

*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.*

August 23, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we are about ready to begin the 2022-2023 school year, I would like to welcome all new and returning families. We ask God's blessing on all of Saint Joseph School family.

At this time I am happy to announce our new staff members. Mrs. Sarah Lussier will be teaching middle school math, fifth grade reading, and computer classes for grades three – seven. Mrs. Kim Cofone will be teaching second grade, Mrs. Karen Sedgwick will be the third/fourth grade co-teacher/aide with Mrs. Tammy Lamb. Miss Haley Stoliker will be teaching music for grades pre-kindergarten to fourth. Mrs. Alicia Smith will be the Extended Day Coordinator, and Mrs. Nicole Kunkle will be doing morning care. Once again we welcome Mrs. Amanda Strickland back as our school nurse! We also welcome back all of our returning staff. Sister M. Kathleen will be substituting for Sister Joan Marie until her chemotherapy sessions are over.

At this point in time, we still need a volunteer cross country coach for our cross country team to be able to begin the season. Please contact me if you or someone that you know is interested.

Both morning care and afternoon care will take place in the gym. In the afternoon, weather-permitting, students will be outdoors for part of the afternoon. **Morning and afternoon care will take place in our school gym. This program will start only on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be No Extended day program on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Morning care is from 7:30 – 8:15 a.m. Afternoon care is from 3:00-5:00 p.m.**

All students (not in morning care) in grades three – eight will enter the gym starting at 8:15 a.m. and will be picked up there starting at 2:45 p.m. Students in grades pre-kindergarten – two will be picked up in their respective classroom using the outer doors. There will be guides on the first day of school to assist new parents.

**Our first day is on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and there will be an early dismissal at 12:30 p.m.** Please make sure that your child has a filled water bottle every day. There are water fillers on each floor. The water bottles may only contain water.

**If your child has either a prescription or over-the-counter- medicine, you must bring the medicine**

**to Mrs. Strickland personally. No student may have any medication on his/her person. Also, please use the required form for your child's medication. If you should have any questions, please call Mrs. Strickland at (860) 822-6141 All forms are available on our web site [www.saintjosephschoolbaltic.com](http://www.saintjosephschoolbaltic.com).**

Please submit your child's Emergency/Release form, Health update, and NOTIFY form preferably before school starts. If you don't have the Emergency/Release form, and you plan to have someone other than you pick up your child, he/she will not be able to be picked up by anyone other than you, the parent. Also, as we have several new parents, please be prepared to show your ID, at least for the first few days of school until we are more familiar with you.

All families are welcome to join us in our gym at 8:30 a.m. for morning prayer. on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We will also meet in the gym on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, to award honor roll certificates for the third trimester of the 2021-2022 school year.

Lastly, we are having a grandparents' luncheon on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, in our gym starting at 11:15 a.m. If it is not possible for a grandparent to attend, a godparent, aunt or uncle, or favorite person may participate. We will need to know the count of these guests no later than Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.

I am aware that some uniforms have not been available at this time. Just do your best to have your child dress appropriately if he/she does not have a uniform. We do have used uniforms for our students if you are interested.

**HELP WANTED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 A.M. – NOON TO REPAIR WOODEN FENCE, WEEDING, ETC.**

The *Parent-Student Handbook* will be on our website for you to review. Should you want a hard copy of this document, please let us know. The signed agreement form will be due on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you and I look forward to working with you during the school year.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First day of school. 12:30 p.m. dismissal No morning care or aftercare</b>
<b>Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> attend.</b>	<b>First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to Grandparents' Luncheon 11:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY</b>

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal