St. Joseph School
25 Squire Street
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"This is a holy place where we discover each other in God's love."

October 7, 2026

Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate the feast of the most Holy Rosary. For those who are not aware of the tradition of the Rosary, this is a series of prayers, including the Apostles' Creed, the Our Father, Glory Be to the Father, and the Hail Mary in which we ask our Blessed Mother to pray for us. During the month of October (dedicated to the Rosary), it is our tradition to begin the Rosary on Mondays and finish it in the classroom during the week. We pray this remembering the mysteries of the Rosary, which tell the story of the most important parts of Jesus life and what he did for others and for each of us.

The **Home and School Association (HAS), to which every parent and staff member belongs, has a meeting tonight in the school library at 6 pm.** We remind you that there is **NO SCHOOL on Friday, October 9th** due to our staff retreat.

Once again, we remind everyone that 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. We 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 2026-2027 school year.

Our Internet connectivity issue is being worked on and we thank you for your patience. Please call the office with information or questions until that is remedied.

The **School Handbook** is posted on our website at sjsnl.com. Please be sure you are familiar with the policies within it. **Please be sure to note the policies regarding uniforms and personal appearance, as well as behavior.** A hard copy will be sent to each family in mid-October. You are asked to sign saying you have familiarized yourselves with the policies. Each student and adult is held accountable for these policies.

Individual pictures will be taken on Friday October 16th. On this day students who are ordering individual pictures may wear clothing of their parent's choice other than their uniform, assuming this choice is school-appropriate. Grade 8 students are expected to dress appropriately for their yearbook picture (**All boys in dress shirt and tie. Girls should wear an appropriate dress, skirt or slacks and top.). Students who are not ordering pictures are expected to be in school uniform. Order form/envelopes are being sent home to be returned to the teacher with order and payment By October 14th.**

We wish to remind everyone that special activities for our school can take place because of the fundraising we do each year. We realize that our venders continue to raise their prices, but we ask that you do your best to support these efforts for the benefit of your children. Many of these fundraisers assist in paying for field trip busing. Without these funds, field trips could cost $15-25 more than you are being asked to pay.

Progress reports will be coming home on October 16th with parent/teacher conferences the following week on Thursday and Friday. Please look for both the progress report and the conference appointment slip, as they will be coming in hard copy. **Progress reports must be returned to school with your signature, indicating that you have seen them.**

We apologize but due to circumstances regarding the East Lyme music department, our Color Guard will not participate in the exhibition this weekend.

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.

October 7	**Home School Meeting at 6 p.m.**
October 8	8:45 Mass
October 9	**No school—Faculty Retreat**
October 12	No School

We continue to hold you in our prayers, and ask that you keep each of us in yours.

Marianne Cote, Principal