



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

“This is a holy place where we discover each other in God’s love.”

October 1, 2025

Uniform Alert: On **October 3rd**, students will begin to wear their formal uniforms. Please see the uniform regulations attached. **Class pictures** will be taken on **October 6th** in the formal uniform. Formal uniforms include **ONLY ALL BLACK** sneakers or **TAN Bucks** for shoes. **High Top Sneakers may not be worn.**

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

As October arrives, it certainly does so with the beauty of God’s creation! The colors have begun to change and with this change, our weather has begun to turn a little cooler in the mornings. This week we celebrate the first Friday of the month with Mass at 9 a.m. on Friday and **NO** Thursday Mass. We also look forward to the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, a champion of the poor who celebrated all of God’s creation with gusto! May we do the same. Please join us for Mass on Friday.

Thank you for your donations of used uniforms. At the moment, our storage areas are full. We ask that you hold on to any donations you might have until further notice.

The order forms for our Lyman Orchard Pie and Cookie Dough Fundraiser were sent home. Orders for pies are due by October 15th. Please do your best in supporting this fundraising effort sponsored by the Home and School Association (of which you are all members). Delivery is for the week before Thanksgiving. If everyone bought at least one pie or order of cookie dough that would be wonderful, but we know many of you order several. Thank you for your help in raising money for our playground and field trip funds.

Class pictures will be taken on Monday, October 6th in full formal uniform. This is a picture with the entire class. There are no retakes for these pictures.

On Tuesday, October 7th, we will have “Pizza with the Pastor” at lunchtime. The children will be treated to Pizza and Italian ice through the kindness of Luigi Sferrazza

and his pizza truck. If your child does not eat pizza, please be sure to send them with lunch.

Our poet friend, Mr. Darren Sardelli, will be joining us on Thursday and Friday, October 9th and 10th for in class poetry workshops. Mr. Sardelli's next book is due to be published in the spring. When that happens, the students will receive copies. The workshops are paid for through Title funding, which are federal grants received via the state and city.

For future planning, we remind you that October 3rd is **12:30 dismissal** and October 13th is a NO SCHOOL Day. There is afterschool care on October 3rd.

While the New London Superintendent and Board of Education have agreed to provide us with a part time nurse's position, they seem to think that children become ill or injured only from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. I implore you to contact the office of New London's Superintendent, the Members of the Board of Education, and the City Council members in anyway possible to share your displeasure with this situation. They need to meet their legal and moral obligation to the students of St. Joseph School.

I wish to remind all parents that if you are planning to volunteer in anyway with the children this year, you must be **approved by the Office for Safe Environments**. This means completing the training online and submitting the necessary paperwork. Many of you have done this already. **The Diocesan requirements must be completed by November 15, 2025** to qualify for any activities in the current school year. I remind those who completed the training three or more years ago that you must now complete the online **refresher training**.

Please continue to keep all those in need in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

God's Blessings to All,

Marianne Cote
Principal