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 28, 2026

Dear Parents,

The school is planning a celebration for the blessing and ribbon cutting of the new playground area. This will take place tomorrow, October 29th at 9:30 a.m. for those who wish to attend. Bishop Reidy, our pastor Father Mark, and our Superintendent Dr. Gail Kingston will be joining us as we celebrate. Please come and join in the prayer time and the celebration of work well done by the team and all who donated to make this possible.

We continue to remind everyone that each child's success at St. Joseph School 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 "**A**ccept each person as a unique creation in God's image; **M**odel Jesus as we make everyone feel welcome in this holy place; **E**ducate each person for life; and, **N**urture the diverse gifts and talents of the whole school family." May these words be uppermost in all 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 this issue is resolved.

Everyone should now have the hard copy of the handbook that was sent to each family. Each student and adult is held accountable for these policies. Please return the letter regarding your knowledge of the handbook with your signature.

We wish to remind everyone that special activities for our students 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. Thank

you for your assistance. Our Candy Bar sale earned approximately $4.000. Thanks to all who participated!

Thank you to all who planned, donated to, and volunteered for our Halloween party.

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.
- 10/29 – 8:45 a.m. Mass; 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Playground. **NOTE**: Grinder lunch has been moved to 11/5.
- 10/30 – Halloween Shirts or Spirit Wear (school shirts) Day for the Mission Children of the World - $2; Grade 6 play with Color Guard performance.
- 10/31 – Happy Halloween
- 11/01 – All Saints Day
- 11/02 – All Souls Day; Wreath / Garland Sale begins
- 11/04 – Home and School Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- 11/05 – Grinder Lunch with October order
- 11/06 – First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. dismissal; Faculty Meeting
- 11/09 – NO SCHOOL – Diocesan Professional Development Day
- 11/10 – Prayers for Veteran's Day, Casual Patriotic / Red, White and Blue for Wounded Warriors
- 11/11 – NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

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

Marianne Cote, Principal