



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 14, 2025

Confident in the Truth that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, the mission of Saint Joseph Regional School is to provide an education based upon the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to instill in students God's greatest commands: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Dear SJRS families,

It is hard to believe that it is already the middle of November! We have begun our parent-teacher conferences and I wanted to point out something that we tried this year. I sent out an optional and simple 2 question pre-conference survey. The intention of the survey was to allow parents to share their hopes for their children and also tell us what was most important for them to know or learn in their conference. Ten to fifteen minutes can be very short and we want to make sure we are tuned in to the things that matter most to you. We certainly want our students to be seen, known and loved but the same goes for our parents!

Our Home and School Association Meeting was postponed but has been rescheduled for this coming **Monday, November 17th from 6-7pm in the Parish Hall at St. Bernard Church**. Babysitting will be provided at SJRS for those who need it. At that meeting, I will start to share some of the internal structures and processes that we are looking at as a school and ways that we are simplifying and being more consistent as a team. I will also involve parents in the conversation about how our students gain independence and executive functioning skills as they go from one grade level to the next. What is the role of the student, the teacher, the parent at each stage? I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there!

In Christ,

Dr. Annie Pearson
Interim Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

**Gratitude
Thankfulness**

St. Francis of Assisi

The virtue of gratitude for Saint Francis of Assisi is a profound and active disposition that recognizes all good as a gift from God, leading to a deep appreciation for creation, humility, and selfless action. For Francis, gratitude was not just a feeling but a way of life that was expressed through

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Fri 11/10-11/21 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday 11/14 -- Roller Skating -- 6-8pm -- 4th/5th grades (see below)

Monday 11/17 -- Home and School Association meeting -- 6-7pm -- St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Tuesday 11/18 -- Basketball Shoot-A-Thon (see below)

Wednesday 11/19 -- All-school Mass -- 9:15am

Thursday 11/20 -- SJRS Admissions Open House (see below)

Friday 11/21 -- 50/50 Raffle drawing -- 3pm

Wed-Fri 11/26-28 -- Thanksgiving Break -- **NO SCHOOL**

Friday 12/5 -- Ashuelot Concerts -- 8:30am

Tuesday 12/9 -- Christmas Concert (see below)

Mon-Fri 12/22-1/2 -- Christmas Break -- **NO SCHOOL**

[CLICK HERE for the November lunch calendar](#)

praising God, living simply, serving the poor, and finding joy in all of creation, which he considered a family.

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.
--1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

[CLICK HERE for the December lunch calendar](#)
[CLICK HERE for the January lunch calendar](#)

Reminder: All orders for the week must be in by 12noon on Sundays.

PLEASE NOTE: The date of our Christmas Concert has changed. It will be on Tuesday, December 9 at The Colonial Theatre.

[CLICK HERE for the 2025-2026 School Calendar](#)

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE

This month, we will be welcoming prospective new families as we host several Admissions Open Houses for the 2026-2027 school year. Please help us to spread the word to potential new families!

2026-2027
**ADMISSIONS
OPEN HOUSES**

Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:30pm

[CLICK HERE to register for an Open House.](#)



At our weekly Rosary and Adoration assembly last Friday, we focused on vocations as November is **National Vocations Awareness Week**. Special guests were invited to speak to the SJRS and OLMA students about their particular vocation and how to foster their own vocations. The guests representing priesthood ~ Fr. Alan, religious life ~ Sr. Mary Rose Reddy, DMML (Diocese of Manchester), and marriage ~ Brian and Natalia Pellicano (SJRS parents) all shared their experiences with the students.



ROLLER SKATING -- TONIGHT!

Friday, November 14 -- 6:00-8:00pm -- In our gym!

4th and 5th grade students

\$15 per person, includes skates (paid at the door)

Please bring your helmet to be worn for safety.

8-10 training tools will be available for those learning to skate.



Parents of 4th/5th graders, [please CLICK HERE to sign up to donate some refreshments to add to the fun evening!](#)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The date of our Christmas Concert and Pageant

is **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9**, at 6:30PM at The Colonial Theatre. Doors will open at 5:45pm and students should arrive at 5:50pm.



The Colonial Theatre, 95 Main Street, Keene

Tickets: \$12 each

All SJRS students in grades PK-8 will be performing in the show, therefore students DO

NOT need a ticket. Extended family and friends are most welcome to attend this beautiful celebration of our school community!

Tickets must be purchased IN ADVANCE through The Colonial Theatre. You may purchase tickets in person at the theatre box office (open Tues-Fri 12-5pm). You may also purchase tickets by calling The Colonial box office (603-352-2033) or online here:

<https://ci.ovationtix.com/36697/production/1257500>

We will have an important rehearsal during school on the day of the concert (Dec 9). It is imperative that everyone attends school that day. The concert counts as a grade for Middle Schoolers either in Band, Chorus or General Music.

BASKETBALL UPDATE

Our Middle School basketball program is underway!

The team will be hosting a **Shoot-A-Thon** on Tuesday, November 18, to help raise money for warm-up shirts, equipment, and other team needs during the season. Please keep an eye out for the basketball players and consider supporting their shoot-a-thon!



HEALTHY INITIATIVES WITH MRS. HART

Congratulations to all the October Fitness Challenge participants!

6th Grade -- Rosie Jobbins
4th Grade -- Emma Jobbins
2nd Grade -- Isaac Jobbins,
Bryn Ezequelle, Paxton
Lippincott
1st Grade -- Connor
Bolewski

Please check out the November Fitness Challenge! It is not too late to complete 10 days and earn a certificate. Check out the awesome Family Fitness ideas.

CLICK HERE for the November Fitness Challenge Calendar and more information!



FRENCH CLUB NEWSLETTER -- *A LA UNE!*

The students in the French Club with assistance from Madame Winterbottom have debuted their own newsletter -- *A La Une!* **CLICK HERE to read the first two issues**, including an interview with Dr. Pearson, en Francaise bien sûr!



ORIGINAL WORKS

This week, students in grades K-8 should have received their personalized order forms from Original Works, showing their own artwork. There are lots of fun items that you can purchase with your child's artwork!



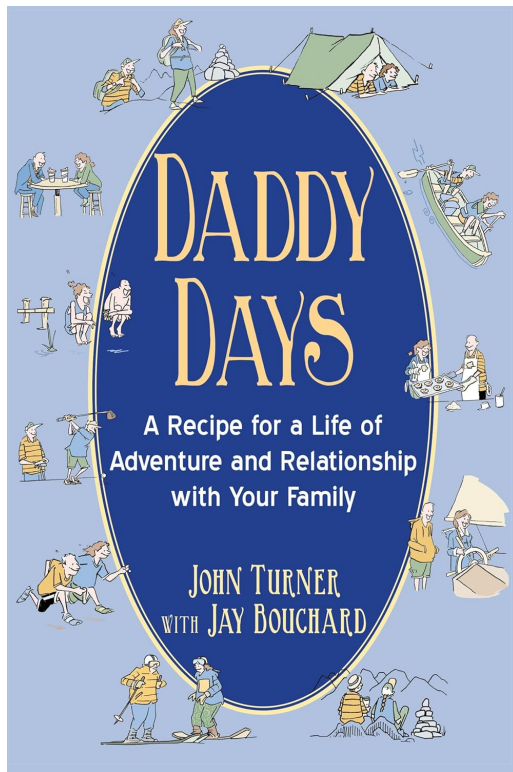
CLICK HERE to access the SJRS Gallery

Each student received their own unique access code that was sent home.

DEADLINE to order: Monday, November 17

All orders will be delivered to school in time for the holidays, so they make great Christmas gifts for grandparents and other family members!

If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).



Book signing event at Toadstool Bookstore!

Sunday, November 23, 11am-12pm

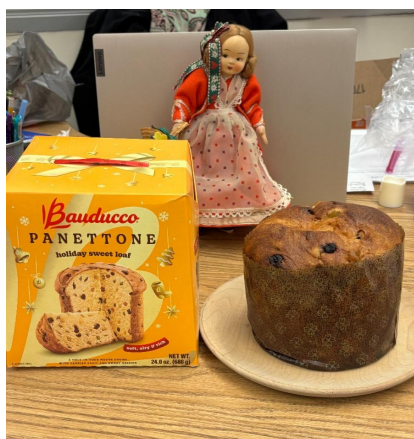
This is a beautiful book which encourages adventure and relationship with your kids. As John Turner details through dozens of anecdotes in *Daddy Days*, the recipe for creating a healthy parent-child bond is not particularly complicated. Turner, a New Hampshire-based engineer, Christmas tree farmer, and indefatigable adventurer, offers his family's story about how one-on-one time shared between father and child--a concept he calls *Daddy Days*--has the power to transform family dynamics.

The author will donate \$10 to Parish of the Holy Spirit for each book sold at this event.

CLICK HERE for more details.



This week, Ms. McGuire's 3rd grade students completed their Solar System projects. They were each assigned planets in small groups. They researched their planets and wrote a two-paragraph report. They also made a planet-themed necklace and drew the planets with chalk in the parking lot. Then the OLMA high school students helped with the distances between the planets to scale.



After reading *Tony's Bread*, by Tomie dePaola, 3rd grade students learned about Italy and Italian culture with Madame Dutton. They tasted panettone, the Christmas bread that inspired the story.



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CLUB OF KEENE

Tree Lighting Celebration

Friday, November 28th • 5:00pm-8:00pm
Central Square, Keene, NH

*Entertainment
& Singalong*

*Visit with
Santa &
Mrs. Claus*

*Enjoy
Cocoa &
Cookies*

*Reading of
'Twas the
Night Before
Christmas*



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