

Under the guidance 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 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

I am happy to be back in school after a very peaceful and restful retreat. I remembered all of our families during this time. Last week we started the beginning of the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. We were joined by the students and staff of the Academy of the Holy Family in addition to many of our own families. The focus of Lent is tri-fold with prayer, fasting, and good works. Our prayer during this first week of Lent is: "Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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."

Please continue to keep Mrs. Christina Ereshena in your prayers as she continues to recuperate from her very serious brain surgery.

We are looking forward to Saturday, March 4th, for the Annual Father -Daughter Dance to be held in our gym. This has always been such a fun event for our students and their fathers/grandfathers/uncles and I know that our girls are looking forward to this. A flyer is enclosed in this folder for Starshine Photography orders.

I am enclosing once more the Catholic Foundation Tuition Assistance Grant. **Please note that the deadline is March 6th, with accompanying documents, so you don't want to miss out.**

In addition is a new financial aid form the Connecticut Center for Educational Excellence (CTCEE). Please read this carefully as some of you may qualify. **This opens up today, so it is important for you to apply ASAP.**

Lastly, I am enclosing a flyer advertising our upcoming Open House on Wednesday, March 22nd. Also, are the results of vision screening for some students.

Also enclosed is a flyer advertising the Academy of the Holy Family upcoming BINGO Spells Murder along with a Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, March 10th, and Saturday, March 11th. In the Academy dining room. Tickets are available at the Academy of the Holy Family.

The Cookies and Canvas evening has been re-scheduled to Friday, March 31st.

The following students will have a “Dress Down” Day on Thursday, March 2nd, whose parents attended last night’s Parent Group meeting: Amelia and Colton Fournier, Benjamin May, Thomas, Mary, Matthew, and Christopher FitzGerald, Genevieve and Gabriel Garganese, Aubrey Kunkle, Peter Bear, Catherine Wigfield, Brendan McMahon, Genevieve Nash, Hannah Sypher, Rory, James, and Declan Hamrick, Juliana Ereshena, Aurora and Flynn Currier, Rad and Zane Tanksley, Ryan Smith, Tristan and Olivia Rayhall, and Alayna Cour.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, March 3rd	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED
Saturday, March 4th	Father – Daughter Dance 6:00- 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 9th	NO HOT LUNCH
Friday, March 10th	Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. for grades 3-8 All are invited to attend. MOVIE NIGHT Sponsored by the eighth grade class Academy of the Holy Family Dinner Theater 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 11th	AHF Dinner Theater at 6:30 p.m. at the Academy Dining Room Remember to set your clock ahead one hour

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal

