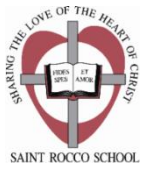


Celebrating Over 55 Years of Excellence!

JANUARY 3, 2019

Weekly



**St. Rocco
School**

Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!

THURSDAY PACKET

Parent Notes

PLEASE NOTE: EXTENDED CARE INVOICES WILL BE SENT OUT ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 11TH.

Open House



Join us for our Annual Catholic Schools Week Mass Sunday, January 27 at 10:00AM
followed by our
OPEN HOUSE
11:00AM - 1:00PM



*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.*

A Note from the Principal... The month of January begins the celebration of Catholic Schools. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of a Catholic education.

The theme to celebrate Catholic Schools is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we, as educators, are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.



The official CSW logo brings the theme to life. The open book made up of multi-colored pages symbolizes how all areas of Catholic schools blend together, with faith — symbolized by the cross — at the forefront. Catholic schools are vibrant, dynamic and excellent.

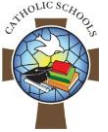


Also, schools are communities—small communities in their own right, but also members of the larger communities of parish, town state and nation. They are, in the first place communities of faith, where children are openly taught about God, where God is worshiped regularly and where students and faculty put their faith into practice on a daily basis. Catholic schools exist to pass on knowledge, not just the practical knowledge of reading, writing, arithmetic and so on, but also knowledge of God and truth, which is our spiritual heritage as Catholics. Finally, Catholic schools are communities of service, places where helping one another and aiding the

needy are the modus operandi, the normal way of living life.



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 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!



*God Bless,
Mrs. Lorraine S. Moschella*

St. Rocco School's Mission

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.*



Inclement and Cold Days – Please make certain that your child comes to school properly dressed for the weather! (Some students are arriving to school without hats, gloves, or even a proper winter coat.) On extremely cold days the students will have indoor recess; however, there will be days when the students will be allowed to go outside for a short time during their recess period.

Therefore, it is imperative that they have on proper clothing.

Winter Weather Alert ~ This policy can be found on the school website under the Parents' Tab.
(click on Policies & Forms)



Morning Arrival – Please be reminded that school doors open at **8:00AM**. Your child will be marked **tardy** after the 8:15AM bell. Daycare is available to students beginning at 7:15AM for those parents who need to send their child to school early.

Early Dismissal – Please send in a note with your child in the morning if he/she is going to be dismissed early. If for some reason dismissal plans change during the day, **contact the school office before 2:00pm**. For the safety and the least amount of disruption to the class, we would prefer not to have children dismissed after 2:15PM. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation. However, we do realize that emergencies and special circumstances occur; please don't hesitate to call the school office for assistance. Thank you!

New Applications for 2019-20: Tell family and friends to come and visit and tour our school on January 27th 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.

Re-Registration for 2019-20: Appointments will be scheduled and forwarded to you.

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.



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 4th unless otherwise noted. Deadline to purchase these passes is January 25th. 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.



Lunch Room Policies ~ Just a few reminders: St. Rocco School is a Nut & Peanut free school.

Also, no glass containers are allowed. There are quite a number of students bringing in food that needs to be heated; it can be very difficult to accommodate them all at times. Please be considerate of this procedure.

All students have access to water all day; however they need to bring in their own water bottle.

Payment Policy Reminder: All payments for Field Trips, Sports Registration, events, etc. **must be submitted by check**. The cancelled check will be your receipt. You may continue to pay cash for lunch, lunchroom snacks, ice cream and \$1.00 Dress Down Days if you choose. All checks payable to St. Rocco School.

Sports News ~ Spring sign-ups for Volleyball and Soccer will be next week for students in grades 4-8. Both sports are co-ed. Any parent interested in coaching please notify Mrs. Moschella ... asap. Thank you!

Communication ~ When sending in notes to school, please include your child's teacher and grade. Thank you!



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.

STAR Testing ~ Students in grades 2-8 will begin STAR testing next week. Below is a prayer for you to share with your child.

Prayer before an Exam

“O wise God, I pray that my mind might be rested, my body energized, and my spirit inspired for the exam I must write. Grant me peace and assurance so that I might do the best I am able, regardless of what that might be. Be with my fellow students and may I be a good example to them, offering reassurance and confidence regardless of how I feel. May I be honest and insightful, and able to give a true record of what I have learned. In the end, may any disappointment be born with grace, and any joy accompanied with humility. I write this exam with You, O Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.”

St. Rocco School Gala/Silent Auction/Dinner Dance “Rocking the Night Away” (Adults ONLY)- Join us on Saturday, March 9th 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.

**MAKE A
TAX-DEDUCTIBLE
DONATION**

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.

After School program

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 14th.
- **Dance Program** ~ *Denise's Dance* will begin on **Wednesday, January 16th**. 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 15th**. 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

- January 4th First Friday Mass 8:45AM
- January 5th Confirmation Retreat ~ Rejoice & Hope Center ~ Dyer Ave, Cranston
Grade 8 students
- Jan. 7th – 11th STAR Assessment
- Friday, January 18th Choir singing at the Bruins Game
- Monday, January 21st **No School** MLK, Jr. Day Observed
- Friday, January 25th **Mother/Son Dance (deadline for returns 1/11)**
- Friday, January 25th Invention/Convention Judging ~ Winning Projects to be displayed at
Open House
- Sunday, January 27th 10:00AM Family Mass Catholic Schools Week Begins
11AM- 1PM Open House
- February 1st Early Dismissal ~ 11:30AM No LUNCH/**No Aftercare**

*Sat., March 9, 2019 ~ St. Rocco School 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~