

*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.*

August 17, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that our summer vacation will soon be coming to a close. Hopefully, everyone is enjoying this time to relax and rejuvenate for the upcoming school year. I apologize for not getting this letter out to you sooner. We have changed from the Rediker program to EduConnect and the accompanying School Messenger Program which has presented some challenges.

There are several new students joining our school for the 2022-2023 school year and we welcome them to our Saint Joseph School family. At this time, we are finalizing their replacements for Mrs. Chris Siebert, Mrs. Shelley Glennon, and Miss Samantha Stuart who has accepted a position in Massachusetts. As soon as this is completed, we will inform you of these new staff members.

Mrs. Tricky Tanksley is no longer able to coach cross country for this year. We are looking for a volunteer to oversee this position during the months of September and October. Please call me if you are willing to do this or know of someone who is willing to take on this responsibility.

We have good news! Mrs. Amanda Strickland is returning as our school nurse for the 2022-2023 school year!!!! Please keep in your prayers Sister Joan Marie who was diagnosed with lymphoma in June and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. While the prognosis is good, Sister will need to be out of school for the months of September and October during this time.

At this time, I would like to thank many of our staff and parents who helped prepare for the Annual Rummage Sale, who donated items, who came to this event or worked on the actual sale dates. We made over \$42,000.00 for this event!!

We will resume the Hot Lunch program for the 2022-2023 school year. However, this program will only start Monday, October 3rd, at the Academy of the Holy Family to give both schools time to adjust to the upcoming school year. More information on this is forthcoming.

We will host Grandparent Day, for the first time since 2019 on Friday, September 2, 2022, starting at 11:15 a.m. in our gym. This is a half day with dismissal at 12:30 p.m. In the event that your child does not have a grandparent who is able to attend, you may choose a Godparent, favorite aunt or uncle, etc. We would like every child to have a special guest on that day. We will be serving pizza and ice cream and various beverages for our guests. We will need a “headcount” by Wednesday, August 31st. Also, we will need some volunteer parents to help set up, serve, and clean up. This has always been a special day for our students.

You will be given an activity calendar for this year so that activities will be spread out during the year rather than omitted or crammed into May or June which is what happened last year

Hopefully, by Monday, August 22nd, we will be posting our 2022-2023 Parent-Student Handbook on our website for you to view so that you will be familiar with our policies. This will be the only source for our handbook, so please take the time to read it. You will receive a Handbook Agreement form on August 31st, to indicate that you have read our policies and agree to be governed by them.

If you have not already submitted your child’s Emergency/Release form, NOTIFY Form, and health update, please do so ASAP as this is vital information for this upcoming school year. We really need this before the start of this school year.

May I remind you also that if you pay the full amount of the tuition, then you pay directly to Saint Joseph School. However, all other payment plans monthly and semi-annually must go through the F.A.C.T.S. program. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. O’Neil at (860) 822-6141.

We will begin the Before-care and After-care program only on Tuesday, August 30th. The new rates for this year are: Before-care program is from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. It is a flat rate for \$5.00 per student per day. The after-care program is \$10.00 per hour. We are still

in need of a Before-care staff member. Again, please contact me if you are interested or know of someone who might be interested in this position.

We are all looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year and will be happy to welcome all of our families, new and returning! You will be receiving another letter from me no later than Monday, August 22nd. With more details about the beginning of our school year.

God bless you and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal