



St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

September 20, 2023

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,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful weekend that we had. It was good to see so many parents attend the Back-to-School Night last Wednesday. While the weather wasn't very cooperative, families that did attend made the most of it socializing with families and visiting teachers in their classrooms afterwards. I also realize that the inclement weather kept several families from attending the enjoyable event.

We continue to pray for all those in need, especially the many families who have lost loved ones not only here, but throughout the work from hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and floods. It takes a long time to recuperate from these disasters.

We will be starting NWEA testing within the next week or so. We ask that you make a concerted effort to have your child/ren in school during this testing period.

Enclosed you will find a flyer advertising our upcoming Annual Walk-a-thon which will take place on Friday, September 29th, 9:00 a.m. – noon. We always have a great time with this events. We are depending on our families and their acquaintances to help us out with pledges. Mrs. Christina Ereshena is in charge and is looking for some parent volunteers to help out.

On Monday, September 25th, we will have a "Dress-Down" day for the Sunshine Club, so please remember so that we can help this wonderful group with all of their good work!!! Please remember that ripped clothing, tight and low cut clothing, and flip flops are not acceptable. Please refer to the *2023-2024 Parent-Student Handbook*, p. 23 for specifics.

We are having a peanut butter and jelly drive for Holy Family Food Pantry, as at this time, this seems to be the need. Thank you for your contributions that have already been made and those that are still to come!

On Monday, October 2, 2023 we will return to the regular uniform. Therefore, boys must wear the uniform pants, shirt, and tie. Shorts and polo shirt may no longer be worn. Girls in

grades K – 4 must wear the uniform jumper, blouse, and tie. Skorts and polo shirt may no longer be worn. In grades five – eight, girls must wear the uniform skirt, blouse, and tie. Skorts and polo shirts may no longer be worn.

We had our first St. Joseph School Parent meeting last evening. We certainly have a very active and dedicated group of parents who are more than willing to help our school in many ways. They have some wonderful ideas. You will be receiving the minutes of this meeting soon.

The following students whose parents attended the Parent Group Meeting have a “Dress Down” Day on Thursday, September 21st: Julianna Ereshena, Natalie Lopez-Hernandez, Benjamin May, Mary, Declan, James, and Rory Hamrick, Madelyn Wilkinson, Tanksley Woodruff, Madeleine Gagnon, Tommy, Mary, Matthew, and Christopher FitzGerald, Laura LaCasse, Peter Bear, Genevieve and Gabriel Garganese, Hope and Teresa Emond, Brendan McMahon, Amelia and Colton Fournier.

Last year some of our students participated in the basketball program at Sacred Heart School in Taftville. This school is also extending an invitation to any student to participate again this year. They will be sending packets to our school for any interested student. If you are interested, please let me know.

Just a reminder, there is no hot lunch for the rest of this week.

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Monday, September 25 | “Dress Down” for the Sunshine Club |
| Friday, September 29th | Annual Walk-a-thon 9:00 a.m. – noon |
| Monday, October 2nd | All students begin to wear the regular uniform – no more summer uniform.
All permission forms for the Bronx Zoo Field trip are due. |
| Friday, October 6th | First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.
NO HOT LUNCH
12:30 p.m. dismissal
Aftercare until 3:00 p.m. |

God bless you and have a wonderful week!!!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SMC
Principal