



St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

August 23, 2021

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that at this time next week we will be beginning the 2021--2022 school year. I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer and that we are ready to begin another school year. The *2021-2022 Parent-Student Handbook* should be on our web site by this evening for you to begin reading. You will be receiving a hard copy of this the first week of school as well as a hard copy of the 2021-2022 school calendar. Please note that both of these documents are subject to change.

At this time I would like to welcome Mrs. Kaitlin Cassidy as our new art teacher and also Mr. Jarrod Begin as our new custodian to our school. Also, we welcome Mrs. Dianne Gray who will be a tutor. We are finalizing the second grade teacher position.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, we will be wearing masks when we return to school starting on August 30th and will not be participating in the hot lunch program offered at the Academy of the Holy Family. There will be some changes to some of the COVID practices that were in place last year. Again, we need to be flexible as nothing is "set in stone." As practices change, you will be notified. I don't have to tell you that we live in some challenging times and just have to be flexible. We are trying to be reasonable and safe, and because of that, we are in contact with Uncas Health District for guidance. We hope to give you the latest before the weekend is over. I appreciated your patience and understanding.

As we plan for the first week of school, on Monday, August 30th, there will be no aftercare program and again on Friday, September 3rd. There will be morning care everyday the first week of school. As neither of these positions have been filled, we are doing our best to serve you. There is morning care starting at 7:30 a.m. and from 3:00- 5:00 p.m. every day with the exception of these two days already mentioned. If you want your child to be a part of either of these programs, please complete the Before/Aftercare Program found on our website www.stjosephschoolbaltic.com. We are still in need of someone to take this position, so if you are interested or know of anyone who is, please have them call me at (860) 822-6141.

Lastly, regarding our \$50,000.00 Matching Grant, so far we have \$2265.00. So we continue on our quest with this grant.

God bless you and I look forward to seeing you and your children next week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, S.C.M.C.

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Principal