



St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

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.

October 18, 2023

Dear Parents,

On Monday, we had our traditional Rosary Walk starting at Blanchette Field and ending at church with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Our rosary was prayed for peace, especially in the Middle East, Israel in particular. Today, throughout the day our students are joining students all around our country by praying the rosary, a very powerful prayer for peace in the world.

Our St. Joseph Parent Group met last night with a packed agenda, and always, trying to help our school with events and fund raisers as well as "fun raisers." Our school is certainly blessed with such committed and supportive parents!!

This morning, we had Picture Day for all of our students. Family pictures were taken as well. There will be retakes available for those who missed this day or just want a "retake" on November 8th. Tomorrow, we will have group pictures taken in church, so all students must be in their regular uniform.

Our middle school students are preparing a Saints' Display on Monday, October 30th, in our gym, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. All parents are welcome to come to this event.

It is great to showcase our students' accomplishments outside of school time. Hannah Sypher participated in the National AAU Gymnastics Meet held this past June in Orlando, Florida and competed at the Silver level. In addition to placing on the Vault, the floor, and the Bar, she placed FIRST on the Beam and is officially on the AAU National Team. Congratulations, Hannah, and may God bless you as you continue your journey in gymnastics!! We are very proud of you!

This Saturday, October 21st, starting at 9:00 a.m. we will have our Annual Pumpkin Derby held in the driveway next to our school. This has always been such a fun event for our students, and everyone cheers for one another – great camaraderie! Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. We hope to have as many families as possible participate in this event. Also, our cross country team will be participating in the 8th Annual Catholic Middle School Cross country Invitational on Saturday, October 21st, starting at noon. We wish them the best.

Miss Joan Pagliuso is un-retiring for the time, co-teaching with Sister Agnes in the first grade. Welcome, Miss Pagliuso! We are glad to see you back!

We are in need of donations and volunteers for our upcoming Sport Stacking Tournament which will take place on Saturday, October 28th, starting at 8:00 a.m.

May I remind the parents of students in grades pre-k – 4 to return permission slips for the upcoming field trip to Roger Williams Zoo scheduled for Friday, October 27th.

Also, any student who is already receiving free hot lunch and milk, please fill out the form already sent home regarding this ASAP.

Please note to changes in our 2023-2024 calendar:

The Catholic Schools Mass will be on **Sunday, November 12th**, at 10:00 a.m. NOT on Sunday, November 19th, as originally scheduled. Secondly, the Christmas concert will be on **Saturday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m.**, not at 2:00 p.m. as originally scheduled.

ENCLOSURES

- Letter for all second graders preparing for First Reconciliation
- Schedule for the upcoming Catholic Schools Week in November
- November hot lunch menu

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, October 20th	Middle School trip to the Bronx Zoo (7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)
Saturday, October 21st	Pumpkin Derby - 8:30 a.m. registration. Event begins at 9:00 a.m.
Friday, October 27th	Pre-k – grade 4 trip to Roger Williams Zoo
Saturday, October 28th	Sport Stacking Tournament 8:00 a.m. – noon
Monday, October 30th	Saints' Display in the gym - 1:30- 2:30 p.m.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal