

*Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a safe and faith-filled environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.*

February 2, 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple! This feast celebrates Jesus' presentation in the Temple 40 days after His birth. This was a standard custom in the Jewish tradition with the parents making an offering in the temple. Simeon, a very holy Jewish man, was promised by God that he would not die until he met the Messiah. In receiving Jesus into his arms, Simeon said that Jesus would be the Light of the World. This feast is also called Candlemas Day when candles for the church are blessed, referring to Jesus as the Light of the world.

As you know, we are in the middle of National Catholic Schools Week. Today, the students wrote a letter to Father Tito, a staff member, or you, their parents expressing their gratitude for a Catholic education. It is also NO HOMEWORK Day. Tomorrow, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, is a \$2.00 "Dress Down" Day with proceeds going to Catholic Charities which provides many services throughout the Diocese of Norwich. In addition, they will have a pizza lunch!!! So you don't have to provide a lunch for your child on Thursday. You only need to provide him/her with dessert and morning snack. On Friday we will have our First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m.

We certainly had quite a snow storm, actually a blizzard, and in the town of Baltic accumulated 20 inches of snow!! This was the biggest snowfall that we have had in years. I hope that everyone remained safe and warm. We at our Motherhouse prayed especially for those who had to remain in the blizzard due to the jobs that they had to keep all of us safe, especially for those who did extensive snow plowing as well as police and emergency personnel.

Enclosed again is the Catholic Foundation tuition Grant for the 2022-2023 school year. Please note that the deadline is on March 5, 2022. Also enclosed are your child's testing results from the NWEA tests last week. Should you have any concerns, please contact your child's teacher(s).

On Friday, we may be having some very icy/snowy weather. If the weather is favorable, we will have the scheduled half day (8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Should there be a delay, we will begin at 10:30 a.m. and dismiss at 2:45 p.m. However, we will be sending home Snow Packets with our students in the event that there may not be school at all on Friday. We will keep you posted.

St. Joseph Parent Group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Again, this will be a Zoom meeting. The link is:  
<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/86994185287?pwd=N2IISDZacVJQWnh0UFRQYW0vZk5YZz09>.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Please sit in the back of the church and remember to wear face masks. 12:30 p.m. dismissal with Aftercare provided.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Joseph School Parent Meeting (ZOOM) at 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12:30 p.m. dismissal Beginning of Winter Break NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED</b>
<b>February 21, 22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK</b>

God bless you and have a great week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal