

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we prepare for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year, it is hard to believe that the summer vacation is almost over. I hope that this summer break has been a restful one for everyone. We are looking forward to this school year educating your children.

Our 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Rummage Sale netted so far, \$47,000.00, as there will still be money coming in. Many thanks to any who donated, helped prepare for it, purchased from it, or worked at it. As you realize, this is a parish/school fundraiser, and St. Joseph School receives half of the proceeds for this event!!!

Many thanks to our parents who helped in any way for the Second Annual Golf Tournament, which netted \$6,000.00. We are already preparing for the next one.

As you know both Mrs. Jennifer LaMarche and Miss Rebecca Johnson will not be returning to St. Joseph School for the 2017-2018 school year. We have hired Mrs. Chris Siebert as the first/second grade teacher aide. Mrs. Seibert is an experienced teacher aide in both regular education and special education. We are still finalizing the first/second grade teacher position.

Mrs. Kathleen King will oversee the Extended Day Program.

We are still accepting students for the 2017-2018 school year, so if you know of anyone who is interested in our school, please have them contact me at (860) 822-6141 or at [sistermarypatrick@gmail.com](mailto:sistermarypatrick@gmail.com).

All of the necessary forms for the 2017-2018 school year can be found on our website, [www.stjosephschoolbaltic.com](http://www.stjosephschoolbaltic.com). Should you have any questions about these forms, please call me at school. May I remind you that the Emergency Form, Release form, Health Update form, and NOTIFY form are all due in the office on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This information is extremely important and must be submitted by this date. Also, if your child is taking a prescription medication or over-the-counter medication, please bring these directly to our school nurse, Mrs. Donna Anderson. Students may not have medication of any kind in their possession with the exception of inhalers which requires a physician and parent consent form.

School starts on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, with a 12:45 p.m. dismissal. Students are to be in school uniform on this date. There will be no gym classes in the opening week of school. May I remind you that for gym classes, all students are to wear the required gym uniform. I have noticed that some students are wearing attire that is not approved, i.e. leggings, short shorts, and T shirts that are not acceptable. Please comply with this regulation using Donnelly's Uniform Company, French Toast, or our uniform section near the entrance of the gym. While the official uniform has our school logo on it, navy blue plain sweat pants, plain sweat shirts, plain shorts and t shirts may be worn. Also, Spirit Wear from Spirit and Pride may also be worn.

There will be no Baltic bus service on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, and no afternoon bus service on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.

All students will receive the *2017-2018 Parent-Student Handbook* on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, with the weekly Wednesday letter.

The Future Musicians Incorporated program which provides musical instrument instruction will continue this year. Mrs. Virginia Eurich will meet our students on Thursday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. As a musician, I highly recommend this program to our students.

Enclosed you will find the minutes to our May Parent-Teacher Organization meeting. We plan to have monthly meetings which will appear on our school calendar. Also enclosed is the hot lunch menu for August/September.

If you have been using the F.A.C.T.S. tuition program, your account should have already been rolled over. If you have chosen to make two payments, the first payment is due by August 15, 2017. If you have chosen to pay the entire tuition at once, this payment is also due on August 15, 2017.

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Fun Day at Dodd Stadium in Norwich, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. This is a great way to have some last-minute summer fun. We will also have our school represented in a booth. Tickets are \$6.00 for ages 13 and up, and \$4.00 for children 12 and under, which includes a ticket to the Tigers game that day. More information should be forthcoming in the *Norwich Bulletin*.

Once again, we are looking forward to a great year with your children. Our staff considers Catholic education a ministry and we feel privileged to be an important part of your children's formation and education.

God bless you and enjoy the rest of the summer. Should you have any questions, kindly call me at (860) 822-6141.

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC

Principal