

St. Joseph School
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"This is a holy place where we discover each other in God's love."

April 22, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Alleluia! God is full of surprises! Yes, we are still in the Easter season for another few weeks.

During our vacation, a few questions have arisen. Yes, the last day of school for this year is June 9th. Secondly, the warm weather uniform will not begin until May 11th.

This **Friday, April 24th**, St. Joseph School will host Bingo at St. Paul Church. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and the games will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please see the flier or school website (www.sjsnl.com) on our Facebook page for further information. Chef Luigi will be in charge of food for this event. All proceeds go toward the playground renovation.

Once again, we thank those who were responsible for our participation in the Pawcatuck River Duck Race, which takes place on **Saturday, April 25th** at 1:30 p.m. As you know over 600 ducks were sold to assist with growing our new playground. Good luck to everyone who purchased ducks. Donations and fundraising efforts are much appreciated, as are those working on this wonderful project. The project benefits all students.

Congratulations to our 5th graders who exhibited their inventions just prior to vacation. Great job Grade 5! Our 6th grade is preparing for their class play that will be performed this **Friday, April 24th** at 1 p.m.

Our Basket Social takes place on **May 2nd**. Everyone should have received flyers and suggestions for classroom basket donations. Anyone wishing to donate a family basket may also do so. Classroom donations are due by **April 27th**.

I remind those who have incoming Kindergarten students that you must call the office for an appointment for screening for readiness.

Our First Communion students will receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time on **Sunday, April 26th** at the 10:45 Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for this very special Sacrament.

Your children should have begun their submissions for our Young Author's Program. These are due on **May 7th**. Please refer to the flyer that was sent out.

Our prayers are with everyone in this Easter Season! Alleluia!!

Reminders

- **April 23rd** – Grade 8 visit to St. Bernard School.
- **April 24th** - Gr. 6 Play at 1 p.m.
- **April 24th** - Bingo for our Playground at St. Paul's Church Hall. See flyer.
- **April 25th** - Duck Race at Pawcatuck River.
- **April 26th** - Celebration of First Holy Communion—10:45 a.m. Mass
- **April 27th** - Science Fair, Grades 6-8. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **April 29th** - Bake Sale for Grade 8 expenses.
- **May 2nd** - Basket Social for the Playground.
- **May 6th** - Chicken & Fries Paid Lunch
- **May 7th** - Grade 8 Class Picture—9:30 a.m.
- **May 8th** - Muffins with Moms—7:45-8:30 a.m.
- **May 13th** - Grade 8 NYC
- **May 14th** - Ascension Thursday 9 a.m. Mass
- **May 15th** - Grade 1 Play at 1 p.m.
- **May 16th** - Steak Night at the Birdseye
- **May 20th** - Grade 5 Field Trip, Grade 8 Retreat
- **May 21st** - Grade 3 and 4 field trips
- **May 22nd** - Grade 1 Grandparents, Grades 6-7 Trip NESS, 12:30 dismissal.
- **May 29th** - Kindergarten play at 1 p.m.
- **June 2nd** - Games Day
- **June 4th** - Book Presentation "Water Safety Dog", Grades K-5
- **June 5th** - Awards Day 10 a.m., 12:30 dismissal (No First Friday Mass)
- **June 6th** - Graduation at 4 p.m. Mass (Grade 7 responsible for reception)
- **June 8th** - Grade 2 Luau, Grade K Dad's Day Lunch 11:15 AM, 12:30 dismissal
- **June 9th** - Last Day of school, 9 a.m. Mass, *10:30 dismissal*, Faculty Meeting following dismissal.

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