



September 15, 2023

I don't know about you, but I am very relieved that cooler weather is finally here. Today was a delightful day and it definitely made a difference in everyone's mood and productivity. It has certainly been a hot and humid stretch, but I have to say, we made the best of it. The ice cream and "cool zone" were a big hit and offered much relief from the heat. I want to give another shout out to my amazing faculty and staff for their positivity and hard work.

Just a reminder that our **Kick-Off Celebration at the Mystic YMCA on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 is still on, rain or shine.** It is going to be a great event that you won't want to miss. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to all our parents and coaches who attended the **Play Like A Champion Today or (PLACT) workshop.** This is a mandatory requirement by the Diocese of Norwich for parents and coaches of students who play in our youth sports programs. I appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to complete the training. **This was a ONE and DONE workshop!** If you still need to attend a workshop, there are more dates and times available on the Norwich Diocese website.

Last Monday, students in grades K-8 participated in a beautiful **9/11 memorial service** at St. Michael Church. Each year, the St. Michael School community comes together to not only honor all those who lost their lives during the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks, but to also offer our sincere appreciation to our first responders. Led by our 8th grade class, it was a beautiful service filled with solemnity and prayer. Many members of our local law enforcement, fire, rescue, and EMT personnel were in attendance for this solemn event. At the end of the service, Stonington Police and Pawcatuck Fire Departments were presented with a special 9/11 Memorial flag, graciously donated by one of our 8th grade parents, Mr. Patrick McCutchen. Thank you to all who attended this beautiful ceremony.

We would like to invite all our St. Michael School Families to our **Back-to-School Open House Night on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** Stop in anytime between 5:30-7:00pm to meet your child's teacher, see their classroom, meet the principal, view their classwork and check out our curriculum. Hope to see you there!

Our **Cross-Country** team is up and running. Woot Woot! Thank you to our dedicated coaches and volunteers who stepped up to help! We wish you a successful season. I look forward to coming out to your meets and cheering you on!

Also, the Robotics team has begun gearing up for a new season. Thank you to their coaches, husband and wife team Dan Baltrukonis and Jennifer Sanders. They are looking to recruit new members for students in 5th-8th grade. Please reach out to Mrs. Lawrence if your child is interested in joining the team.

Finally, a **BIG THANK YOU** to the Duhig family for our new picnic table. A few weeks ago, while volunteering to help clean up the school grounds, they noticed that one of our tables was in disrepair and wanted to replace it for us. We thank them for their kindness and generosity as it will serve our students well for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Amy Babcock  
Principal