

**St. Joseph School
25 Squire Street
New London, Connecticut 06320**

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

January 21, 2026

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Catholic Schools Week, an annual National celebration of all Catholic Schools begins on Sunday, January 25th. Our celebration opens with the breakfast on Sunday morning from 8 a.m. to noon. This timing allows everyone to attend Church before or after breakfast! We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity for some great food and wonderful company, while we earn some much-needed funds for our school.

Calling all volunteers! We need our families to give some time to this event as well. Our 8th graders will be serving tables, but adult volunteers are needed for additional jobs. We are also asking for contributions of breakfast pastries. Remember: "It takes a village to raise a child, "and to educate them as well. We are all part of the village!

The full calendar for Catholic Schools Week is being sent by hard copy with your children.

As you are aware we are in the planning stages for the renewal of our playground. A committee has been diligently working to make this happen, beginning in the spring. The school has received some very generous donations toward this project from former parents and friends of our school. We are grateful for their loyal support. The remaining expenses will be paid for with Home and School Association fundraising events. We ask that everyone take responsibility for this major undertaking through participation in fundraising.

We understand that many of you have been ordering lunches for your children. We have now added grinders, thanks to the Cacciatore family. **We ask that you please observe the due dates, as we can no longer take late orders for pizza, chicken, or grinders after the due dates.**

Some reminders for this new year include the following.

- **Grade 4 Play, January 23rd at 1 p.m.**
- **Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 25th with a Sunday morning breakfast. Volunteers are needed for the breakfast.**
- **Planning ahead. On February 6th our School will sponsor an adult event with a 4-course dinner and wine pairing at the Lighthouse Inn. Please look for the informational flyer.**

- **On February 13th at 7:30 a.m. our annual “Donuts with Dads” takes place. Please send in your reservation on the form provided.**
- **When school is closed due to a weather event, you will be notified through a text message, email, and on Channel 3 (WFSB) and 30. (WVIT) Please check your messages. Do not call the school, as no one will be in the building on those days for safety reasons.**

We continue to keep everyone in our prayers. May God bless everyone and keep us safe in this snowy and frigid weather.

Marianne Cote, Principal