

Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

October 19, 2022

Dear Parents,

Last week, we had our scheduled Parent-Teacher conferences so that parents and teachers could have open communication with one another which fosters a healthy exchange to better support our students. Many thanks to our teachers and parents who made this possible. If, for some reason, you were not able to schedule a time, please reach out to your child/ren's teacher(s) to set up a time to accomplish this.

We are still in the month of October which is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, and we still take time to honor her.

Enclosed you will find a Borrowed Device Agreement for all chrome books and iPads. Kindly complete this and send it back to the office. Since these are the property of the school, we need to have accountability for all students using these. I apologize for not sending this out to you sooner.

Please continue to help our eighth graders with their ongoing fundraiser of "Cans and Bottles." The containers are outside of the gym entrance, so if you can contribute, it would be very much appreciated.

This year two parents have stepped up to the plate to establish the Sunshine Club which assists any family in need by bringing them prayer shawls, flowers, cookies, muffins, pies, meals, etc., whatever is needed to help any school family in need. If you want to learn more about this, please contact Mrs. Simone Hamrick at (413) 717-0224 or Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald at (860) 918-6783. This certainly is a beautiful ministry, and I am very grateful that we have people who are so willing to help others!

As you already know, our middle school students will be presenting their Saints' projects on Monday, October 31st, (grades 7 & 8) and again on Wednesday, November 2nd, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.(grades 5 & 6) on both days. These students have been working hard along with Mrs. Mona Anne Niedbala, and all of our families are invited to attend this event. If you plan to attend, please use the gym entrance.

We are having our Annual Sport Stacking Tournament here on Saturday, October 22nd, in our gym. We are still in need of parent volunteers to help with the sale of refreshments as well as donating items listed in the last letter. Please call (860) 822-6141 if you are able to volunteer.

During the past two years, with COVID very prevalent in all of our communities, there were some very strict regulations which impacted students attendance. Although there are still cases out there the regulations have been modified . Because of the regulations regarding exposure, the usual 20-day allowance for student absence was suspended. **However, this year we are back to allowing 20 unexcused absences which means 20 days with no doctor's excuse or formal legal or administrative excuses as well.** As mentioned in our *Parent-Student Handbook*, any student who exceed this amount, will not be promoted to the next grade. It is very important that your child be in school unless he/she is ill, so please do not let your child stay home for frivolous reasons. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

On Monday, October 31st, the Baltic Fire Department will be presenting a Fire Prevention program for our students in grades Pre-K – four any time between 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Since we cannot predict the time of this program, I am asking that all students in these grades not have hot lunch at the Academy of the Holy Family on Monday, October 31st.**

We will be having group pictures taken on Monday, October 24th, in church.

We will be having our next Parent Group meeting on Tuesday, October 25th, in the gym. If you must bring your child, then please have him/her bring something to do and quietly sit in the gym with something to do.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, October 22nd	Sport Stacking Tournament starting at 8:00 a.m. in the gym.
Monday, October 24th	Group pictures in church at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 25th	Parent Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the gym
Saturday, October 29th	Pumpkin Derby at 10:00 a.m. near the playground
Monday, October 31st	Saints' Projects (grades 7 & 8) in the gym 1:30 -2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 1st	All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. This is a Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, November 2nd	Saints' Projects (Grades 5 & 6) in the gym (1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Friday, November 4th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. 12:30 p.m. dismissal NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED

God bless you and have a wonderful week!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal