

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

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

November 19, 2025

Dear Saint Joseph School Families,

As you have been informed, last Thursday I found myself at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital following a medical incident while at school. Thanks to many prayers and an immediate response by Mrs. Tejera, I am doing very well and soon to be sent home. I hope to be back in school after the Thanksgiving break. In the meantime, since Mrs. Pisarz is the assistant principal, Dr. Kingston, the Diocesan Superintendent, has appointed her to act in my place as she and Ms. Ford cover grade 2 as well. As always, I am always grateful for your support and cooperation.

The faculty and staff at Saint Joseph School is wonderful and our school proceeds with its normal excellence, as always. I am so grateful to all of them for carrying on with the same consistency as if I were in the building.

As you all know, we are in the midst of a very busy season. Lessons and Carols will be here soon. I remind you that our girls wear black skirts and white tops with an appropriate dress shoe and our boys wear dark trousers, white shirts and Christmas ties. Completely black sneakers or tan bucks (the school uniform shoe) are appropriate shoes for boys and girls.

Almost 400 lbs. of food was delivered to St. Vincent de Paul from our food drive on Friday. About 3,000 people received food from them last week, about 1,000 are young people. As God's people, we are called to feed the hungry. Let's continue to do the work we are given as God's mission for us.

Advent prayer will begin on Monday, December 1st at 8:45 am and continue throughout Advent in the auditorium. Families are welcome to attend. We will be hanging the Jesse Tree ornaments and lighting the Advent Wreath. Each class takes a turn.

I remind you that our SJS Color Guard will perform at the New London Tree Lighting Ceremony on the Friday after Thanksgiving (11/28) at 5:30 pm.

Our Thanksgiving Prayer takes place on Monday morning in the school auditorium. Families are welcome.

May your Thanksgiving be one of loving and grateful times for you and your family. I thank you for all your thoughts and prayers and for sharing your wonderful young children with us and entrusting all of us at Saint Joseph School with their education – spiritual, social, emotional, and academic.

Important Dates:

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| • Friday, November 21 st | SJS blanket orders due, Grade 3 Play 1:00 p.m. |
| • Monday, November 24 th | Thanksgiving Prayer (in auditorium) 9:00 a.m. (Families welcome) |
| • Tuesday, November 25 th | 12:30 p.m. dismissal |
| • November 26 th – 28 th | Thanksgiving Break |
| • Monday, December 1 st | Advent Prayer Begins 8:45 a.m. (Families welcome) |
| • Wednesday, December 3 rd | Wreath Pick-up after school |
| • Thursday, December 4 th | Individual photo retakes |

A Blessed Thanksgiving to All!

Marianne Cote
Principal