

*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,

During the month of October, we honor Our Blessed Mother as Queen of the Holy Rosary. On Monday of this week we had our annual Rosary Rally where we met in Blanchette Field and prayed the rosary all the way to St. Mary Church where we ended with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our newly formed choir led us in singing.

As we pray, however, let us keep in mind all of victims of Hurricane Ian, many who have lost their lives, and the many who have lost their homes and are without clean water and/or electricity. This has to be a horrendous situation for all of these people. Let us also continue to pray for the Ukrainian people who are suffering very much since the Russian invasion.

Many thanks for your contributions for our Annual Walk-a-thon last Friday as we made a total so far of \$2790.00 A very special thanks goes to Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald and Mrs. Amy Garganese for chairing this fundraiser. Also, thank you to Mr. John Bear, Mrs. Simone Hamrick, Mr. Maurice Fournier, Mrs. Christina Ereshena, Mrs. Sherrie MacPhail, and Mrs. Diane DeGray for helping out with this fun event. Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves last Friday!! The three top winners were Catherine Wigfield with \$200.00, Carol Perry with \$135.00, and Stephen Landolphi with \$130.00. Congratulations to all of our students on this event.

Next week on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, we will have Parent-Teacher conferences. Enclosed you will find a form for grades pre-k – four which are mandatory. For grades five – eight, these conferences are optional as most students have had the same teachers for a couple of years. However, we do encourage you to use the on-line form already sent to you if you wish to meet with the middle school team of Sister M. Loreto, Mrs. Sarah Lussier, Miss Elisha Gray, Sister M. Michele, and Mrs. Mona-Anne Niedbala. They in turn might be contacting you for a conference.

Enclosed you will find:

- your child/ren's school pictures. There is a re-take day on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 a.m.
- A form announcing the Drama Club program. If interested, please complete the form and return to school ASAP.
- A flyer announcing the upcoming Pumpkin Derby on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Instructions are enclosed as well.

On Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, our cross country team will be running in the Joe Lonardelli Cross Country race. Cross Country students will be given a flyer with this information. To register for this meet at [www.norwichct.org/recreation](http://www.norwichct.org/recreation). For more information, you may call (860) 823-3791. We wish our runners the best this Sunday!!

We are still in need of volunteers to help at our Annual Sport Stacking Tournament on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 8:00 a.m.

With the new hot lunch program starting up, simply hand in the money (cash or check) and it will be monitored on-line with an account here at the school. Mrs. O'Neil will let you know if your account has been used up.

**There will be NO HOT LUNCH ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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| <b>Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup></b>             | <b>First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.<br/>12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTER CARE</b> |
| <b>Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup></b>             | <b>Joe Lonardelli Race at Mohegan Park at 10:30 a.m.</b>   |
| <b>Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b>            | <b>NO SCHOOL – COLUMBUS DAY</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b>         | <b>Picture re-takes starting at 9:00 a.m.</b>  |
| <b>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Parent -Teacher Conferences<br/>12:30 p.m. dismissal<br/>After care until 3:45 p.m.</b>                   |
| <b>Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b>          | <b>Lyman Orchard order forms are due.</b>  |

God bless you and have a wonderful week!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal

