

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. The school staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

November 24, 2021

Dear Parents,

As we approach the beautiful feast of Thanksgiving, this gives us time to reflect on the many blessings that God has bestowed on each of us. Looking around, we realize how fortunate that we are as we sometimes take for granted the many gifts that we have been given, the gift of sight, hearing, living in our homes, the clothing that we have, our families, living in a free country, the freedom to worship, just to name a few. At this time, I ask you to keep in your prayers those who have no family to celebrate this feast, those who are estranged from their families for whatever reason, those who have experienced a recent tragedy and for whom this is a sad time because of recent illness or loss of family members. On a happier note, I know that we are looking forward to celebrate with our families as a time to really appreciate one another, and I wish you the best at this special time!

Yesterday, we had our traditional Thanksgiving Mass in our church and our students participated with the readings, Prayer of the Faithful, and Offertory gift bearers. Mrs. Cindy Gaccione, our pre-kindergarten teacher, who was the soloist at our Mass. We truly appreciated her beautiful voice that that God has blessed her and that she shared this gift with all of us at Mass.

The following students have achieved various honors for the first trimester: - **HONORS** Rad Tanksley, Catherine Wigfield, and David Vazquez; **HIGH HONORS** – Teah Bourne, Sarah Turner, Thomas FitzGerald, Rory Hamrick, Aubrey Kunkle, Stephen Landolphi, Benjamin May, Brendan McMahon, Andrea Ramos, Hannah Sypher, Zane Tanksley, and Andrew Landolphi. **PRINCIPAL'S HONORS** – Tyson Adamik. Congratulations to all of these students!

A most important event is coming up on Saturday, December 4th, our Annual Christmas Extravaganza. Our committee has worked very hard to once again make this a very enjoyable and profitable experience. We are looking forward to having as many families as possible to help out with setting up, running the event, and cleaning up afterwards, and, of course, attending this Extravaganza. By now you have received an email and a link to sign up and to be a part of this

wonderful evening! If you are having any difficulties with the link, kindly contact Miss Joan Pagliuso at jpagliusostjosephschoolbaltic@gmail.com.

At this time, I would like to remind you of two important things: At the beginning of the year, we asked that every child come to school with a filled water bottle as our students may not use the water fountain. We are finding more and more students not bringing their water bottle which can be refilled at our two water filling stations. Please make sure that your child has his/her water bottle every morning. Secondly, as the weather is getting colder, but still reasonable enough to go outside, we are noticing students coming to school with no coat or jacket. We cannot allow any student to go outside and play without a jacket. Again, please make sure that your child has a jacket when coming to school. Thank you for your understanding.

We are working very hard on preparing our Annual Christmas Concert which will be held on Friday, December 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. All students are to participate in this concert, and I am sure that you will enjoy seeing your child/ren perform! The dress code is as follows: **GIRLS:** Nice modest dress or skirt and blouse, socks/stockings, dress shoes or their uniform Mary Jane shoes; **BOYS:** dress shirt, dress pants, tie (regular or bow tie), socks, and shoes.

Attached you will find:

- Minutes from the November St. Joseph School Parent Group
- Christmas Extravaganza Pre-Sale Ticket form
- Flyer announcing Christmas Concert and Student Art Sale

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, November 29th

**Classes resume
Christmas Wreaths may be picked up.**

Friday, December 3rd

**First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m. dismissal Aftercare provided
Begin working on Christmas Extravaganza at
St. Michael Center (up the hill) at 4:00 p.m.
Christmas Extravaganza beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Saturday, December 4th

Friday, December 10th

**Christmas Concert and Student Art Sale at
St. Michael Center at 7:00 p.m.**

God bless you and have a Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal

