

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.

October 20, 2021

Dear Parents,

These past few days have been very busy ones here at Saint Joseph School. Last Saturday, we had our Annual Pumpkin Derby which was quite an enjoyable and successful event. Many thanks to Mrs. Angela May who organized this and to Mrs. Tricky Tanksley who provided such delicious treats for everyone. We also thank two Academy of the Holy Family students who served as judges, Miss Ellie Cooper and Miss Ariana Taliaferro. The students and parents thoroughly enjoyed this event and are already looking forward to next year's Pumpkin Derby. The following students won in various categories: Most Realistic – “Incredible Hulk” – Marcus Cahill, Most Realistic “Pirate Ship”- Zane Tanksley, Funniest – “Muscle M&M”- Christopher, Matthew, Mary, and Thomas FitzGerald, Most Original – “Skelly” – Hannah Sypher, and Most Unique – “Tanksley's Tank” – Rad Tanksley. They will have a “Dress Down” day tomorrow, Thursday, October 21st. Carol Jeannie Perry, Claira Tropiano, Paul Martin, Emma Cerrone, Helena Cerrone, and Alexis Wray will have their “Dress Down” day as the top winners for the Walk-a-thon on Friday, October 22nd.

Later in the afternoon, I went to see one our graduates who is now a senior at Parish Hill High School, Joseph Landolphi, share his senior project, Blind Baseball. It captured the media and surely showed us an awareness of what visually impaired people are capable of. Joseph gathered a whole team who wore blindfolds and played against at visually impaired/blind team from New York. I was deeply impressed with the project and the sportsmanship of all of the players on both teams. You can check this out at <http://www.nbccconnecticut.com/news/sports/baseball-for-the-blind-high-school-senior-raises-awareness-through-senior-project/2608929/>

On Monday, we had our Annual Rosary Rally starting at Blanchette Field and which closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in church. We were very happy to honor Our Blessed Mother for this event.

Coming up on Saturday, October 23rd, we will have our Annual Sport Stacking Tournament in our gym. We are in need of volunteers and pre-packaged snacks. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact me at (860) 822-6141 or Mr. Glenn Costello at rungdc@aol.com.

Also on Saturday, October 23rd, volunteers are need for the First Annual Bike Run at the Sprague Rod and Gun Club.

Last night we had our monthly SJS Parent Group meeting with a group of very energetic parents! We so blessed to have such genuine and supportive parents. The following students of the parents who attended this meeting will have a “Dress Down” day on Monday, October 25th: Aubrey Kunkle, Christopher, Matthew, Mary, and Thomas FitzGerald, Genevieve Garganese, Leon Theroux, Benjamin May, Carol Jeannie Perry, Teah and Victoria Bourne, Hannah Sypher, Genevieve Nash, Colton and Amelia Fournier, Catherine Wigfield, Rad and Zane Tanksley, Flynn and Aurora Currier, Dakota Perkins, Stephen and Andrew Landolphi.

May I remind our students in grades four – eight to submit their Drama applications by tomorrow, Thursday, October 21st.

May I also remind you that due to Drama Club is beginning for the 2021-2022 school year, that the After Care program will take place in the art room for all Thursdays. Therefore, on Thursdays please come to the main door on School Hill Road, not the gym to pick up your child.

We are now focused on our upcoming Christmas Extravaganza which will take place on Saturday, December 4th, starting at 4:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. Enclosed you will find once again the classroom basket lists for items that each classroom is responsible to obtain. All donations as well as the \$20.00 per family donation are due no later than November 5th.

Also included in this Wednesday envelope are the schedules for the Saints Project for our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. These presentations will be videoed next week.

Regarding the school uniform, students may not wear sweatshirts or non-uniform sweaters to class. If you have not purchased a uniform sweater, please do so. Also, I have noticed that some of the girls’ gym shorts are very short. **If you have not purchased Donnelly Uniform shorts, then you must find a replica for your daughter to wear.** Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, October 23rd

**Annual Sport Stacking Tournament starting at 8:00a.m.
First Annual Bike Run starting at 10:00 a.m.**

October 25th, 26th, 27th

Saints Projects videoed for grades 6,7,8

Saturday, October 30th

**“Share – a – Day with the Sisters of Charity
for girls in grades 5,6,7,8**

God bless you and have a great week.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal