

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 environment.

November 3, 2021

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated All Saints Day honoring all of the saints in heaven. As stated in my last letter, the students in grades six, seven, and eight worked very hard on their Saints' Projects which involved a great deal of work. Unfortunately, they were not able to share these with the entire student body as was done in previous years. We look forward to returning to this practice next year. Also, we remember all of those who have gone before us as we commemorate these souls in the observance of All Souls Day on November 2nd. I have reminded our students that the month of November is dedicated to the souls in purgatory, and that we can help them with our prayers.

There is quite a bit going on this month for all of us at St. Joseph School. May I remind you that the first trimester ends this week on Friday, November 5th, so all work should have been completed. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, November 17th.

On Monday, Mr. Fournier from the Windham Fire Department met with students in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten explaining the basics for fire safety. We are very grateful for this presentation, and next year we will include students in grades pre-K – four.

We will be having a food drive for Haiti this month which include creamy peanut butter, tuna fish packed in water, and Spam. All items should be in by Friday, November 19th.

May I remind you that all items for the classroom baskets for our Annual Christmas Extravaganza are due on Friday, November 5th. All Christmas wreath orders are due on Friday, November 12th. Also, all pie orders will be distributed on Friday, November 12th.

Picture re-takes will happen on Wednesday, November 10th, starting at 9:00 a.m.

We will be observing Catholic Schools Week November 15-19 with Open House on Wednesday, November 17th. If you know of anyone interested in attending our school, please let them know of this event. Flyers will be available next week and will be posted on our web site and facebook. Our Student Council is also helping to plan this week.

Update on our \$50,000.00 matching grant - to date, \$32,983.00. We are certainly moving along!

Just another friendly reminder: As we now have Drama Club on Thursdays, the After Care program will be held in the art room. So please come up to the main entrance on School Hill Road to pick up your child/ren.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, November 5th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. Parents who wish to attend please go to the choir loft. You may receive Holy communion after the students and staff have left. 12:30 p.m. dismissal After Care is provided. All items for the classroom baskets are due.
Saturday, November 6th	<u>Turn your clocks back one hour for Eastern Standard Time</u>
Monday, November 8th	NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS IN THE NORWICH DIOCESE.
Wednesday, November 10th	Picture re-takes starting at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, November 11th	NO SCHOOL - VETERANS' DAY
November 15-19	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, November 17th	Open House, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Report cards sent home
Friday, November 19th	Academy of the Holy Family Drama Production, 10:00 a.m.

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patarick, SCMC
Principal

