

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

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

September 2, 2026

Dear Parents,

St. Joseph School has opened its doors for its 89th year of educating and nurturing the faith of our children. We are pleased to welcome 24 new students and their families to our school, including 11 Kindergarten children. We also welcome our new 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Kauffman, who is no stranger to our school as she is a graduate of St. Joseph.

Everyone should have received the school calendar for the coming school year. Please be advised that the calendar be subject to change from time to time. You will also receive a monthly calendar that will reflect any changes. These are sent through your email. If you do not receive this, please notify the office. We ask that you continue to check email and text messages coming from the school, as these are our usual means of communicating with parents, unless a phone call is warranted. It is important that you keep the school updated on any changes to these forms of communication or address changes. The "yellow" card must be completed in full immediately by all families.

All **paperwork** sent home on the first day of school, requiring completion and/or signatures is due. This includes the "Yellow" card.

If your child has a summer reading list, it is due in the office by this Friday.

Aftercare began on August 31st. If you are planning to send your children to this program, please notify the office, complete the appropriate paperwork with the days, and start date for your children.

Students who intend to ride the **bus** to and from school must register for this by informing the office.

Every family has received (through the oldest child in your family) a tuition agreement in a sealed envelope, prepared by the School Board Tuition Committee. This must be signed and returned to the School on or before Friday.

We ask that you review the **school handbook on our website**, as you will be asked to sign papers indicating that you have done so. This can be found on sjsnl.com.

There will be an updated hard copy sent to you when our new copier is operational.

Last but certainly not least, I remind you of our St. Joseph School Mission.

Each child's success at St. Joseph is the responsibility of all in the school family. As the **first educators** of your children, this success is closely linked to all you do at home as well as, to your continued **support of our school's mission, its policies, teachers, staff, and administration**. Your trust in us as Catholic School Educators is of the utmost importance, as we work together, for the success of our children. The words, **"Be it known to all who enter here that Jesus Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students"**, greet us at the front door. We are also reminded of and take seriously our **AMEN, our Mission** which states **that we: "Accept** each person as a unique creation in God's image; **Model Jesus** as we make everyone feel welcome in this holy place; **Educate** each person for life; and, **Nurture** the diverse gifts and talents of the whole school family." May these words be uppermost in all of our minds and hearts each day of this 2026-27 school year.

I am truly proud to be the principal of our wonderful St. Joseph School. I continue to hold you in my prayers, and ask that you keep me in yours.

Marianne Cote
Principal