



A Note from the Principal. . . Join an English class where the teacher wrote this sentence on the board for the students to punctuate: “Woman without her man is nothing.” The boys wrote: “Woman, without her man, is nothing.” The girls wrote: “Woman! Without her, man is nothing!” With “Happy Mothers’ Day” in mind, there surely would be no family member who would disagree with the girls’ interpretation.

Of course, one of the greatest mothers of all is Mother Nature and, if you know anything about gardening, you know that gardening gurus extol the use of slow-release fertilizers. Here’s how they work: “Slow-release fertilizers work together with the processes in the soil. Rather than a quick overdose, they release nutrients over a period of months. The plants benefit from a consistent supply of what they need throughout their growth.”

The slow-release nutrients that flow from a mother to her family would be rich in love and care, packaged in the visible form of cooking, cleaning, planting flowers, buying clothes then washing and ironing them, and the less visible form of encouragement, support, compassion, forgiveness, consistency, leading to lives that thrive from a consistent supply of the elements they need throughout their growth.

Just as there are slow-release fertilizers for young plants, there are different fertilizers as they grow, with nutrients more suited to the changing needs of the plant. The task of every child is to become independent and the task of all mothers is to help their children reach independence by allowing them to walk-and-fall, to make decisions that might sometimes come undone, but, in the process, to slowly take control of their own lives.

“It’s not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.”

God gave mothers special gifts, their own special talents and their own special needs, all of which require attention and prayers from other family members.

“Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family.
Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing,
For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.”

And, Mom, don’t forget: “Woman! Without her, man is nothing!”



Wishing you the
very best this
Mother's Day!

*Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother’s heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible.
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them,
of comforting them, for feeding them and making a safe place for them.*

*Guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance, with strength and patience and joy.
Give them the ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.
In Your precious and all powerful name, **Amen***

“If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer: ‘Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.’ I must admit – this prayer has never failed me.” ~ Blessed Mother Teresa

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Moschella, Principal

St. Rocco School Registrations: There are limited openings available for select grade levels. Let your friends and neighbors know that registrations are being accepted. Anyone interested should call the School Office for a personal tour of our School while we are still in session.



7:15AM-8:00AM
2:30PM - 5:30PM



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

*3 & 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAMS

(Must be of the appropriate age by September 1st for the program child is entering)

**Children MUST be completely potty trained to enter our program.
May choose 3 or 5 Full Day Program*



- ♥ Faith-based program focuses to develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually
- ♥ Socialization skills through interaction with their peers
- ♥ Early childhood development through centers with hands-on activities and instructional play in language, math, science, and social studies
- ♥ Art, PE, Library and Music to enhance activities and centers

Please call School Office for more information or to arrange for a private tour.

PARENT ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE NEWS... "Where Our Children Always Come First"



Many thanks to the numerous *Parent Volunteers* who have chaired events and /or volunteered this year. We are already starting to plan for next year's events; anyone interested in Chairing or Co-chairing any of the events listed below, please see Mrs. Moschella.

Within the following months, we will need to have committees planning these events. The following are the activities which have traditionally been held at St. Rocco School:

**Halloween Event; Christmas Bazaar; Family Event
Father/Daughter Dance; Mother/Son Dance
Mother/Daughter Brunch; Father/Son Event
Annual Winter Gala Silent Auction & Dinner**

Volunteer Mass/Social ~ Included in this packet; is an invitation for school volunteers to attend First Friday Mass on June 1st. The Mass is being offered for all those who so generously gave of their time and talents to Saint Rocco School during this past year. Immediately following in Café Rocco, there will be Lite Refreshments, our way of saying "Thank You". Please extend this invitation to any grandparent or family member that has helped in any way.

Please return the form to the school office by Thursday, May 31st so that we may have an estimate on attendees.

Office News...Preparation of Transcripts - parents, please stop by the School Office in order to fill out a record release form so that transcripts can be sent in a timely fashion since St. Rocco School Office is on a staggered status for the summer and often these requests are made for educational and curriculum planning.



Yearbook News...FYI...If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, it's not too late. There are only 18 books left! We cannot guarantee that at the end of the school year there will be any available for purchase! First come, first serve basis. Books are \$32.00 each. Too late for personalization!

Athletic Celebration ~ St. Rocco School will hold its' Athletic Celebration on Tuesday, May 29th at Kelley-Gazzerio Post, Plainfield Pike. All student athletes in Grades 4-8, coaches and family members are invited. Please see form under Thursday Packet tab on the School Website and return to the School Office by **FRIDAY, MAY 18th**.

Reheating Reminder ~ Lunch time is a very busy time in our kitchen. Please note that students' lunches from home cannot be reheated at school. Please explore other options such as a thermos when planning your child's lunch.

Classroom News – Sr. Daisy ~ Second Grade



"I am the bread of life... whoever eats this bread will live forever." John 6: 3-58

On April 29, the Second Graders received Jesus for the first time. What a joyful moment! We congratulate them for their prayerful and active participation in the meaningful celebration. We continue to learn about the great gift of the Eucharist and the parts of the Mass.

Reading is fun and we continue to explore and learn various genres such as, fiction and nonfiction stories and articles, fantasy, autobiography, biography etc. We created our own imaginary place and it was so fun to write. In Science, we are learning about weather and sky. We know that one million cloud droplets make one raindrop. It was fun to learn different stages of water cycle, various types of clouds, and storms. It was fun to do hands - for example, going outside and watching various shapes the cloud forms. We are learning all about our Solar System. The best part of learning is the all the experiments we do in the classroom. We also took a long trip to the continents and the oceans of the world. We researched about each continent and ocean in the computer. Then we worked with a partner to identify each continent, color it, and present it to the class. It was a great experience! Now we are traveling to various parts of the world and learning all about different cultures, languages, foods, beliefs etc. Math is everywhere; in your house, in the shopping center, in the park, in the church, in school etc. We know how to use money to buy and sell things and get the correct change back. We are experts in telling and managing time. Time is flying and it is very important. Now we move on to 3-digit subtraction, addition, then to measurements. Even though we are almost at the end of the school year, we are very busy and we enjoy learning and having fun at the same time.

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.

Deadline to submit: May 18, 2018

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.

PAST DUE

Lifetouch Spring Picture Returns ~ Lifetouch has informed the School Office that there are still 20 families that have NOT YET returned their child's Spring Photo Package. Picture returns were due 2 weeks ago. Please return the pictures or send in your payment by tomorrow. Parents will be charged for any pictures that were not returned.





Field Trip News ~ Any parent wishing to chaperone for a school-sponsored event or field trip MUST FIRST go through the classroom teacher and not just drop off forms and payment (if required) to the School Office and assume they are chaperoning. Some trips allow for unlimited chaperones and others are limited. Please remember that to be eligible you must have a current BCI on file and Safe Environment as well. You may check in the School Office for your status. Thank you for your cooperation!



Student Council News...

Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers!
 STUDENT COUNCIL Class Representatives 2018-2019:
 Grade 6 ~ Nicholas D'Aquila & Gianna SanMartino
 Grade 7 ~ Dominick DiMattia & Marissa Reilly

**After School
 program**

Just a reminder, all programs will end next week;
 except for the Prayer Group which will end on Thursday, May 31st.

Region 3 Statewide Busing~ 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.

Barrington
 Central Falls
 East Providence

Lincoln
 Pawtucket
 Smithfield

Region 3
 Bristol
 Cranston
 Warren

North Providence
 Providence



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



Drama/Tickets Spring Performance ~ Tickets are on sale now; please send in your order form, included in your packet. Also, additional copies may be downloaded from under the Thursday Packet tab on the School Website.

Program Ad Book – Place an ad for your “Superstar” in our program. Please submit ad and payment to the School Office in order for it to appear in the booklet. Form is available on line.

ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

- 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 Gazzero 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

May Virtue of the Month ~ Joyfulness

"You have nothing to fear!
I come to proclaim good news to you-tidings of great Joy to be shared by the whole people."
Luke 2:10-11

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