

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 environment.

November 2, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we enter into the month of November, we are reminded that this month is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory and we pray for them daily, "Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them." Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of All Saints, where all of our saints in heaven are recognized. It was great to see the turnout for our seventh and eighth graders presentation of their saints' project on Monday, and again today for the fifth and sixth graders. Congratulations to Mrs. Mona Anne Niedbala and all of her students!!! They did an outstanding job!

On Saturday, October 29th, we had our Annual Pumpkin Derby. Our students had so much fun during this event. They were such good sports, having a great time seeing their pumpkin make its way down the drive between the school and the playground. Many thanks to Mrs. Angela May who organized this fun event. We hope to see more participants next year. The champion for this event was Benjamin May. First prize for the lower grades was Colton Fournier with his Elrino pumpkin; first prize for the upper grades was Benjamin May with his spaceship pumpkin; Homorable Mentions: Most School Spirit – FitzGerald family, Funniest – Madeleine Gagnon, Most Creative- Hamrick Family, Most Original – Colton Fournier, and Most Patriotic – Brendan McMahan. However, we congratulate all of our participants!!!!

The Baltic Fire Department did a presentation to our school on Monday for all students in grades pre-k – four. The students thoroughly enjoyed it. The firemen and women reviewed fire safety, including keeping smoke detectors up-to-date. We were very grateful for this visit!

As you know, we will be having Open House in our school on Wednesday, November 16th, 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and again on Sunday, November 20th, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **We are asking that you post the Open House flyer on facebook or any form of social media to get the word out about our school.** There will be a reception in the gym and we hope to have as many of our families attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass and reception in our school gym. Since we haven't done this in three years, just as a reminder, we usually ask our families to provide refreshments for this event. You will be receiving a form indicating what we need donated for this event next week. Enclosed this week is a Catholic Schools Week schedule.

Last week you received a flyer announcing our Veterans' Assembly to be held on Wednesday, November 16th, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. We will be having veterans do a presentation to our students.

Our Cross Country Team will be participating in the last meet for the season tomorrow, November 3rd, at Giddings Park, Franklin starting at 3:15 p.m. for boys and 3:40 p.m. for the girls. We wish them well!

On Sunday, November 6th, Father Tito is along with Mother M. Elaine, Principal of St. John School, Old Saybrook, and Miss Amy Freeman, a teacher at Mercy High School will receive the St. Elizabeth Seton Award. St. Elizabeth Seton is the founder of Catholic Education in the United States. We are very proud of Father and very grateful for all that he does for our school.

Enclosed is a registration for "Share-a-Day" with the Sisters for girls in grades five – eight.

The Academy of the Holy Family is presenting **Girl of LaMancha**, on Friday, November 4th, 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. Our middle school students will see the 10:00 a.m. Student performance on Friday, November 4th.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, November 4th	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 P.M. DISMISSAL NO AFTERCARE PROGRAM
Thursday, November 10th	\$3.00 Dress Down Day for our veterans
Friday, November 11th	NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY
Monday, November 14th	NO SCHOOL – TEACHERS' INSTITUTE
November 15-20	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, November 16th	Report Cards will be distributed Mom's Craft Night meets at 6:30 p.m. in the art room
Thursday, November 17th	Pies arrive for Thanksgiving
Sunday, November 20th	Catholic Schools Mass in Church at 10:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.
Tuesday, November 22nd	Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal