

St. Rocco School

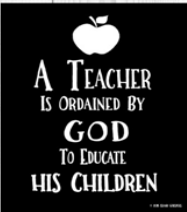
Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes

A Note from the Principal... St. Rocco School's 7th & 8th grade students will participate in Rhode Island Law Day on Friday, May 4th. The Honorable Alfredo T. Conte, who coincidentally has two sons that are proud graduates of St. Rocco School, and Mr. Andrew Rogers, Esquire, are the presenters. A very special "thank you" for their time and effort in inspiring our students!

Law Day



Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. Although we honor our Catholic School teachers during Catholic Schools Week, I would like to congratulate them on behalf of our St. Rocco School community. They will be treated to a light breakfast for all their hard work and dedication. Modeling the Gospel in all they do while, also, building relationships with our students in order to positively affect them throughout their lives is invaluable.



St. Rocco School will be administering the third and final Star Standardized Assessment for this year. The content areas of Reading and Math will be measured. Our students have continued to show growth and we are extremely proud of how diligently they all work to succeed!



St. Rocco School Teacher News: It is with great gratitude and admiration that we officially announce to our St. Rocco School families and the community that Mrs. Mary Snizek and Mr. Michael DiMichele will be retiring at the conclusion of this school year.

I am able to say that they will be extremely missed by their fellow teachers, parents and the students whose lives they touched throughout their tenure at St. Rocco School. Mrs. Snizek has been at SRS for twenty years and Mr. DiMichele for the past twelve years. We are so proud to have had them as educators in our students' lives.

Congratulations and best wishes to both of them!

MOVING? –To ensure continued communication, please notify the School Office should you have a change of address.

Classroom News – Mr. Macksoud - **Middle School Technology & Middle School Character Education**



All middle school students practice keyboarding at the beginning of each technology class. The fifth through seventh graders will advance to the next lesson after certain expectations are met. The eighth grade class has a more challenging practice with a determined time limit. All keyboarding results are recorded and checked by me. We strive to use the proper fingering techniques.

Also, all middle school technology students apply the skills learned in class to cross disciplinary activities and projects utilizing graphic organizers. Each grade level is learning to develop proper research skills using technology. All work is discussed, reviewed, and checked. Students are aware of the high standards that we set for them.



All character education classes discuss and work on projects relating to St. Rocco School's monthly virtues. Related areas are developed through our discussions. Each student is given ample time to participate in conversations and to ask questions. We are currently working on forgiveness and courage, which will lead us to the topics of bullying and cyber bullying.

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.



**NO FEE EXTENDED CARE FOR STUDENTS IN OUR
3 YEAR AND 4 YEAR OLD PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS!!**



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.



Join us on Tuesday, May 8th to help us “Raise Some Dough” for our school. Anthony’s Coal Fired Pizza will donate 20% of all tracked dine-in or take out sales from this business day! So take a break from cooking and dishes and come enjoy our tasty fundraiser! Don’t forget to

inform your server you are there for St. Rocco School! Thank you in advance for your continued support!

God Blessings,

Mrs. Moschella

Principal

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**

**SPECIAL NOTE: Volunteer Social Friday, June 1st following First Friday Mass.
More info to follow!**

Athletic Celebration ~ St. Rocco School will hold its' Athletic Celebration on Tuesday, May 29th at Ralph's Kitchen. 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**.

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.

Lifetouch Spring Picture Returns ~ Lifetouch has informed the School Office that there are still 30 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.



Yearbook News...FYI...If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, it's not too late. There are only 20 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!

Payments ~ When submitting payments for lunch, field trip, after-school activities, etc., please be sure to **place your payment in an envelope, plastic snack/sandwich bag or the like**. Your paperwork and payment makes many stops along the way and we want to ensure that this important paperwork and payment makes its way securely to the School Office.

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.

Extended Care News ~ St. Rocco Extended Care Program is looking for donations of any **Action Figures, Loving Family People, Weebles, Animals Figures etc.** The children truly enjoy using their imagination when playing with these smaller objects. During your spring cleaning, if would like to donation any gently used toys, please bring them to the Extended Care in Café Rocco. Thank you in advanced!

Umbrella Sale ~ Now available for purchase are SRS umbrellas. Cost: \$15.00 each. They are maroon and white with our logo imprinted on them. Umbrellas are available in the School Office.



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!

National Junior Honor Society News... Just a reminder: Wednesday, May 30th, is the Induction Ceremony for the NJHS/STUCO. Invitations are included in the Thursday Packet for the NEW Inductees and their families.

Student Council News...



Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers!

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS 2018-2019:

President ~ Mandy Tran Vice President ~ Jade Zuena
Secretary ~ Michaela Camasta Treasurer ~ Braden Healey
Public Relations: Sara Austin, Karissa Cotoia & Ciara Mercado-Alvarez

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

- **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 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

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~