

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. The school staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

November 17, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have been celebrating Catholic Schools Week here at St. Joseph School this week starting with an opening Mass on Sunday. Our students were active participants in this Mass and we were delighted to have Mrs. Danielle Gervais and her family provide beautiful music. We hope that next year we will have better attendance and will also have a reception in our gym as we have done in years past. On Monday, our students and staff participated in a "dress down" day with proceeds going to the Norwich Haitian Health Foundation. Many of our students have already brought in food donations of creamy peanut butter, tuna fish, and Spam as preferred food items for Haiti. We are hoping for more donations by the end of this week. Yesterday was Student Appreciation Day where our students had an ice cream treat, a movie and no homework. Today we have Open House, one of our first ones for the 2021-2022 school year. Many thanks to some of our parents who have been bringing in treats for our staff!!

Enclosed you will find your child's report card for the first trimester. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact your child's teacher(s). The Honor Roll will be posted next week.

Right now, we are focusing on our upcoming Christmas Extravaganza which will take place on December 4th, in St. Michael Center, on School Hill Road. We are asking that you help support this as well as spreading the word about this most enjoyable event which consists of classroom baskets as well as baskets from local and regional businesses. In addition, we will also have a live auction led by Mr. Warren Baker. As previously mentioned, we will have a food truck as well to provide for snacks etc. This is a family event and we hope to see all of our families there that evening. Our Christmas Extravaganza committee has worked very hard to make this an enjoyable and profitable evening for everyone. Enclosed you will find the pre-sale ticket form. Please submit it to the school.

We are planning to have our Annual Christmas Concert to be held on Saturday, December 11th, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. There is a possibility that this may take place on Friday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. but you will know this in plenty of time. Our students are working hard on this concert and we hope to share our beautiful Christmas spirit with all of

you. As always, our concert ends with a Nativity scene, the REAL CHRISTMAS! This is a “dress up” event so we have the following dress code: Boys – dress pants or school pants (no jeans), dress shirt, regular tie or bow tie, socks, dress shoes or school shoes; girls, - nice modest dress or skirt and blouse, socks/stockings, dress shoes or school shoes (no flip flops or sandals).

We will have our Parent Group meeting tomorrow, Thursday, November 18th, at 6:00 p.m. in the pre-kindergarten classroom. For those parents who prefer to Aoom, the link is <http://us02web.zoom.us/j869941865287?pwd=N211SDZacVJQWnhOUFRQYW0vZk5YZz09>.

We will have our Thanksgiving Mass on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us. Please sit in the back of the church and be the last to receive Holy Communion.

May I remind you that we will have a 12:30 p.m. dismissal on Wednesday, November 24th, with NO AFTERCARE program.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 18th	Parent-Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Pre-kindergarten classroom.
Tuesday, November 23rd	Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 24th	12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTERCARE Program
Monday, November 29th	Classes resume All Christmas wreaths will be picked up after school.
Saturday, December 4th	Christmas Extravaganza at 6:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center

God bless you and have a great week!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal