



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.

March 13, 2024

Dear Parents,

This past Sunday we celebrated Laetare Sunday, which marks the half-way point of Lent. And so we pray, "O God, Who through Your Word reconcile the human race to Yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith, the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever". Amen.

As I reminded our students, we continue on our Lenten journey we remember to pray, fast, and do kind acts. Many thanks for the food pantry items. We have very generous families who help our own little food pantry as well as the Holy Family Food Pantry next door. Please feel free to continue to contribute if you so wish. We are also in need of sugar for the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic. We plan to do a food drive for Haiti after the spring vacation which specifically asks for creamy peanut butter, Spam, and tuna fish packed in water.

I sent out a School Messenger announcement yesterday, reminding parents that the Connecticut Center for Educational Excellence is offering scholarships for the 2024- 2025 school year. It is important that you apply ASAP at www.ctcee.org along with a copy of your 2023 1040.

By now, you should have been informed if your child's teacher(s) requested a conference with you for Friday, March 15th.

Mrs. Gurnack's baby, Augustine David Michael, was baptized this past Sunday, so we rejoice with Mr. & Mrs. Gurnack!!

The Mother-Son Bowling event on Sunday was certainly enjoyed by both moms and their sons. There were delicious snacks served and even though there was some competition, it was just a fun event for all and a special time for moms and their sons to bond!!

We will have the upcoming Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 23rd, in our gym, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. As always, this has always been a highlight for our girls and their dads. If there isn't a dad available, an uncle, godfather, grandfather or special person is more than welcome to participate. As always, we ask that the girls' dresses be modest, not revealing. Mini., strapless dresses and "spaghetti straps" on dresses are not permitted. Snacks will be served and there will be photos taken as well. Mrs. Angela Fournier and Mrs. Amy Garganese are in charge of this event. If there are any questions, please contact them (Mrs. Garganese at (860) 931-4392 and Mrs. Angela Fournier at (860) 550-4512.

We have our Annual Road Race this year scheduled for Saturday, March 30th, starting with registration (for those who have not already registered at 8:00 a.m. in our gym. You have already received a registration form and registration on-line is also available at raceentry.com. We would like as many of our students to participate in this race as possible. We also need some parents to volunteer to help out at this race. Lastly, we sent home a list of food items needed for this event as well.

We are working on producing a school promotional video. If you have any video clips with any school activities e.g. cross country, basketball, school play, spring concert, please send them to me at sistermarypatrick@gmail.com.

Attached you will find

- Flyer advertising our upcoming Spaghetti Supper and Classroom Basket Raffle
- Flyer advertising the eighth grade pizza sale due on Friday, March 15th

LOOKING AHEAD

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| Friday, March 15 th | NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal with after care until 3:00 p.m. Optional Parent-Teacher Conferences 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. |
| Monday, March 18 th | NO SCHOOL – PROFESSIONAL DAY FOR TEACHERS |
| Thursday, March 21 st | Eighth Grade pizza Sale |
| Friday, March 22 nd | Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend. |
| Saturday, March 23 rd | Father-Daughter Dance 6:00- 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, March 26 th | SJS Parent Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the gym |
| Wednesday, March 27 th | NO HOT LUNCH |
| Thursday, March 28 th | Holy Thursday NO HOT LUNCH 12:30 p.m. dismissal with after care until 3:00 p.m. |
| Friday, March 29 th | NO SCHOOL – GOOD FRIDAY |
| Saturday, March 30 th | Annual Road Race |
| Monday, April 1 st | <u>We do have School</u> NO HOT LUNCH |

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC

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Principal