

*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 environment.*

June 15, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of the 2021-2022 school year, we take time to reflect on the many blessings that we have received during this year. While we certainly had our challenges with COVID issues, we also realize that in many ways we were gradually moving in a positive direction, and were able to resume some activities. Our \$50,000.00 Match was also a saving grace and certainly a big help to our parish. We are very grateful for the many generous donors who helped us out with this Match. I am also very grateful to our wonderful staff who did an amazing job during these difficult times as well as wonderful and supportive staff and students.

At this time, we have a couple of staff members who will not be returning to Saint Joseph School next year: Mrs. Shelley Glennon and Mrs. Chris Siebert. I have started advertising for these positions. If you know of anyone qualified to fill these positions, please send them to me. In addition, we are also losing Mrs. Amanda Strickland, our beloved school nurse, who will not be returning for the 2022-2023 school year. The town of Sprague will be advertising for this position. If anyone is interested in the Morning Care or After Care position, please let me know. Lastly, we will need someone to oversee the Drama Club.

Enclosed you will find your child's report card, the 2022-2023 school supply list as well as the *Governor's Summer Reading Challenge*. We highly encourage our students to read during the summer, not just for this Challenge, but just to develop a love for reading and to improve one's reading ability.

During the month of July we will have summer school sessions for anyone who is in need of help. Miss Elisha Gray is offering to help any middle school student who needs assistance in math or language arts. These sessions are free of charge, so I would highly recommend them to your child/ren.

We are going to need help from our parents in our Annual Rummage Sale which will take place July 21<sup>st</sup> (5 – 8 p.m. with a \$10.00 fee, 22 (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. 23 (9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 29<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 30<sup>th</sup> (9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m). If you wish to help out, please contact the school at (860) 822-6141 so that we can give you information. The gym is usually open during the day, but please call Mrs. Susan O'Neil for specifics. You can help out preparing for this by sorting, etc. before the sale, and/or during the hours of the actual sale as listed in this

paragraph. Anyone who wishes to make a donation to the Rummage Sale, may do so until July 7<sup>th</sup>.

If you have not re-registered, please do so ASAP. Also, please submit your parish affiliation form for the 2022-2023 school year; otherwise, you will not receive the \$750.00 deduction.

As always, we ask for continued prayers for world peace, especially in Ukraine, and for everyone's safety, especially remembering the families of the Uvalde school shooting and subsequent ones following this one. We pray for the end to the senseless violence that seems to prevail here in our beautiful country. Lastly, we pray for one another that we will have restful and safe summer.

You will be receiving a "Back-to-School" letter at the beginning of August reminding you of our Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten orientation for parents on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 p.m. and for parents and children, on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 p.m. as well as our first day of school, Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, with a 12:30 p.m. dismissal.

I look forward to returning to Saint Joseph School and working with our staff, students and parents for the 2022-2023 school year. As always, if you have any questions, kindly call me at (860) 822-6141. Our summer office hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 – noon. Messages are checked daily if you call outside of the stated office hours.

Have a wonderful, safe, happy, and blessed summer.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SMC  
Principal









