

Saint Joseph School
25 Squire Street
New London, Connecticut 06320

“A holy place where we discover each other in God’s love.”

September 10, 2025

Uniform Alert: On October 3rd students will begin to wear the formal uniform. Please see the uniform regulations attached. **Class pictures** will be taken on October 6th in the formal uniform.

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

Our Pastor, Father Mark, has decided that we bring the students to Mass once each week. With the exception of the week of the first Friday of the month, we will attend Mass on Thursdays at 8:45 a.m. This is during our students’ religion class time. Sometimes Father Mark will celebrate and at other times the celebrant will be Fr. Eric.

Each family has received a box of World’s Finest Chocolate Bars. Thank you to all who have already sold and turned in the money for their box. We also thank those who are selling multiple boxes. Each box sold will help to renew our playground, which is a major expense not included in our regular budget. We are expecting that each family will sell this box and return \$60 to the school.

Friday, September 12th is our staff retreat day. Please remember there is **no school for students on this day**. Also, **Friday, September 19th, is our Casual Day for Charity**. This month we will donate to the St. Mary Star of the Sea Food Pantry. **Please bring your chosen donation to school on September 18th or 19th.**

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. **This must be completed by November 30, 2025**, to qualify for any activities in the current school year. I remind those who completed the training 3 or more years ago that you must now complete the online **refresher training**.

For those of you who are not aware, we have started a St. Joseph School/St. Mary Star of the Sea School Alumni and Friends Association. We would truly enjoy hearing from you if we haven’t already.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, September 11th from 5-6:30 p.m., when we will have **Back-To-School Night**. Please come with your children to say hello to the teachers and visit the classrooms. **This is not a conference night.**

Handbooks are still in the printing process. Please note that there are revisions and additions to some sections.

Please continue to keep all those in need in your prayers, as we keep you in ours.

God’s Blessings to All,

Marianne Cote
Principal