



# St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

*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.*

February 14, 2024

Dear Parents,

Today, we observed Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Our students were able to receive ashes today as a sign of this important and penitential season. We take this time to do something special during this season, not merely to give up something for Lent but something that will make us a better person, hopefully one of kindness and compassion.

Many thanks to the Sunshine Club for their Carnation fund raiser. The Sisters are deeply touched and grateful for the carnations that they received from this beautiful group. I know that all of our families that participated will be very happy when they receive theirs tomorrow.

We will begin our Winter Break on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. and I know that our staff and families welcome this time to relax, refresh, and to return on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, ready to settle down to our school life.

There was an error in the School Messenger notification. There will be **NO DRAMA CLUB on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Cast members are asked to memorize their lines and write their Bios for the performance of The Reluctant Dragon. The sooner lines are memorized, then the finer points of this production can be mastered. Last year, our Drama Club presented a wonderful performance of The Emperor's New Clothes, and I know that with much effort and dedication that this year's Drama Club will be able to do the same. I am indeed grateful for Ms Debra Pratt, Director, Mrs. Terri Smith and Mr. John Andriso, Assistant Directors, along with two of our graduates, Jeannie Perry and Catherine Wigfield, for all of their hard work. Lastly, I am very grateful to our parents for their support.

Enclosed you will find a re-registration form for the 2024-2025 school year. Please complete the form along with the re-registration fee and return it to school. We need this information for planning purposes. **After May 1, 2024, the re-registration fee will go up to \$100.00 per family.**

Also enclosed is the flyer advertising our BINGO event at Foxwoods, scheduled for Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. This has been a fun event every year, so we do hope that we will have a good number of participants!!!!

I will not be in school on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> due to my annual retreat . During this time, Sister M. Loreto, Assistant Principal, will be in charge of Saint Joseph School. There will be no Wednesday letter next week.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Eighth grade Pizza Sale Fundraiser  
NO HOT LUNCH**

**Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>**

**NO HOT LUNCH  
12:30 p.m. Dismissal  
After care until 3:00 p.m.  
Beginning of Winter Break**

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Return to school**

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**All students will have gym on this day and need to come in gym uniform.  
NO HOT LUNCH  
Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. for grades 3-8  
All are invited to attend.  
BINGO AT FOXWOODS  
Please contact Mrs. Amy Garganese at (860) 931-4392 for more information.**

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**SJS Parent Group Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym**

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal