



# St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

August 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds everyone well, and that you have had an enjoyable summer so far, even with the heat wave! At this point I would like to welcome all returning families and a special welcome to all new families!! This has been very busy for us here at Saint Joseph School with summer school sessions ending this week, and, of course, our Annual Rummage Sale! Many thanks to Father Tito, St. Joseph School staff, various other volunteers, our students and parents who helped to make this such a successful event. Overall, we made over \$50,000.00!!!! We are in need of volunteers who can help move all unsold furniture etc. outside. Please call (860) 822-6141 if you are able to help out.

At present, we are in the clean-up process and starting to get the lower floor classrooms ready for the 2023-2024 school year. As you already know, Mrs. Elizabeth Dunnack is our new administrative assistant, and so far, is doing very well. Mrs. Katherine Norton Gurnack is our kindergarten teacher. You probably remember her as the long-term substitute for Miss Pagliuso during the 2021-2022 school year. In addition, Mrs. Alison Goldstein is our new fourth grade teacher. She will be teaching almost all subjects and the current computer classroom is being transformed into the fourth grade classroom. We are still in need of a first grade teacher.

As we look ahead, our first day of school will be on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, with a 12:30 p.m. dismissal. There will be no before care or after care on that day. The Extended Day program (both before care and after care) will begin on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, our first full day of school. Before care is from 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. and the after care program is from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Our hot lunch program will begin on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. All hot lunch menus will be on-line on our web site.

We have plenty of used uniforms if anyone is in need. If so, please come to the main office upstairs.

Within the next two weeks, our *Parent-Student Handbook 2023-2024* will be on-line. We will inform you ahead of time so that you can read it and sign the Agreement form which is necessary for this upcoming school year.

On Friday, September 1, 2023, we will have our Annual Grandparent Luncheon here in our gym. If there is no available grandparent for your child, a godparent, aunt, uncle, or special

person would be very welcome. We will be sending a form on-line shortly. This is one small way of showing our gratitude to our grandparents or some special person in your child's life.

The Diocese of Norwich has instituted a mandatory program for all parents and coaches, called "Play Like a Champion." This program will be offered on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, at St. Patrick Cathedral basement 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. and again on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. at St. John School in Old Saybrook. All parents who will have a child participating in either cross country or basketball at Sacred Heart School in Taftville must participate in this program if your child intends to be on our cross country team and/or basketball team.

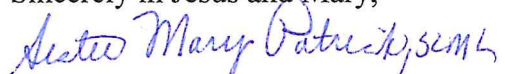
May I also remind you that any student participating in either of these sports must have a physical examination before doing so.

### LOOKING AHEAD

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| Wednesday, August 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Parent orientation.<br>4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  |
| Thursday, August 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Parent and Child Orientation 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  |
| Saturday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Play Like a Champion mandatory program for all parents of children who plan to participate in cross country and/or basketball 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. in St. Patrick Cathedral basement |
| Tuesday, August 29 <sup>th</sup>   | First Day of School with 12:30 p.m. dismissal<br>There is no before care or after care program on this day.  |
| Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup>  | First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.<br>Grandparents'/Special Person luncheon at 11:30 a.m.<br>12:30 p.m. dismissal with aftercare until 3:00 p.m.          |
| Monday, September 4 <sup>th</sup>  | NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY  |
| Tuesday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> | Hot lunch program begins   |

God bless you and may you have a wonderful rest of the summer!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC

Principal