



# St. Joseph School

10 School Hill Road, Baltic, CT 06330

*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.*

February 7, 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a very special week with a few delightful happenings. We celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, as well as some events in the lower grades on Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

The staff surprised Mrs. Katherine Gurnack with a Baby Shower. While we are delighted that Mrs. Gurnack will experience motherhood in the next couple of weeks, we will truly miss her lovely presence in our school. I am happy to announce that Mrs. Susan Bear will be her long-term substitute starting on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.

This week we recognized three students for acts of kindness. If you recall, we pick three names of many submitted to receive this recognition. They are Lucas Quintana who volunteered to help Mrs. Strickland bring down boxes of snacks for Drama rehearsal, Declan Hamrick who passed out papers to students without having to be asked, and Zane Tanskley who held the door open and waited patiently for all the students going out for recess.

Lastly, we had a beautiful First Friday Mass on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, and students also had their throats blessed.

This past week I attended a basketball game at Sacred Heart School in Taftville where three of our students are on the team: Stephen Landolphi, Benjamin May, and Brendan McMahon. It was a great game and I am very proud of our three boys on this team, not only for their athletic ability, but more so because of their sportsmanship.

May I remind you that all money for the World's Finest Chocolates is due no later than Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosed you will find a registration form for our upcoming Road Race scheduled for Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Also included is a form for a Red Cross Babysitting course. In addition is a form for the upcoming eighth grade pizza fund raiser which will take place on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Lastly are the family reports for the NWEA testing which took place recently for those who have not already received them.

**May I make on last plea: We are extending our Carnation Sale until Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Enclosed is another order form. Please help out our Sunshine Club.**

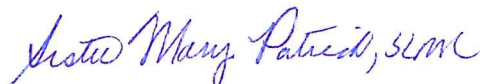
Drama Club is held every Tuesday, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Please make sure that you pick up your child at 5:00 p.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day (early)
Wednesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.
February 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup>	NO HOT LUNCH
Thursday, February 15 <sup>th</sup>	Eighth Grade Pizza Fund raiser
Friday, February 16 <sup>th</sup> Break	Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. –Beginning of the Winter After Care until 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Classes resume.
Friday, February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stations of the Cross at 2:15 pm. in church. All are invited to attend.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal