

Saint Joseph School
25 Squire Street
New London, Connecticut 06320

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

October 22, 2025

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

October is the month of the Most Holy Rosary. During this month we pray the Rosary together for peace as our Blessed Mother Mary has asked in numerous appearances, often to children, around the world.

Reminders: Our Thursday Masses begin at 8:45 a.m. As soon as the children have arrived, the doors are secured. **Parent teacher conferences take place this week on Thursday and Friday, October 23rd and 24th; therefore, both days are 12:30 p.m. dismissal days.** Your time for the conference was sent with the progress report that must be returned with your signature. Aftercare will be available.

The Halloween Party will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Friday evening, October 24th. Please bring your treat donation to the office tomorrow or Friday morning.

Dr. Kingston, our Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, made a surprise visit to our school and classes yesterday. She loved visiting us and asked that I give everyone a free casual day from her. **Monday, October 27th will be a casual (school appropriate, please) day for all.** On Halloween, **October 31st**, students may wear their Halloween shirts with their uniforms.

The **Grade 5 play** will be performed on **Friday, October 31st at 1 p.m.** All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for supporting the fundraiser, sponsored by the Home and School Association (of which you are all members) and chaired by Alex Nocito. Pie delivery is scheduled for November 17th - the week before Thanksgiving. Thank you for your help in raising money for our playground (planning in process) and field trip funds. The total amount raised through this fundraiser is yet to be determined. Most of our chocolate bars have been sold. There are a few more boxes left if someone wishes to sell another box. Approximately, \$3,000 has been raised for student activities and our playground.

Individual pictures were taken this week. A retake day for those who were absent or for those whose picture were not what you expected will be scheduled.

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 continue to ask you to contact the office of New London's Superintendent, the Members of the Board of Education, the City Council members and Mayor Passero in any way possible to share your displeasure with this situation. These entities need to meet their legal and moral obligations to the children and families of St. Joseph School. Over 70% of our families reside in New London.

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 through June 2026. **I remind those who completed the training three or more years ago that you must now complete the online refresher training to remain approved to volunteer.**

Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

God's Blessings to All,

Marianne Cote
Principal