



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.

March 20, 2024

Dear Parents.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, we pray, “By Your help, we beseech You, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, You son handed Himself over to death. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen” Actually, we are nearing the end of the Lenten journey as we will enter Holy Week on Sunday, March 24th.

It was good to see some parents come in for parent-Teacher conferences, and it looks like all went well.

Over a week ago, Bishop Cote and Dr. Gail Kingston made a surprise visit to our school and we thoroughly enjoyed their visit. If you look on the *Four County Catholic* web site, you will see the article and pictures of this visit.

Enclosed you will find important information on Connecticut HB 5101 which creates tax-credit opportunity scholarships for Connecticut’s low-income children. There is a flyer explaining the details of this bill. You will also see a paper that explains various reasons why parents need to support this. Lastly, there is a form for you to complete using any one or more reasons suggested why we are supporting this bill. I would like all forms returned to me by Friday, March 22nd. This is certainly a step in the right direction, so we need your help.

Yesterday we celebrated our school feast day, the Feast of St. Joseph. It is also Father Tito’s Feast Day as well. I think that the staff and students enjoyed having a Green Dress Down Day in honor of St. Patrick’s Day!

You will find your child’s report card for the second trimester in your Wednesday envelope. Honor Roll certificates will awarded on Thursday, March 21st, at morning prayer. The list will appear in next week’s letter.

This Saturday, March 23rd, we will have our Annual Father-Daughter Dance, and I believe that our girls are really looking forward to this as always.

This is just a reminder about our upcoming Spirit Week/Penny Challenge which will take place April 15-19, so save up your pennies!!!! For our new families, we do this every year after the spring vacation where each class participates. We accept coins of all kinds, but pennies outweigh all of the coins or dollar bills. We have two winners – lower floor and the upper floor. Half of the proceeds goes to St. Jude Hospital and half goes to our school. This year it will go to our boiler fund.

The Moms' Craft Club will be meeting on Monday March 25th, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Franco-American Civic Club on 116 Club Road, Windham, CT .

We are still in need of volunteers to help out at our Annual Road Race on Saturday, March 30th and are still in need of food items as well. So far, we have 85 pre-registered runners., and we hope to see many of our students and parents participate for this fun event. Also, if anyone is preparing food for this event, it must be in school by Monday afternoon, March 25th.

We will have our March St. Joseph School Parent meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, at 6:30 p.m. in our gym. Dress Down day will only be held after Easter, on Thursday, April 4th.

Kielbasa orders may be picked up here at school on Wednesday, March 27th after school or Thursday, March 28th, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m..

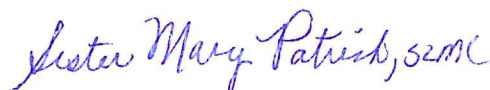
LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, April 21 st	Eighth Grade Pizza Sale
Friday, March 22 nd	Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. for grades 3 – 8. All are welcome to attend.
Saturday, March 23 rd	Father-Daughter Dance 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in our gym
Tuesday, March 26 th	SJS Parent Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym
Wednesday, March 27 th	NO HOT LUNCH
Thursday, March 28 th	Holy Thursday- 12:30 p.m. dismissal with aftercare until 3:00 p.m. NB This was not in our original 2023-2024 calendar.
Friday, March 29 th	NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY
Monday, April 1 st	<u>THERE WILL BE A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.</u> This also was not in the calendar.

Please note---There will be **NO HOT LUNCH APRIL 1 -5** as the Academy of the Holy Family on Easter vacation.

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SMC
Principal