

*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.*

October 26, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of October, we can see that it has been a very busy month with more events coming up next month.

Once again congratulations to our Cross Country team for an excellent job at the Cross Country Invitational at Saint Bernard School in Uncasville. We are very proud of all of our runners. The following are the stats:

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
Mary FitzGerald	15:25	11	Stephen Landolphi	12:06	4
Kiana Arroyo	16:12	14	Brendan McMahon	12:18	5
Hannah Sypher	17:48	24	Clayton Lucia	14:28	14
Madeleine Gagnon	17:54	25	Rad Tanksley	14:44	16
			Thomas FitzGerald	17:10	19
			Benjamin May	17:10	24
			Peter Bear	17:29	25

The top 15 finishers in each race received a ribbon. However, ribbon or not, we congratulate all of our runners!!!!!!! The next meet will take place in Franklin on Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 3:15 p.m.

On Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we had our Annual Sport Stacking Tournament here at St. Joseph School. Many thanks to Mrs. Sherrie MacPhail as well as Linnea, Nyah, and Ian for running the concession stand. It was great to see students work hard to compete and to cheer one another on throughout this tournament. Thank you, Mr. Costello, for organizing this event.

Many thanks to Ms Debra Pratt for her generous donation of pumpkins for our students in all of the art classes and then some. They thoroughly enjoyed painting them. I do realize that the smocks that they were wearing did not cover all of the bases and I apologize for that. I am asking that from now on if your child could have an old large t shirt to wear over the uniform to prevent any paint getting on their uniforms.

Next month we will be celebrating the New England Catholic Schools Week Nov. 14- 20. We will be providing you with more details of this in next week's letter. St. Joseph School has developed a Marketing Committee to help promote and advertise our school in hopes of recruiting more students. The committee is made up of parents and staff and if you have any suggestions you may think helpful, please let us know. We are currently working on flyers to distribute, T-shirts and sweat shirts with our school logo on it, expanding our

social media and using the electronic sign in Willimantic to advertise.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we started a Sunshine Club under the leadership of Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald and Mrs. Simone Hamrick to reach out to needy families. The first meeting of the Sunshine Club will be on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. in the gym for both parents and students. We will be making cards and brainstorming ideas together. If you want to learn more, please contact Mrs. Christina Ereshena at (860) 208-3338, Mrs. Simone Hamrick at (413) 717-0224, or Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald at (860) 918-6783.

Enclosed you will find:

- The hot lunch menu for the month of November
- A flyer advertising the eighth grade snacks on sale
- Veterans' Day flyer advertising a \$3.00 Dress Down and an assembly scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>
- A flyer explaining Respiratory Syncytial Virus

Thank you for helping out with the eighth grade fundraiser of cans and bottles. Please remember to include only redeemable cans and bottles and to make sure that there is no debris in the donation.

On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have an assembly from the Baltic Fire Department somewhere between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. **Since there is no guarantee of a specific time, there will be NO HOT LUNCH for students in grades K -4 on October 31<sup>st</sup> as we cannot upset the Academy schedule.**

Our students are beginning to prepare for the Annual Christmas Concert and Art Display scheduled for Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael Center up the hill. They all have the words to their songs to memorize. Every student is expected to be in the concert and to be well-prepared for it by memorizing the words and melodies. You can easily check YouTube for the melodies. All of this preparation is being done in their scheduled music classes. As we plan to have a great show, we need every voice. Please put this date in your calendar. I know that our students will do a wonderful job!!

Enclosed in your Wednesday folder is a packet for all interested students who want to be a part of the Drama Club. For those students who are interested, please read all materials and return consent forms to the office.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Saturday, October 29 Pumpkin Derby at 10:000 a.m. on the playground**

**Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Saints' Project for grades 7 & 8 1:30 p.m. in the gym. Please use the gym Entrance.**

**Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.**

**Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saints Projects for grades 5 & 6. Please use the gym entrance.**

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal