

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.

February 9, 2022

Dear Parents,

During the month of February, there are some important observances in the Church and especially in the diocese of Norwich. On Sunday, February 6th, all members of consecrated life were celebrated at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Several of our Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church were in attendance and we were very happy to be remembered in this special way as an important part of our Church. On Friday, February 11th, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is the International Feast for the sick and infirm, and so we pray for them especially on this day. We also remember the many health care workers who work so hard to take care of the suffering sick around the world.

On Monday, February 14th, we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was one of many martyrs of the Early Church and used to write all kinds of messages and letters to the Christians imprisoned for the faith. From this came the holiday of Valentine's Day when people send cards to their loved ones and friends. We do so here at St. Joseph School, especially in the lower grades. May I remind you that if your child brings Valentine cards to school, he/she must give one to every student in their respective homeroom.

Enclosed you will find the re-registration forms and tuition rates for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Please return this form along with the \$50.00 family re-registration fee. Please complete both sides of the registration. It may also be a good idea to include the \$100.00 supply fee at this time as well. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Also enclosed is the Catholic Foundation form for tuition assistance for the 2022-2023 school year. This is due on March 5, 2022. Should you need any assistance with the process, please call Mrs. Susan O'Neil at (860) 822-6141.

Lastly, enclosed is a letter from Miss Joan Pagliuso.

I am sure that you are aware that Governor Lamont is ending the state-wide school mask mandate. However, he is leaving this decision for each school district to decide. As you know, we abide by all health and safety guidelines, policies and directives given by the Superintendent in the town of Sprague. So St. Joseph School will follow whatever is decided by the town of

Sprague under the direction of Mr. William Hull, Superintendent. As soon as I know what the decision is, I will inform you.

Mandatory hearing screenings will be done tomorrow, February 10th, by Mrs. Strickland, R. N. for grades K, 1,3,4, and 5. Results will be sent home next week. Any student who missed the vision screenings will have make-ups on Thursday, February 10th, as well. Scoliosis screenings for grades five, seven, and eight will be done in April. More information on this will be sent home two weeks before this screening.

Each family has been given a COVID Rapid Test for your convenience. Should you not need it, kindly give it to someone who could use it.

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, February 15th

**St. Joseph School Parent Group meeting
Via Zoom at 6:00 p.m.**

Friday, February 18th

**Winter break starts at 12:30 p.m.
NO AFTERCARE PROGRAM FOLLOWING
DISMISSAL**

February 21, 22

NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK

Wednesday, February 23rd

Classes resume

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal