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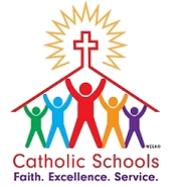


**St♥ Rocco  
School**

*Sharing the Love of the Heart of Christ!*

**THURSDAY  
PACKET**

**Weekly Parent Notes**



Dear Parents,

Advent is a time of light and preparation. The second purple candle that we lit this past Sunday stands for the virtue of love. This visual of two candles lit tells us we are getting closer to Christmas, but that we still have time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. What are we doing to "prepare the way of the Lord"?

Last week at our First Friday Mass, Fr. Carusi spoke to the students about preparing during Advent to receive Jesus into their lives this Christmas. Within the St. Rocco School community, we are preparing with daily Advent prayers, collecting food, dressing down for Adopt-a Family, and making cards for our local nursing homes.



The school, church and convent are aglow with lights. And, all of our students are practicing with Mrs. Rachdouni as she prepares them for this year's Christmas Programs.

Today our school community attended Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day the Catholic Church recognizes the sinless conception of Mary, nine months before the feast of the Nativity of Mary, celebrated on September 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful Mass in which our choir was truly exceptional.

Special thanks to Ms. Hernandez who organized and ran the Santa Shop activity at school this week and to all of the volunteers who helped her. After several years without the Santa Shop, the student participation was incredible. They were eager to shop for their friends and families and enjoyed searching for the perfect gifts.

Congratulations to Adrian Perez who participated in the International Academic Qualifying Geography Exam and has now qualified to move onto the Regional Finals. We are so proud of him!

#### **Some School Happenings...**

Our middle school students enjoyed a field trip to the Ryan Center at URI yesterday to see a women's basketball game as part of URI's Education Day.

Our students in Grades 6-8 who made the Honor Roll the first trimester received their certificates last week. In addition, many of our Grade 4 and 5 students received Certificates of Achievement for their work this past trimester. Congratulations to all of them!

Our basketball teams will be competing again this weekend. You can see the girls' grammar team at 2:00 and the boys' grammar team at 3:00 on Saturday at St. Mary's. Our girls' junior team will be playing at 12:30 on Sunday at Classical High School. Go Raptors!

#### **Next Week...**

Tuesday is a Dress Down for the diocese's "Keep the Heat On" campaign. This was begun by Bishop Tobin many years ago and is a program to assist those in our community who have difficulty heating their homes throughout the winter months. Students are asked to bring in \$1.00 and wear red.

Our Christmas Programs are on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The PreK3, PreK4 and K students will share their Christmas spirit with their families at 9:00 am in Café Rocco. Later that evening, Grades 1-8 will perform in the church for their families. The children have been working very hard with Mrs. Rachdouni. Please join us.

Finally, I want you to think about why you send your child to St. Rocco School. I believe it is for the solid Catholic and Academic foundation that we offer each student as well as the varied opportunities we provide to let our students shine. I also believe it is the welcoming, caring environment that your child is wrapped in day after day. So please, share the good news with your family and friends. Your children go to St. Rocco's and that is something to be proud of. Shout it from the rafters!

Blessings to you and your families this holy Advent Season.

Respectfully,

Regina M. Hand/Principal

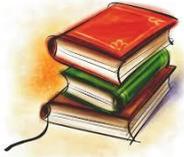


## NURSE'S CORNER NEWS

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### NOT FEELING WELL:

If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home and call or email the **SCHOOL OFFICE FIRST** to report them absent. You may send an email to your child's teacher and to the nurse, but initially, **the phone call/email must be to the School Office.** If you are unsure if you should send your child to school, call the office to speak to the nurse. Students who are absent more than 3 consecutive days due to illness must have a doctor's note before returning to school. Please contact the nurse with any questions.



Please see the attachment from the CDC: **Strategies for a Healthy and Safe Holiday Season.**

## Afterschool Programs

<b>Mondays:</b>	Friends of Jesus	2:35pm – 3:15pm
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	Strings/Violin Lessons	2:35pm – 3:15pm K-4 2:35pm – 3:35pm 5-8
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	Dance	2:35pm – 3:30pm
<b>Thursdays:</b>	Newspaper Club	2:35pm – 4:00pm

## Classroom News

### ELA/Literature – Mrs. Lisa Scotti

*In Fifth Grade Literature and ELA, we have been steadily progressing in everything! In ELA, we have reviewed parts of speech, punctuation, and writing paragraphs. During every review we add something new to bring us closer to becoming smart Sixth Graders.*

*Our reading book has given us examples of many different literary writing styles: myths, informational articles, fictional short stories and compare-contrast writing. We're going to test our skill at compare-contrast by writing an essay using Little Red Riding Hood from Red's perspective as opposed to the Wolf's view of events.*

*In addition, we will be focusing on the technicalities of writing in paragraphs and skills for summarizing text.*

*The Fifth Grade is filled with fantastic spellers, so we are flying through our spelling lessons. Using the spelling definitions to refine our highlighting technique will make middle school note-taking much easier!*

*As we move into Advent, I am so grateful to see the children absorbing the true meaning of Christmas. May you have a blessed Christmas season and a hopeful new year.*

Lisa Scotti



**Lunch Reminder:**

Lunch is \$3.50. Please place the payment in an envelope clearly labeled: LUNCH MONEY, your child's name/HR and lunch choice. **It would greatly help if you enclose the exact amount of cash or a check.** You may also choose to prepay for the week only. Thank you to all of the parents We **cannot** guarantee their lunch choice after 8:45AM. If your child will be late, please call the office to let us know if he/she is purchasing lunch. If you owe lunch for your child, please send it in the next day. Thank you!



**Lunch Menu:** The Monthly Lunch Menus can be found on the **SRS website:** Go into **Parent's Page** dropdown, Click on **For Your Child**, Click **Monthly Menus** and choose the month you need. Thank you to one of our parent's for letting us know it was not easy to find!

**Breakfast:** Breakfast is served from 7:45-8:00 am. The cost is \$2.00. If your child is receiving breakfast, please have them inform the teacher on duty at Café Rocco as soon as they get in, so that they can receive their breakfast asap.

**Aftercare Reminder:** Please address any concerns with you bill as soon as possible.



**Monthly Dress Down Passes:** Each month throughout the school year, St. Rocco School will be offering special dress down passes for the month. You may purchase the monthly passes for NOVEMBER ~ Mondays only for the cost of \$5.00. Deadline for December Passes is November 21st. Please place the money in a clearly labeled envelope with the required form your child's name, grade, along with your payment. (Checks ONLY)



**Religious Articles News:** With the Christmas season upon us, Sister Donna is selling Nativity Sets for your home at very reasonable prices to benefit the Religious Booth. If interested, please call 401-330-7963.

**Prayer Bags:** Sister Donna is still taking orders for Prayer Bags. They are \$4.00 each and the forms are on our Website under Thursday Packets.



**Spirit Wear:** *Looking for a great Christmas gift? How about a St. Rocco's sweatshirt or hoodie for your student, grandparent, aunt or uncle? We are also selling SRS Jewelry and Umbrellas. The Angela Moore Bracelets (custom made for our school) are on sale for \$40.00, SRS Bangles and Corded Bracelets are \$15.00., and the SRS Umbrellas are also \$15.00. Please see the enclosed order form for the jewelry and contact the office for any other Spirit Wear item you'd like.*

## Basketball Practice Schedule

Junior Girls	Middle School Boys	Middle School Girls
Monday 2:30-3:30	Wednesday 3:30-5:00	Monday 2:30-3:30
Thursday 2:30-4:00	Friday 2:30 – 4:00	Tuesday 2:30-4:00

# DECEMBER HAPPENINGS AT ST. ROCCO'S SCHOOL



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Team



Middle School Field Trip to URI for Girls Basketball Game

# Honor Roll

## First Trimester Honor Roll

**Congratulations to the following students in Grades 6~8:**

**High Honors with Distinction** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 95 or above in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Alex Diaz- Negron, Kate Gorgievski & Brianna Moosey

Grade 6: Samaira Dhamija

**High Honors** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 90-94 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Adrian Perez

Grade 7: Alessandro Fava, Michael Ramos Nicholas Scotti

Grade 6: Joseph Broccoli Jr. & Aidan Cox



**Honors** ~ Student must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-89 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 8: Jolie Caparco, Sophia Caparco, Miranda Hutchinson, Talia Moosey, & Sydnee Walsh Cirelli

Grade 7: Matthew Beauregard, Nathan Henao, Adrianna Insana & Aurora Trainor

Grade 6: Robert DiVozzi

**Congratulations to the following students in Grades 4 & 5:**

**Certificates of Achievement** ~ Students must have achieved a cumulative average of 85-100 in their academic subjects with a grade of at least an 85 in the major subjects and a grade of at least 80 in each of the special subjects.

Grade 5: Mia Gorgievski, Valentino Lima, Mikaela Mercier, Emily Ramos, Emelie Zapf & Beckett Zheng

Grade 4: Caroline Berube, Nicholas DiMascio, Philip Dumas, Lowell Grady, Oliver Heywood, Amaya Hudick, Alyssa Insana, Yva Leigh, Aria Maddern & Raelan Set Guzman



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**Save the Date**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Catholic High School Makeup Test**

# December Activity Calendar

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Dress Down Day – Keep the Heat On

December 14<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Program –Pk3 – K 9:00 am

Christmas Program – 1<sup>st</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> Grade - 6:00 pm

December 16<sup>th</sup>

Afterschool Activity Grades 5-8 - 2:30-4:00 pm

December 22<sup>nd</sup>

Christmas Break Begins



## Christmas Program – December 14<sup>th</sup>



*Pre K3, Pre K4 & Kindergarten – 9:00 am/First - Eighth Grade –6:00 pm*

Virtue of the Month- Charity - *Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience and of faith unfeigned. 1 Timothy 1:5*



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-CHRIST is the Reason for this school.

*-in our minds, on our lips, and always in our hearts-*

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