

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 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful long Labor Day weekend and that we are rejuvenated for the return to school. The rain that we have been praying for finally arrived, and even if it was not really appreciated on a holiday, we are very grateful.

On Friday, we had our traditional Grandparents' Luncheon, the first since 2019, so it was great to see so many grandparents and special guest in place of grandparents. This is a small way to honor our grandparents who do so much for their grandchildren, and we hope they enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed serving them. Many thanks to some very generous and helpful moms who made this day possible, setting up, serving, and cleaning up afterward. Many thanks to our students who helped. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald, Mrs. Amy Garganese, Mrs. Caron Smith, Mrs. Taryn Quintana, Mrs. Justine Grisafe, Mrs. Maria Lopez-Hernandez, Mrs. Sherry MacPhail, and Mrs. Nicole Kunkle who helped out. I hope that I didn't miss anyone, but if I did, please let me know and your name will be in next week's Wednesday letter.

Our students and teachers have really settled in and are doing quite well. You will find some flyers and forms announcing these upcoming events:

- School Picture Day will happen on Thursday, September 15th;
- Our cross country team should be up and running starting Friday, September 16th. **Please review the flyer for practice times and meets so far and return the registration form no later than Friday, September 9th. Please be aware that any student who participates must have a current physical examination on file.**
- Walk-thon pledge sheet for each student which will take place on Friday, September 30th. Last year, we made close to \$5000.00 on this event, and we hope to do the same this year.
- Also enclosed is a form for "Back-to-School" Night which will take place on Wednesday, September 14th, in our gym at 6:00 p.m. **This form is due no later than Monday, September 12th. We will need donations of small water bottles and cut watermelon.**

Welcome to our cross country coach, Mrs. Susan Bear and assistant coaches, Mr. Tim Smith, and Daniel FitzGerald. We look forward to a wonderful season with the first meet on Sunday, September 25th, at Mohegan Park, Norwich.

At our “Back-to-School Night” we will introduce the St. Joseph School staff, and it is also a time for families to meet one another. This year, instead of having our usual pot luck supper, we are ordering pizza and having cut watermelon in cups. We will need you to fill out the form letting us know how many family members plan to come. Any family can bring whatever food that they would like for their family if they so wish. Please let us know on the form if you wish to have pizza and how many in your family will want pizza.

May I remind you that each student is to have a filled water bottle each day. Please do not use a glass water bottle. **Also, morning care is in the gym, so please bring your child to the gym and not to the main office.**

Our downstairs classrooms now have new security monitors.

When contacting our school nurse, Mrs. Amanda Strickland, please call her on our school phone number (860) 822-6141 during school hours. After school hours, please contact her at mandistrick@yahoo.com.

All forms were due on Tuesday, September 6th. If you have not done so by Friday, September 9th, then your child will not be able to attend school. Please call me if you have any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, September 9th	All Cross Country forms are due
Monday, September 12th	All Back-to-School Night forms are due.
Wednesday, September 14th	Back-to-School Night at 6:00 p.m. in the gym
Thursday, September 15th	School pictures taken starting at 9:00 a.m.
Friday, September 16th	First practice for our cross country team.
Friday, September 30th	Walk-a-thon starting at 9:00 a.m.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal

