



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.

November 8, 2023

Dear Parents,

As I mentioned in my last letter, November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, and we continue to pray that they will soon enter heaven. Also, let us pray for world peace!!!!

This week, we will be honoring our veterans for the service that they have given so selflessly to our country with an assembly. Today, is a "Dress Down" day with proceeds going to the veterans.

In my last letter, there was an error regarding the Christmas Concert and Art Show. The correct date is: Saturday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. As already stated, all students are to participate in this concert and art show.

In this week's envelope you will find your child's school picture. If for some reason you want a picture retake, you must return the original package that you received today. For anyone who missed Picture Day, you may have your picture taken on Thursday, November 16th. Family re-takes may also take place on this day.

As you know, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday November 12th – Friday, November 17th. We will open this week with Mass on Sunday, November 12th, at 10:00 a.m. in church and ask that our school families come for this Mass and then to the reception and Open House that follow: 11:00 a.m. – noon starting in the gym. We also ask that our students wear their school uniform on this day. We sent home a form last week asking for refreshment donations. Please feel free to drop off refreshments to the gym on Sunday morning anywhere from 9:30 – 9:50 a.m. If you have not returned the form to school, please do ASAP so that we can plan. If you know of anyone interested in our school please let them know.

Please know that the only beverage that the students may bring in their water bottles is water. Please do not have your child come to school with any other beverage in their water bottle or in any other container.

I am happy to announce that Ms Debra Pratt will again be directing our Drama Club this year. She did a marvelous job last year with help from parents and will do the same this year again. More details will follow in the next few weeks.

Last Thursday, several of our cross country team students participated in the Franklin Invitational Meet. Varsity Boys – Brendan McMahon 13 (13:52), James Hamrick 28 (15:19), Thomas FitzGerald 29 (15:27), Benjamin May 30 (15:50), Matthew FitzGerald 39 (17:03), and Zane Tanksley 41 (17:44). Varsity Girls: Hannah Sypher 29 (17:17), Mary FitzGerald 31 (17:25), Rory Hamrick 36 (21:51), and Madeline Gagnon 37 (21:53). Congratulations to all of our runners. Many thank to Mrs. Susan Bear, Coach, Mr. Tim Smith and Daniel FitzGerald, assistant coaches.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 9th	First trimester ends
Friday, November 10th	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS’ DAY
Sunday, November 12th	Opening of Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a reception in the gym and Open House
Monday, November 13th	NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS
Thursday, November 16th	Picture re-takes starting at 9:00 a.m.
Friday, November 17th	Lions Club sponsoring vision screening
Saturday, November 18th	Pumpkin Derby at 10:00 a.m. Registration at 9:30 a.m.
Monday, November 20th	\$5.00 Dress Down day for the eighth grade class
Tuesday, November 21st	Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:00 a.m. SJS Sponsored Pizza meal NO HOT LUNCH Weekly letter sent home with the report card
Wednesday, November 22nd	NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTER CARE

God bless you and have a wonderful week!!!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,
Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
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Principal