

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 9, 2026

Dear Parents,

St. Joseph School is in the midst of its 3rd week of school for the 2026-27 school year. During the first week, we sent several forms to be completed and signed by our parents/guardians. We are still awaiting that completion by some families, including the Tuition Agreement prepared by the School Board Financial Committee. This must be done by the end of this current week. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

This week, we remember the people and the events of September 11, 2001. We pray for all who gave their lives for the sake of others, all the innocent persons who died as a result of hateful choices that were made on that day, and all who continue to suffer as a result of the events of that day. Part of our remembrance will be a **casual day on Friday, the 11th**. We ask that students wear red, white, or blue or a combination of these. **The donation of \$2.00**, or more if you are able, per student will be given to **Tunnels to Towers** to assist First Responders and their families.

On Thursday of this week our 6-8 grades will travel to Putnam to visit the Wall that Heals in honor of the veterans of the Vietnam War.

Everyone should have received the school calendar for the coming school year. Please be advised that the calendar is subject to change from time to time. You will also receive a monthly calendar which will reflect any changes. These are sent through your email. If you did 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.

Aftercare began on August 31st. If you are planning to send your children to this program, please notify the office and 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. When your child’s after school plans for transportation change, **the office must be notified for the safety of the child**.

Please “stay tuned” for our new playground installation! Delivery is currently scheduled for the beginning of October.

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 the new copier is operational.

The School Family wishes to thank all those who helped to prepare the school grounds for its opening. Several families assisted with this including the Alves/McCarthy Family, the Cacciatore Family, the Londregan Family, The Roark Family, the Velez Family, and Jeff Stefanski and his crew, an alumni of the school hired by the Cacciatore Family to do the landscaping. We apologize if we’ve failed to mention someone. There will be many more opportunities to volunteer your time throughout the school year.

Important reminders and dates.

Medication—may not be brought to school by students. It must be delivered by parents with the appropriate doctor’s order.

Dismissal—students have been instructed to wait at the steps until the person picking up comes for them. They may no longer meet you in the parking lot or in the street.

Money—all payments for lunch, fundraisers, field trips, etc., must be sent in an envelope with the child’s name, grade and reason for the payment.

September 11, Friday Bingo at St. Paul’s

September 14, Monday 5-6p.m. Back to School Night-Classroom Visits

September 16, Wednesday Dine—In or Take at Mr. G’s

September 21, Monday MAP Tests begin.

September 23, Wednesday Golf Tournament at Lake of Isles

September 24, Thursday Chocolate Bar money due

September 25, Friday Casual Day for Missions—Children of the World

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