

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.

Dear Parents,

Happy Feast of All Saints where everyone in heaven is recognized as a saint! We had a beautiful Mass this morning with our students and were joined by the Academy of the Holy Family staff and students. Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of All Souls whereby we remember the holy souls in purgatory awaiting to enter heaven. In the Catholic tradition, the month of November is dedicated to the souls in purgatory, and so we remember to pray for them.

Our middle school students presented their Saints' display in our gym on Monday, and we were happy to share this with our families who were able to attend. They worked hard at researching their choice of saint and were able to display their findings on tri-folds and answer any questions that anyone might have had. Many thanks to our students, Sister M. Loreto, Mrs. Sarah Lussier, and Sister Michele who directed their students as well as the middle school parents who help support this endeavor.

Congratulations are also in order for a well-attended and highly successful Sport Stacking Tournament organized by Mr. Costello. This event attracted participants from 13 states. A special thank you goes to the MacPhail family who helped out in many ways for this event.

Thank you to Mrs. Simone Hamrick and Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald who oversaw our first pizza sale. This fund raiser profited \$223.00!!!!

Our middle school students will be attending the Academy of the Holy Family production of The Phantom of the Opera on Friday, November 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in St. Michael Center. Performances are open to the public on Friday, November 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday, November 4th, at 3:00 p.m. I highly recommend this play!

We are in the midst of our Second Christmas Calendar fund raiser. It would be greatly appreciated if any parents would kindly donate any gift cards and/or may know of businesses whose owners would be willing to do the same. If there are any questions, kindly call Mrs. Angela Fournier at (860) 550-4512 or Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC (860) 822-6141. This was a very fun and profitable event last year, and so we are again

Our students are preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert and Art Show to be held on Saturday, December 9th, at 1:00 p.m. in Saint Michael Center, right up the hill. Please note that this is a school event and all students are to participate.

May I remind you that as our weather is becoming colder, please send your child to school with a jacket. Also, there are some students who are coming to school without having had breakfast and asking for breakfast here. We do not have a breakfast program, so please make sure that your child has breakfast before coming to school.

ENCLOSED

- A vision and hearing screening notification from Mrs. Strickland, our school nurse

- A flyer advertising Christmas wreaths . While we are not doing this as a fund raiser, the Academy of the Holy Family is, so if you plan to buy one anyway, please feel free to purchase one from AHF. If so, all wreaths will be delivered here for pick-up.
- A flyer advertising our Open House Please put this on your facebook page.
- A form asking for refreshments at our Open House on Sunday, November, 12th,

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Thursday, November 2nd | \$5.00 Dress Down Day sponsored by the St. Joseph School Parent Group Cross Country meet in Franklin |
| Friday, November 3rd | First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal with after care until 3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, November 4th | TURN BACK CLOCKS ONE HOUR BEFORE BED |
| Wednesday, November 8th | \$5.00 Dress Down for the Veterans |
| Thursday, November 9th | First Trimester marking period ends |
| Friday, November 10th | NO SCHOOL – VETERANS’ DAY |
| Sunday, November 12th | Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00 a.m. in church followed by OPEN HOUSE in the gym – 11:00 - noon |
| Wednesday, November 15th | OPEN HOUSE - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, November 16th | Picture re-takes at 9:00 a.m. |
| Saturday, November 18th | Pumpkin Derby at 11:00 a.m. Registration at 10:30 a.m. |

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal

