

*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.*

November 16, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that all of you enjoyed the long weekend. We will be having another one for the Thanksgiving break.

Enclosed you will find your child/ren's first trimester report card. Should you have any questions, please contact your child/ren's teacher(s). The First Trimester Honor Roll will be published next week and Honor Roll certificates will be awarded on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Morning Prayer. As you know we are using a new report card format. However, with something new, there have been some glitches. There are instances of missing physical education grades as well as music grades. While this cannot be corrected immediately, we are issuing the report cards today and will correct the errors as soon as we can.

We are in the midst of Catholic Schools Week here at St. Joseph School. Yesterday, we focused on the Holy Eucharist as part of the Eucharistic Revival in the Church. We also participated in the Guinness World Record of Sport Stacking for one half hour. Today, we had a Veterans' Assembly in which Corporal. Chris Strickland was our guest speaker. Our students raised \$228.00 through a Dress Down Day on for the veterans and retired Captain Lori Marriot received a check for Veterans Rally Point. On Thursday, Religious Vocation Awareness Day, our students will hear from a visiting priest and deacon as well as from the Formation Director and novice of the Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church. In addition Thursday is our Student Appreciation Day and they will have pizza and ice cream, so no lunch is needed for that day. On Friday, we will have Staff Appreciation Day in which staff will be given a special lunch as well as morning treats.

On Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will close Catholic Schools Week with the 10:00 a.m. Mass in our church. We would like all of our families to be present and our students in uniform. Our students will be serving Mass, do the readings, Offertory Procession, Prayer of the Faithful and provide the music for the Mass. There will be a reception in our gym after Mass from 11:00 a.m. to noon. We will be hosting another Open House on that morning, so if you know of any families who would be interested in our school, please encourage them to attend our reception on Sunday.

Last week, your child/ren was/were given tickets for our Christmas Calendar Raffle. If you need more tickets or know of someone who needs tickets, please contact Miss Joan Pagliuso at [jpagliuso@stjosephschoolbaltic.com](mailto:jpagliuso@stjosephschoolbaltic.com).

It has come to my attention that some parents are not receiving any of our School Messenger announcements. If this is the case, please contact Mrs. Susan O'Neil at (860) 822-6141.

The next Wednesday letter will be sent on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Important Reminders**

**Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Pies arrive at 8:00 a.m. in the gym.  
Drama Club meets 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Aftercare in the art room**

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas wreath orders are due.**

**Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Closing of Catholic Schools Week with Mass in Church  
at 10:00 a.m. with reception following in the gym.**

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to  
attend.**

**Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12:30 p.m. dismissal  
NO HOT LUNCH  
NO AFTERCARE PROGRAM**

**Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Classes Resume**

**Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent Group Meeting in the gym  
6:30 p.m. (Pease note the time change)**

God bless you and have a beautiful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SMC  
Principal