

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.

September 21, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already in the fourth week of school. Everyone is quite settled into the learning/teaching rhythm and are happily moving along.

It was good to see so many parents at the "Back-to-School Night" last Wednesday, to meet other families as well as teachers. There will be more opportunities to meet our teachers at the Parent-Teacher conferences scheduled next month.

As you know, we are having our first major fund raiser, our Annual Walk-a-thon scheduled for Friday, September 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m. You have already received pledge sheets for this event. However, I am enclosing another one should you need it. If your child needs another one, please let us know. Every student is required to participate and to get sponsors. This is a fun event for everyone while at the same time earning money for the school. Mrs. Amy Garganese and Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald are co-chairing this event. If you are able to volunteer, please call Mrs. Garganese at (860) 931-4392 or Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald at (860) 498-0457. So far, we have promises of donations of fall decorations from Edmonsons Farm and Family in Coventry, and Andover Landscaping, Buells Orchard in Eastford, and Andover Landscaping. We are looking forward to this fun event!!!! Students will wear their gym uniform on this day. **All pledge forms are due on Thursday, September 29th.**

All student are to come to school with a filled water bottle. These bottles can be filled at recess/lunch time. Also, all middle school students are to come to school with their chrome books charged. This to be done the night before.

The hot lunch program at the Academy of the Holy Family will begin on Monday, October 3rd. You will be receiving a menu for the month of October next Wednesday. It will also be posted on our web site. Please be aware that there will be times when items on the menu may not be available due to shortages. **Also, any student who is recuperating from COVID or has been exposed to COVID may not go to the Academy for the duration of this virus or exposure. The price for hot lunch is \$4.00 per meal.**

Also on October 3rd, we will be returning to the regular uniform. For the boys, this means no shorts, no polo shirts. All boys must wear the uniform pants, white dress shirt, and tie and belt. Girls in grades kindergarten to four must wear the uniform jumper, Peter Pan blouse, white or maroon tights or knee socks and criss cross tie. Girls in grades five – eight must wear the uniform skirt (not skort), blouse with either Peter Pan

collar or oxford blouse, white or maroon tights or knee socks and criss cross tie. The skort and polo shirt may not be worn starting on October 3rd.

We will be having our first St. Joseph Parent Group meeting in person on Tuesday, September 27th in St. Joseph School gym at 6:00 p.m. One of the main items on the agenda is to elect/appoint a slate of officers for this group. We hope to have many parents present at this meeting. Students whose parents attend this meeting will have a "Dress Down" day on Thursday, September 29th.

Enclosed you will find an order form for our upcoming fund raiser, Lyman Orchard Pie and Cookie Dough. This form is due on October 13, 2022.

If you have not returned the form for free/reduced milk and hot lunch. please do so ASAP.

We will begin the NWEA assessments sometime next week. It is very important that you child is present. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Our cross country team is "off and running," and our first meet is on Sunday, September 25th at Mohegan Park at 10:30 a.m.

We are enclosing a survey regarding receiving information from our school electronically. Please send in your survey ASAP.

If you have any unused uniforms, please bring them in. We are especially looking for ties, both girls and boys.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 25th	First Cross Country meet at Mohegan Park at 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 27th	St. Joseph School Parent Group meeting at 6:00 p.m. in our school gym.
Friday, September 30th	Annual Walk-a-thon starting at 9:00 a.m.
Monday, October 3rd	Regular uniforms must be worn. The Hot Lunch program at the Academy of the Holy Family begins.
Friday, October 7th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All parents are welcome to attend. 12:30 p.m. dismissal. THERE WILL BE NO AFTERCARE ON HALF DAYS STARTING ON THIS DATE.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal