

*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.*

March 16, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we continue our Lenten journey, we pray, "O God, Who have commanded us to listen to Your Beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your glory. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen."

First of all, we are grateful for the wonderful response for our \$50,000.00 Matching Grant for our school. As you know, parishes are overwhelmed with the cost of supporting a Catholic School. With the many expenses, especially unexpected ones, having this additional support, thereby reducing the parish's school subsidy. Many thanks to our wonderful donors!!

You will find your child's second trimester report card in this envelope. This will be helpful especially for those parents who have scheduled a parent-teacher conference.

Many thanks to our families for supporting our \$5.00 "Dress Down" Day today for Ukraine. All proceeds will be sent to the Diocesan Chancery in Norwich as part of the collection for Ukraine.

Miss Joan Pagliuso's health is improving as the days and weeks move along. She is coming to school twice a week for a few hours and hopefully will be back full time starting on Monday, April 4, 2022. Mrs. Shelley Glennon's baby is due today, and we pray for a safe delivery. Mrs. Mary Giordano will be substituting for her starting on Monday.

Enclosed you will also find a flyer announcing the first of three scheduled dates for Open House for our school. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, please share this flyer. Also, please share this with your friends on social media.

In addition, there is a flyer for our upcoming Bonfire to be held on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see many of our families there. Please feel free to invite any of your friends to this event.

We are in need of a parent volunteer to re-organize our uniform cupboard. Please call Mrs. O'Neil at (860) 822-6141 if you are able to help.

Lastly, we are asking for volunteers to help with an upcoming Sports Club which would be held on Monday afternoon for students in grades five – eight. The sports being offered are possibly basketball, waffle ball, soccer, volleyball, and kickball. Volunteers would be responsible for supervising the activities and would have to be approved by the Office for Safe Environments. If anyone is interested, please contact either Sister M. Loreto or Sister Mary Patrick at (860) 822-6141.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

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| <b>Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Pizza party ( no need for lunch)<br/>12:30 p.m. dismissal. Aftercare is provided.<br/>Optional Parent-Teacher conferences 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>Stations of the Cross at 2:45 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.<br/>MCM Fundraiser forms are due.</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Bonfire in our playground starting at 6:00 p.m.</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>St. Joseph School Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom<br/>You will be sent a link next week.</b>  |

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal