



# THURSDAY PACKET

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ Please refer to the calendar of events posted on the school website.**

**A Note from the Principal...** “What parish are you from?” Often we are asked that question, maybe when attending a mass or maybe a sacrament like Confirmation at a church other than our own. But when we answer “St. Rocco”, are we answering merely the name of a place where we attend church or are we answering as truly *members* of St. Rocco, a *real* part of that community that prays, works and helps one another in both times of celebration and times of sadness?



As school re-registration begins, please consider registering as a parishioner with St. Rocco Church. Being part of both the church and school community enriches a child’s overall educational experience. It enhances their Catholic Identity, fosters a greater sense of responsibility, acceptance and partnership.

Becoming part of that community isn’t “automatic”; it doesn’t occur by simply attending Mass. It actually begins with official registration, signing up, enrolling in the Parish. Registration opens so many doors – when you are married, the parish community shares in your joy, the same way it does at the birth of your children, at their First Communion, at their Confirmation. At the other end of the spectrum, your parish community is there for comfort in times of death and illness, offering their help and consolation when you need it most.



As well, officially registering as part of a parish allows the parish to secure things for your aid and benefit. The number of people who are part of a parish is important to the Diocese, because it determines things like how many priests are assigned to the parish and how many Masses, Confessions and devotions are planned.

Most importantly, registering in a parish is a statement of your faith and your confidence in the life and work and community of that parish.

As a member of the parish, your most important obligation is to attend weekly Mass, just as that is the most important aspect for all Roman Catholics. However, the parish always welcomes those who strive to do more, and those who can be more active members of the parish. As you evaluate your membership, peruse the list below and determine where you “fit in”.

- Attendance at Sunday/Saturday evening Mass
- Serve as a Lector, Altar Server, Usher, Choir member
- Volunteer at yearly Feast of St. Rocco in August
- Membership for women in the Women’s Guild or for men in the Holy Name Society
- Attendance at the social and religious functions outside of Mass
- Assistance with the Religious Education Program
- Volunteer periodically at the Rectory
- Support the Parish financially



Finally, registering to be part of a parish is essentially no different than having insurance on our home, or ensuring that we have warm clothes to protect us during the cold northeast winter. It is a kind of safeguard, a reassurance that there is always a community of faith to sustain us and with whom we can share the milestones of our life.

**Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 27 at 10:00AM**

followed by our

**OPEN HOUSE**

**11:00AM – 1:00PM**

Open House



*If you know of a family interested in attending St. Rocco School, please have them contact our School Office at 944.2993 to schedule a personal tour.*

*Always remember that you are the ambassadors who help promote our school through your words.*



St. Rocco School is accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. Please encourage family and friends to visit our school. "Word of mouth" is the best way to spread the good news about us. For more than 50 years, St. Rocco has had the distinction and reputation of educating the whole child; spiritually, educationally and socially. We are proud of our accomplishments and we continue to strive to greatness for our students!

**Catholic Schools Raise the Standard**  
**Top Ten Reasons to Choose Catholic Schools**

- Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
- Balanced curriculum that includes, art, music, physical education, foreign language and technology
- Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills
- 100% graduation rate
- Strong preparation for advanced education
- Safe and disciplined environment
- Exceptional faculty who assist students in reaching their highest potential
- Individual attention in a caring community
- Commitment to technology used to blend and enhance education
- Good stewards of resources



**Thank you** ~ *St. Rocco School received a card of thanks from Bishop Tobin's Office in regards to our donation to the "Keep the Heat On" program. The Bishop asked for me to extend his gratitude to all those who participated in this most worthy cause.*

*God Bless,  
Mrs. Lorraine S. Moschella*

**Saint Rocco School Mission Statement**

***"Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ"***

is the foundation of the St. Rocco School community.

We are dedicated to creating an environment that instills Catholic values and nourishes the development of the whole person.

We are committed to excellence in academic standards that prepare students to reach their full potential and meet the global challenges of the future.

**New Applications for 2019-20:** Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 27<sup>th</sup> at our Open House. Applications are accepted on a first come, first served basis, so spread the word!. If you know families who are interested in applying, have them call us at 401.944.2993 or direct them to our website at [www.stroccoschool.org](http://www.stroccoschool.org).

**Re-Registration for 2019-20:** Appointments were sent home on Tuesday. If you did not receive one, please contact the School Office.

Please be reminded that all families re-applying for next year must complete the online **FACTS Grant and Aid** form each year. The Diocese of Providence will use this information to determine your family's need. As soon as you have received your 2018 W-2 wage statement from your employer, please fill out the **FACTS** form. If you have not completed your 2018 income tax return, you may use your 2017 income tax return and your 2017 & 2018 W-2 statements together to file the **FACTS Grant and Aid** form.

We will only be accepting the **online version** of the **FACTS** form, which you can find at <https://onlinefactsmgt.com/signin/3FR8T>

**Parishioner Status** ~ When re-registering your child for next year, your parishioner status needs to be determined for the tuition rate given. Just a reminder - to be able to receive parishioner rate, a family needs to contribute a minimum of \$250.00 in the prior calendar year. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office @ 942-5203.

**Dress CODE Reminder** ~ Boots worn during cold weather or in snowy conditions must be removed upon entering the classroom. **Students are not allowed to wear boots, moccasins, or UGGs** throughout the day. This includes "Dress Down" days as well. Students must change into their school regulation shoes. This policy is stated in the school "Handbook".

### Classroom News ~ Miss Piccolino ~Pre-K 3



It is a new year in the Pre-K 3 classroom, which means new beginnings. We will begin to learn new skills along with new words. We have begun a thematic unit on the Polar Region: The

Arctic and Antarctica. We are learning about the physical aspects of the North and South Pole regions and the many animals that live there. We have many new books in our classroom, our sensory table is filled with blue water, big blocks of ice and polar animals, and our Discovery Table is filled with pretend ice blocks, an igloo, polar animals and



Eskimos. At our art table, the children have been busy making polar bears, beautiful snow owls and penguins. We learned many interesting facts about penguins and other polar animals. The children learned first-hand



about blubber, the fat that keeps a polar bear and penguin warm in such a cold climate/ water temperatures. We stuck our hands in a bowl of ice and then put our hands on top of the "blubber" while in the ice and learned that it kept our hands "warm", just like it keeps many animals warm. We also have been practicing writing out names in capital letters, learning our letters, numbers, shapes and colors! At least once a day if you walk past our classroom, you can hear and see us dancing and learning to our favorite movement songs, especially "Baby Shark" and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!"

**Science News** ~ On Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, seventh grade students will be participating in our annual **Invention Convention**. The projects will be judged by several individuals from our community. The winners will be selected and their projects, as well as, all the projects will be on display during our Open House. Please come and see what their imagination invented. Projects will be in the upper level Library and Science Lab. Winning projects will be in Cafe Rocco.



**Special Dress Down Passes** ~ Plan ahead for the month of February! For \$5.00, you may purchase (3) Dress Down Passes for the Month of February to be used on Mondays ONLY, beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Sports News** ~ Spring sign-ups for Volleyball and Soccer were posted this week for students. Registration packets are included in your child's Thursday Packet. Both sports are co-ed. Any parent interested in coaching please notify Mrs. Moschella ... asap. Thank you!

**Family School Events:** ... *Where our Children always come first.*

Our **Mother/Son Dance** will take place on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website. Deadline is Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Photos begin at 5:30pm.



**Father/Daughter SWEETHEART Dance** will take place on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm at the Cranston Country Club. The form is available on the website. Deadline is Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Photos begin at 5:30pm.



**Community Partnership News...Pro-Life Baby Shower** –All items and donations collected will go toward the Project Gabriel sponsored by the Diocese of Providence for young mothers who chose life for their baby! We will continue to collect items for our annual Pro-Life Baby Shower until February Winter Recess. We thank you in advanced for your generosity. Please refer to flyer posted on the school website.



**EXTENDED CARE NEWS** ~ Just a reminder, any NEW or existing student attending the Extended Care Program must have all necessary paperwork on file. Forms are available through the School Office and/or on-line. **With the winter season upon us, transportation may become an issue. Please be sure all information in regards to contacts and phone numbers are up to date as well.** The extension for daycare is #114. Your child’s safety is our top priority. As always, your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

***Our Gala is our biggest fundraiser of the year and has helped pay for many of the educational, technological, and school improvement needs.***

***St. Rocco School Gala/Silent Auction/Dinner Dance “Rocking the Night Away”*** (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 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! All that excitement ...tickets \$50.00 per person! Ticket flyer is available on the School Web-Site.



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. A donation letter is posted on the School Web-Site 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.



**Donation Letter** (Local Businesses) ~ We are asking if each family would consider seeking out one donation from a business you frequent; with everyone doing a small part to contribute the rewards will be BIG! (I.e. hair and/or nail salon, landscaping company, car - oil change/repair, local market, liquor store, massage gift certificate, etc.) The letter is available on website.

**Gifts/Classroom Baskets** ~As part of our Annual Gala, classes are responsible for the Class Basket. Please refer to the class letters posted on the website for additional details.

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| Grades PreK3, PreK4 & Kindergarten | Games, Books, Puzzles, Arts & Crafts etc. |
| Grades 1, 2 & 3                    | Rhode Island Basket                       |
| Grades 4 & 5                       | Italian Basket                            |
| Grade 6 & 8                        | Date Night                                |
| Grades 7                           | Sports/Outdoor Basket                     |

**Ticket Form** ~ Ticket order form is posted on the school website. Please consider asking family and friends to join us for a fun filled evening and reserve your table NOW!!!



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 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Dance Program ~ Denise's Dance** will begin on **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**. Instructor: Miss Denise
- **Band** ~ Any student in grades 4-8 interested may sign up for this afterschool program in the School
- **"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 15<sup>th</sup>**. Grades 1-3 Instructor: Mrs. Sweeney
- **LEGOS ~ Jedi Engineering with LEGO Materials, Winter Session**  
Tuesdays 1/15/19—2/26/19 (no class 2/19) Grades K - 4 • 2:30pm-4:00pm • \$120/Student

## ST. ROCCO SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES SAVE THE DATE

- Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> STAR Assessment
- Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> Choir singing at the P-Bruins Game
- Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> **No School** MLK, Jr. Day Observed
- Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Dress Down Day \$1.00 – Gabrielle's Call – Wear **PINK** or **BLUE!**
- Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> **Mother/Son Dance (deadline for returns 1/11)**
- Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> Invention/Convention Judging~Winning Projects (display at Open House)
- Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 10:00AM Family Mass Catholic Schools Week Begins  
11AM- 1PM Open House
- Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> First Friday Mass 8:45AM  
Early Dismissal ~ 11:30AM **No LUNCH/No Aftercare**
- Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day \$1.00 – American Heart Association – Wear **RED!**
- **Sat., March 9, 2019** *Annual Winter Gala/Silent Auction/Dinner Dance*

### January Virtue of the Month ~ Hope

Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

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