



# 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.*

December 5, 2023

Dear Parents,

As we begin the holy season of Advent, we pray: "O Lord, stir up Your might, we beg You, and come, that by Your protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Your deliverance, Through Christ, Our Lord, Amen." We realize that our students are very excited at this time of year, but we remind our students that we are in the season of Advent and that we must keep the Advent spirit of waiting for the coming of the ChristChild.

On Monday, Lexi Hovanec was baptized in St. Mary Church and we wish her many blessings as she has come into the Catholic faith. On Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, Lexi, along with Tristan Rayhall and Lieland Johns will be receiving their First Holy Communion. Again, congratulations to these students on their faith journey

This morning we had a visit from St. Nicholas and his elves bringing candy canes to all of our students!!

Enclosed you will find a flyer announcing the beginning of Drama Club with its first meeting on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. **Drama will be held on Tuesdays from now on, and the middle school Homework Club will be on Wednesdays.** Ms. Debra Pratt will again direct this club with Mrs. Amy Garganese assisting with the production of Amelia Earhart. We look forward to this production in the spring. A rehearsal schedule will be forthcoming once auditions are complete. The Drama Club will meet on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, and again on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in our gym to go over the script.

As you know, we are having our Annual Christmas Concert and Art Show on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center up the hill on School Hill Road. Our students have worked hard to make this an enjoyable afternoon for our audience. Student Art work will be on display with donations made to the school if you so wish. The Academy of the Holy Family Concert Choir will also be performing at this concert as well. The eighth grade class is having a bake sale and will also be selling roses for our parents who wish to give one to their child/ren after the concert. Once again, the dress code is as follows: Girls – nice modest dress or skirt and blouse, socks/stockings and dress shoes; boys – dress shirt, dress pants, belt, tie, dress shoes or school shoes. No one may wear boots of any sort, flip flops, or athletic shoes of any kind. Dresses/skirts are not to be more than one inch above the knee. **All students are to participate in this event. St. Michael Center will open up at 12:15 p.m. for anyone who wants to purchase baked goods or roses from the eighth grade class and also crafts being sold by the sophomore class of the Academy of the Holy Family.**

May I remind you once again that in the morning, 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. all students enter the main door of our school for morning care. From 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. all students enter the gym or lower level classroom doors. If a student is late, he/she enters the main door of the school and receives a late pass. Anyone entering the main door of the school between 8:15 and 8:30 a.m. will be asked to go to the gym. May I also remind you that no one should park in Father Tito's driveway.

These next couple of weeks will be a busy time, but also enjoyable one as we experience the love and kindness that pervade the Advent and true Christmas spirit.

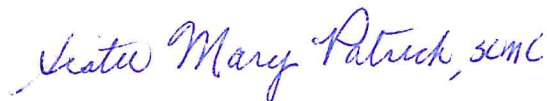
Also enclosed is the order form for the pizza meal sponsored by the eighth grade class.

### LOOKING AHEAD

- Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics) Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.**
- Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Christmas Concert and Art Show at 1:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center. All students are to be there by 12:45 p.m. and are expected to report to the bleachers and stay with their teachers.**
- Thursday, December 14**      **Pizza meal sponsored by the eighth grade class.**
- Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**      **Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the eighth grade class 9:00 a.m. – noon at the Academy of the Holy Family cafeteria. Please help to support this event.**
- December 19,20,21**      **NO HOT LUNCH**
- Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**      **Christmas Pizza party (no lunch needed).  
12:30 p.m. dismissal with NO AFTER CARE**
- Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Classes resume  
NO HOT LUNCH**

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,



Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC  
Principal





**CALLING  
ALL  
DRAMA  
CLUB  
MEMBERS!**

**JOIN  
US!**

**MORE  
INFO TO  
COME**

**TUESDAY,  
DEC 12TH  
3PM - 5PM**

**2ND GRADE  
AND UP**

