



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



March 10, 2022

*Empowering students to grow as informed, inspired, compassionate souls.*

Dear SJRS Families and Faculty,

Kate is working on getting everyone's **re-enrollment gifts** (SJRS shorts and water bottles) to them. If your child has not received them yet, they will be coming very soon! We have had to order some additional shorts, but those should be here today or tomorrow.

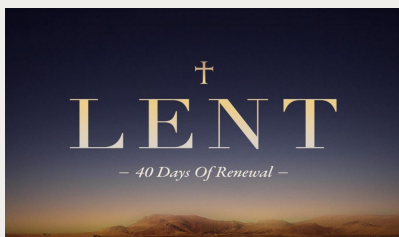
Please pay close attention to the information below about Education Freedom Accounts (EFAs) and Education Tax Credit (ETC) Scholarships. Both of these programs are managed by the New Hampshire Children's Scholarship Fund. **Applying for these programs will be step one for anyone receiving any financial assistance for the 2022-2023 school year.** I strongly encourage everyone to take a few minutes to review the details carefully, and if you are eligible, please apply promptly.

You may have noticed on the calendar below that we have started attending **Stations of the Cross** on Friday afternoons. We will be doing this throughout the Lenten season. Parents and other family members are welcome to join us for this special time of prayer and reflection. Stations are held in St. Bernard's Church, but be sure to pay close attention as the time changes slightly from week to week.

And a reminder that **we do not have school next Friday, March 18** (and child care will be closed also). The faculty will be in Diocesan professional development meetings in Concord that whole day.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith  
Principal



## **MATTHEW 6:16-18**

When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 3/11 – Dress Down Day – **WEAR BLUE AND YELLOW IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE**  
Friday 3/11 – Stations of the Cross – 1:45-2:30pm (Grades 5-11)  
Friday 3/11 – OLMA Ukraine fundraiser stickers sales during SJRS lunch and rides line (\$5)  
Wednesday 3/16 – School Mass – 9:30am  
Wednesday 3/16 – Advisory Board meeting – 6:00pm  
Thursday 3/17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day! – Dress Down Day – **WEAR GREEN**  
**Friday 3/18 – Faculty In-Service – NO SCHOOL**  
Wednesday 4/6 – End of the 3rd Quarter  
**Thursday 4/14 – Holy Thursday (1/2 day)**  
**Friday 4/15 – Good Friday – NO SCHOOL**  
**Monday 4/18 – Easter Monday – NO SCHOOL**  
Thurs-Fri 4/21-22 – Talent Show (afternoons)  
**Mon-Fri 4/25-29 – Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**  
Saturday 5/7 – Spring Craft Fair/Art Day  
Monday 5/16 – Spring Concert  
**Monday 5/30 – Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL**



The Builders Club will be sponsoring a **Dress Down Day tomorrow (Friday, March 11)**. Everyone may wear **BLUE and YELLOW** in support of Ukraine and is encouraged to bring \$1. All funds collected tomorrow will be donated to **Catholic Relief Services of Ukraine**.



## MERCY ACADEMY FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE

Tomorrow (Friday, March 11) Mercy Academy students will be selling **stickers** (4" x 4") to SJRS students at lunch and to families during the SJRS rides line at the end of the day. **Stickers are \$5.00**. All proceeds will be donated to the Red Cross in support of Ukraine.



## ADVANCED BAND SECTIONALS SCHEDULE FROM MR. THIES

### Week of March 14

Monday -- 8:30am trombones; 1:30pm percussion

Tuesday -- 8:30am flutes

Wednesday -- 8:30am basses; 11:00am clarinets

Thursday -- 8:30am saxes

Friday -- 8:30am trumpets

Please make sure that your child has their instrument in school on all band and sectional days. **THANK YOU!**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEW**



**EDUCATION TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships. The eligibility is:

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. You must have a child/children between the ages of 5 and 20 who is entering **Kindergarten** or **1st grade** for the first time OR entering 2nd-12th grades and coming from a public school.
3. Your household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level. See income chart below.

**EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS**

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. You can direct part of your child's state education funding to pay for tuition at SJRS/OLMA . The eligibility is:

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. Your child must be at least 5 years old and no older than 20 years old and **entering Kindergarten – 12th grade**.
3. Your household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level. See income chart below.

Both of the above programs are administered by the **Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire**, and applications are currently being accepted for new and returning families . The applications for both programs are simple and entirely online. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to apply as soon as possible. Many of our families receive funding from these great programs. There is a combined application for the programs so that you may apply for both at the same time, if you qualify for both. **You may receive funding from BOTH programs if eligible.**

**CLICK HERE for the application for families NEW to these programs.**  
**CLICK HERE for the portal login for families REAPPLYING to these programs.**

If you have questions about the above programs, please contact Jen Marshall ([jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)).

300% of 2021 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines			
Family Size	Income Limit/ Annual	Income Limit/ Monthly	Income Limit/ Weekly
2	\$52,260	\$4,355	\$1,005
3	\$65,880	\$5,490	\$1,267
4	\$79,500	\$6,625	\$1,529
5	\$93,120	\$7,760	\$1,791
6	\$106,740	\$8,895	\$2,053
7	\$120,360	\$10,030	\$2,315
8	\$133,980	\$11,165	\$2,577
add \$13,620 for each additional person			

**PE NEWS FROM MRS. HART**

Dear SJRS Families,  
 I wanted to let you know that I will be incorporating **Health** into our regular PE classes for at least the month of March. The focus of my presentations will be: "Here's How to Keep Yourself (and your family) **HEALTHY and FIT.**" **The topics include: Healthy Food, Drinking Water, Good Posture, Limiting Technology, Prayer, Healthy Thinking, and Laughter.** I am very excited to add Health to our curriculum as part of a regular PE class. Please let me know if you have



any questions.

Thank you!

Mrs. Hart

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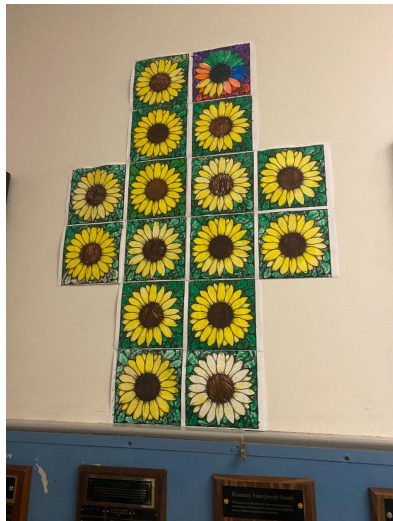


## SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Calling all crafters! On Saturday, May 7, we will once again be having our outdoor craft fair. If you are interested in being a vendor, [CLICK HERE](#) to check out our website for details and registration.

All vendors are welcome -- new or experienced! We already have more than 60 vendors registered, so the craft fair is going to be even bigger and better this year. If you have questions about being a vendor, contact Theresa Adams at [craftfair@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:craftfair@stjosephkeene.org).

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## SUNFLOWERS FOR UKRAINE

Over the past week, students in all grades have been coloring sunflowers, the national flower of Ukraine, and praying each morning in support of the Ukrainian people and peace.





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