ms. Faye captivated the entire audience, students in grades Kindergarten through Grade 8! She made us laugh and she certainly brought tears to our eyes when Helen's teacher finally broke through to the deaf and blind girl with her sign for "water." Ms. Faye captured the moment of Helen Keller's awakening vividly and realistically.



Monday, April 16th will begin St. Rocco School's Spring Recess. School will resume on Monday, April 22nd. Enjoy your family time together. Be safe and have fun!

Below is a brief listing of several activities you may want to explore with your children.

Audubon Society of Rhode Island, Bristol, RI: 245-7500
Fisherville Brook Wildlife Refuge, Exeter, RI
Coggeshall Farm Museum, Bristol, RI
RISD Museum—Providence, RI: 454-6500
Roger Williams Park Zoo – Providence, RI
Roger Williams Botanical Garden/Carousel Village--Providence
The Blackstone River Tour - Pawtucket 724-2200



Feinstein Junior Scholar Club Card
(Free Admission for one child and adult)

Battleship Cove, Fall River, MA: 508.678.1100
Pawtucket Red Sox
Providence Children's Museum - 273-5437
Slater Park, Pawtucket, RI: 728-0500

Adopt a School Program ~St. Rocco School is pleased to announce its' participation in the Johnston Police Department Adopt a School Program. This new initiative was developed by the Johnston School Safety Commission with representation from Mayor Polisena, the Johnston Police Department and the Johnston School Department.

In addition to St. Rocco school having access to the JSD School Resource Officers when needed, we will have a designated Police Officer assigned to our school on a daily basis. I would like to welcome Officer Matthew Leveillee who will be visiting our school daily, being visible at arrival and dismissal times, attending many of our special student presentations, walking the building, etc. He will be given an itinerary of our School and Church events to which he will have the opportunity to attend.

Your child/children will be meeting Officer Leveillee soon and we will answer any questions that they may have. If you have any questions regarding this program please contact me and/or Major Matthew Leduc at mleduc@johnstonpd.com who is the coordinator of the Adopt a School Program.

*If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you", that would suffice.
—Meister Eckhart*

*Many Blessing,
Mrs. Lorraine Moschella
Principal*

A Note from the School Nurse... Lately I've been surveying students about what they bring to school for snacks. By far the biggest seller is GOLDFISH! Just a bit of advice on healthy snacking.



The Phrase "You are what you eat" is very true. If you eat healthy meals and healthy snacks it shows in how you are able to ward off illness, how your body is growing, how your brain functions and how you learn. These are all topics of great interest to me as a health educator, as well as all of the teachers here at St. Rocco School. Somehow, I know that you will agree with me when I say that *Goldfish* don't cut it as a healthy snack. Here are some healthy alternatives: fresh fruit, strawberries, raspberries, apples, and almost any fruit you can think of. Also, yogurt, granola bars, cheese and whole grain crackers, whole grain bread with Sunny butter and fruit preserves. All of these suggestions have one thing in common. Most of them contain healthy forms of sugar and a limited amount of preservatives and therefore provide the nutrition necessary to carry a student through a productive and energetic day of learning. If your child/ren are old enough to choose their own snacks, they still need your advice as to what is healthy and what is junk. If you have younger children you choose their snacks and therefore are responsible for providing healthy meals and snacks. I know that kids are picky eaters and it's easier to give them what they want rather than taking the time to provide healthy snacks. They don't know that sugar and preservatives aren't good for them; they need you to guide them. Your choices of healthy food make the difference between a child who is alert and energetic and eager to learn, and a child who is lethargic and too tired to take an active part in what's going on in the classroom. To quote a corny pun, I hope this note has provided some *FOOD FOR THOUGHT*. ~ Nurse Amelia

Suzanne M. Henseler Memorial Scholarship St. Rocco School ~ Applications are now being accepted. Two scholarships of \$750 will be awarded for academic year 2018-19. Two deserving students currently attending St. Rocco School will receive a scholarship. You may download the application on our school website.

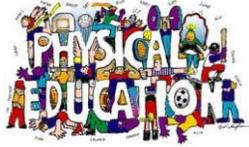
Selection Criteria: Applicants currently in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades are eligible to apply with proof of attendance or acceptance to St. Rocco. Selection criteria, in order of priority, are: 1) demonstrated financial need, 2) academic performance or promise, and 3) participation in extracurricular activities. The selection committee also will give weight to student statements explaining what the Catholic educational experience means to them, and will consider one letter of recommendation from a teacher. Students who receive scholarships may re-apply in the following academic year.

**DRESS
DOWN
DAY**

Special Dress Down Passes ~ Plan ahead for the month of May! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning May 7th, May 14th, & May 21st unless otherwise noted. Also, students can receive a pass for recycling 5 ink cartridges and/or bringing in 50 Box Tops. Clearly label with your child's name and homeroom. **Deadline for the May passes is April 25th.**

Autism Project Dress Down ~ Thank you to everyone who supported today's Dress Down.
St. Rocco School raised **\$201.00!**

Classroom News - Ms. Hand - Physical Education



The students in PreK3 through grade eight have been very busy in physical education this winter. Since the weather sent us inside back in November, grades four through eight have spent time honing their volleyball, floor hockey, dodgeball, basketball, and jump rope skills. The majority of middle school students supplemented their P.E. time by participating in the winter Intramural Program during their lunch recess. These double elimination tournaments included competitions in volleyball, hockey, basketball and dodge ball. We are a little late getting back out on the field this year due to the crazy weather we had in March; but, I am optimistic that April will be a better outdoor P.E. month. We will have the opportunity to play lacrosse, soccer, track, badminton, ultimate frisbee, softball and other games and activities this spring. The younger grades have worked hard on their manipulative skills utilizing a variety of apparatus, such as beanbags, hoops, balloons, paddles, scooters, jump ropes, and playground balls. They have also participated in rhythmic, cooperative and movement exploration activities. Sportsmanship and teamwork continue to be emphasized at every grade level. During the month of April, grades one through eight will participate in a Physical Fitness Test based on the President's Physical Fitness Test that was discontinued in 2016. There are tests that measure their flexibility, muscular and cardiorespiratory endurance, strength, speed and agility. Individual results will be sent home with the students in May and, of course, we are all looking forward to Field Day in June!

Reading Week ~ This week, our students participated in many activities from book swaps to a bookmark contest. They had many special guest readers who visited the classrooms, and grades K – 8 enjoyed an assembly called "Helen Keller". The annual Parade of Words (Grades PK3-5) was held whereby each student chooses a word which they physically represent. This activity has proven to be great fun as we are always amazed at the incredible creativity our students possess! Many students visited our annual Spring Book Fair where students were able to purchase one book and get one free! Many thanks to the parent volunteers and to all our guest readers for taking the time out of their busy schedule!

Special Note: Parade of Word Winners each received a certificate for a "Dress Down" Pass (Mondays ONLY) & Bookmark Winners received a Free Ice Cream Treat.

Region 3 Statewide Busing~ Beginning on April 1, 2018, the statewide transportation system will be open to receive student transportation requests for the **upcoming 2018-2019 school year**. To ensure a bus stop for the first day of the school next year, **both current and new riders** must register by **July 31, 2018**.



Region 3

Barrington	Lincoln	Bristol	North Providence
Central Falls	Pawtucket	Cranston	Providence
East Providence	Smithfield	Warren	

Please visit the Rhode Island Department of Education Transportation system website for registration and information regarding this bus service. There will be a drop down menu to indicate St. Rocco School.

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

Only registered students in Grades Kindergarten – Grade 8 will be permitted on the school buses. For questions regarding the statewide transportation website, please call 401-222-5024.

Coming this Spring!

MAY 19, 2018

Our Spring Performance~“ROCK AND ROLL FOREVER”~Cranston West High School

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK AT THE
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD SCHEDULE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE



ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

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

April Virtue of the Month ~ Courage

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

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