

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.

January 3, 2024

Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to all of you, and may you receive many blessings in 2024!

Hopefully, we all had a very nice reprieve during this Christmas vacation and are returning very much renewed in mind and body.

Thank you to all of you who sold our Christmas Calendar raffle tickets. We are deeply grateful. As was mentioned previously, the class that sold the most tickets would be the winners and would have a pizza party. The winning grade percentage-wise is the pre-kindergarten class. All other grades will have ice cream on Friday. Also, the individual who sold the most tickets is Mrs. Susan Bear, so congratulations to our winners!

We will begin the World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser like we did last year next week. We will have an assembly on Thursday, January 11th, and students will receive chocolate bars that day to bring home.

Our Drama Club is in full swing with rehearsals held every Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. with a very eager cast and crew under the capable direction of Ms Debra Pratt, assisted by Mrs. Amy Garganese and Mr. John Andriso. As soon as we know the date of the performance of The Reluctant Dragon, you will be notified. At this point all cast members are required to memorize their lines. I know that they will do a great job!! Many thanks to you, our parents, for allowing your child to make this commitment, as this also requires a commitment on your part as well!! **May I remind you that After Care on Tuesdays will take place in the art room, so please come up to the main entrance to pick up your child.**

In the next week or so, we will be administering the second trimester of the NWEA tests to our students. It is very important that your child/ren be present for these mandated tests, so please make sure that your child/ren is well-rested for these tests. Also, we have noticed that some of our students are coming to school rather tired. Some of them even say what social

media services they are on at night. For your child's sake, I ask that all social media devices be removed from their bedrooms at night so that they can get a decent night's sleep. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

We have a small food pantry outside the school nurse's office. If you are in need of anything or know of anyone who could benefit by this, please stop by and help yourself!!

Enclosed you will find the results of your child/ren's vision screening and for students in grades kindergarten, one, three, four and five, hearing screenings. For the few children who did not have the hearing screenings, you should receive results by next week.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, January 5th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTER CARE
Monday, January 15th	NO SCHOOL – MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Tuesday, January 23rd	St. Joseph School Parent Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely yours in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal