

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 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

Already we are in the month of February, and we can see that the year is going by rather quickly. Our students have finished the winter term of the NWEA testing and results are either in this week's Wednesday folder or will be in next week's. As I mentioned previously, the function of this test is to see student progress at least in the testing setting. We also see this in other ways as new skills are introduced and developed as observed on a daily basis in the classroom.

Today, we had a pizza party for everyone as we near the 100th day of school. Since this was a NO HOT LUNCH day, we anticipated this celebration by one day by providing lunch on a day like this. Our lower grades will have some fun activities to celebrate the 100th day of school as is usually traditional tomorrow.

Tomorrow, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after His birth as He is the Light of the world. It is also the day when candles are blessed.

Also, tomorrow we are having a \$3.00 Dress Down day and the proceeds will go to Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Norwich for all of the many wonderful programs that this office provides as previously explained in last week's letter. We hope to have everyone participate for this wonderful cause.

As mentioned at the January Parent Group meeting, we are having a chocolate bar fund raiser. We are asking that every family sell one box of 60 chocolate bars. These will be distributed on Monday, February 6th, with the sale ending on Monday, February 27, 2023. Enclosed you will find the flyer with the check-out form. All checks are to be made payable to Saint Joseph School. On the flyer you will see prizes offered to our students.

Up and coming is a "Cookies and Canvas" evening on Friday, February 24th, 7-8 p.m. in our gym. The title says it all! This will be a fun night for parents and students alike. Please RSVP using the form on this flyer. I know that this will be an enjoyable evening for everyone not only for the painting, but also for the treats!!!!

Looking way ahead is our Annual Father-Daughter Dance to be held on Saturday, March 4th in our gym from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If a dad is not available, an uncle, godparent, grandfather is most welcome at this event. Also enclosed is an order form for corsages if you so wish to purchase them for your daughter or for a boutonniere for dad.

I am again enclosing a flyer advertising the Catholic Foundation financial aid application. Please note the due date and also the required accompanying documents.

Next week you will receive a re-registration form for the 2023 -2024 school year along with tuition rates.

At this time I would like to inform you of a change in menu for Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. Lunch will consist of Macaroni and cheese, carrots, and salad bar.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, February 2nd

\$3.00 Dress Down for Catholic Charities

Friday, February 3rd

**First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend.
NO HOT LUNCH
12:30 p.m. dismissal
NO AFTERCARE PROVIDED**

Monday, February 6th

Beginning of the World's Finest chocolate bars fund raiser

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal