

September 6, 2023

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.

Dear Parents,

What a lovely Labor Day weekend for everyone to enjoy!! It was certainly a good time to relax and enjoy the end of the summer. After this long weekend, we came back refreshed and ready to really settle into the routines of our classrooms.

On Friday, we had our Grandparents' Luncheon and were delighted to see so many grandparents and other special persons at this event. It was obvious that everyone enjoyed themselves! Many thanks to Mrs. Oneira Rosa, Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald, Mrs. Amy Garganese, Mrs. Simone Hamrick, Mrs. Caron Smith, Mrs. Carmen Sanchez, and Mrs. Virginia Kellenberger for all of their help setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterwards! I am indeed grateful for their help in making this event so enjoyable!

Nest Wednesday, September 13th, we will have "Back-to School" Night in our gym, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This event will be pot luck, so we are enclosing a form for you to state what you want to bring on this night. Please fill this out and return to school no later than Monday, September 11th. It stipulates what each class needs to bring. If you have more than one child, please select only one slot. This evening is open to your children as well.

As you are well aware, we are experiencing a heat wave this week, so we are restricting recess on our playground. We are having our students stay indoors for recess. We are also advising them to keep their water bottles filled to keep them properly hydrated. As the *Parent-Student Handbook* states, if the town of Sprague has early dismissal on any day for weather/safety, St. Joseph School will do the same. You will be notified in advance so that you can plan.

The price for hot lunch is \$4.00. Unfortunately, the Parent-Student Handbook stated that it was \$3.00. Since this is my error, hot lunch from now to September 15th will be \$3.00. From Tuesday September 19th on, it will be \$4.00.

Our first Cross Country practice will be on Wednesday, September 13th, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

At this time, we are in need of a first grade teacher. Currently, Sister M. Agnes is teaching first grade and is working very closely with Sister Joan Marie, who retired in June, 2023. If you know of a qualified candidate, please contact me here at school at (860) 822-6141.

Please note that the SJS Family Golf Day registration deadline is tomorrow, September 7th, with payment if you wish to participate. This looks like a fun event.

We are including a Parent Information form from the Office for Safe Environments. This includes a pamphlet for you and others that we will be using for our students in class. In addition, there will be an age-appropriate video for our students as a part of the NO GO TELL program. If for some reason you do not want your child to be part of the NO GO TELL Program, there is an “Opt-Out” form for you to use, but please submit this no later than Friday, September 8th.

There is also a form for the middle school students regarding PG movies that might be shown here at school. Please review and sign.

ENCLOSURES

Family Fun Golf Day **Deadline for payment - September 7th**

Internet User Certification **to be signed by parent and student(s)**
Due Monday, September 11th

Pot Luck form for Open House **Due on Monday, September 11th**

NO GO TELL “Opt Out” form **Due, September 8th.**

PG form for Middle school students **Due September 11th**

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, September 7th **Family Golf Day payment due September 7th**

Wednesday, September 13th **“Back-to-School Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the gym**

Tuesday, September 18th **Parent Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym**

Friday, September 29th **Walk-a-thon (more information on this next week)**

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal

