

*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. The school staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.*

January 19, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is good to be back with in-person classes for all of our students. Many thanks to our middle school teachers, parents and students during this time of remote learning. This should be the last time for remote learning for our students (I hope)!!!

As you know we are still in the midst of this pandemic with a high positivity rate which last week was almost 25 % and is currently 17% and so we are working hard to keep our school safe. As you probably already know, when it comes to health and safety, we go by what our school district says, that is, Sprague school district. For the time being, all staff and students are to be wearing masks both indoors and outdoors. I expect that this will only last a few weeks until the COVID cases decline. I know that no one likes wearing a mask, but at this time, we just need to.

Enclosed you will find the minutes of our January 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Group meeting. Also enclosed are progress reports for students who are having academic difficulty at this time. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher(s) should you have any questions or concerns.

In addition enclosed is the Catholic Foundation FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Please read this carefully regarding all documents that must be included in your application if you are interested. **The deadline for this grant is March 5, 2022. If you need any assistance with this application, please contact Mrs. Susan O'Neil no later than February 25, 2022.**

Please check your child for uniform conformity. We are seeing an increase in violations with regard to sweaters, ties, socks/tights, etc. If students continue to violate the dress code, they can expect to give up their recess.

Holy Family Motherhouse is in need of a receptionist Monday – Friday on a daily basis, If you know of anyone interested in this position, please let me know. You can reach me at (860) 822-6141.

While we did observe the New England Catholic Schools Week back in November, we will also have some activities during the National Catholic Schools Week, January 31 – February 4<sup>th</sup>. Our Student Council is in the process of planning this event, and you will receive information on this in next week's Wednesday letter.

Our students in grades K – 8 are in the process of taking the winter NWEA tests this week and also into next week.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SMC  
Principal