



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 20, 2022

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

Greetings SJRS Families, Faculty and Staff,

I want to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone in our school community for all of the time and effort that was put into our **NEASC accreditation Program visit** this week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were stressful days with our visiting committee members moving throughout the buildings and observing all of our regular activities. But everyone worked very hard together! We received extremely positive feedback from the visiting committee members in the exit interview. We will receive our final report from the committee in a few weeks and will share that with everyone at that time. Our schools will now be on the agenda for an accreditation vote at the next NEASC Board of Trustees meeting in February. I will continue to update you going forward, and hope to have some official good news to share in mid-February.

A few notes to help you plan accordingly for our **Halloween festivities** on Monday, 10/31:

- * Monday, 10/31, will be a Dress Down Day with a \$1 donation to benefit UNICEF.
- * Students in grades PK-5 should bring their Halloween costumes to school with them.
- * Students in grades 6-8 will be helping with activities and parties, but not in costume.
- * After lunch on 10/31, students in grades PK-5 will change into their costumes.
- * At 1:15pm the parade and trunk-or-treating will start followed by bingo and class parties.
- * Parents are welcome to attend. Part of the parade will be outdoors, so parents are welcome to watch outside if they wish.
- * **NO BLOOD** and **NO WEAPONS** with costumes. If anyone has a question about the appropriateness of their costume, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

A dress code reminder -- **shorts** should not be worn anymore as we are slowly moving into the colder weather.

And another reminder that our **50-50 raffle** is getting close to the end. All ticket stubs and money are due back in to school **by next Friday, October 28!**

Tomorrow (Friday 10/21) will be a **Dress Down Day** for everyone. Please see my separate email about this with the details.

I hope to see everyone out at movie night tomorrow. It looks like it will be a perfect evening for it!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

ROMANS 8:38-39

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nothing already in existence and nothing still to come, nor any power, nor the heights nor the depths, nor any created thing whatever, will be able to come between us and the love of God, known to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 10/21 – Dress down day!

Friday 10/21 – Outdoor Movie Night – 5:30-8:00pm

Tuesday 10/25 – Girl Scouts begins – 4:15-5:15pm

Thursday 10/27 – 8th grade visit to Mercy Academy

Friday 10/28 – Halloween Dance – 6-8pm (Grades 6-8)

Monday 10/31 – Halloween Parade and Parties! – 1:15pm

Tuesday 11/1 – All Saints Day School Mass – 9:30am

Wednesday 11/2 – End of the 1st Quarter

Tuesday 11/8 – Middle School Art Mural Club begins

Thursday 11/10 – Conferences – **HALF DAY**

Friday 11/11 – Veterans Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 11/16 – Advisory Board meeting

Tuesday 11/22 – Picture Retake Day

Wed-Fri 11/23-11/25 – Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**

Sunday 11/27 – Advent begins

CLICK HERE for the complete updated 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

50/50 RAFFLE SALES!

THANK YOU to all those who have turned in their raffle stubs/money. Once your tickets are sold, you may send the stubs/money back to school at any time. They can be given to your student's homeroom teacher or directly to Kate in the Main Office. **The deadline to turn everything back in is next Friday, October 28.** If you have any questions or need additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).



*Everyone went on a space walk last Friday!
We learned all about the Solar System from the
3rd graders and their Mercy Academy Earth &*



TOMORROW! (rescheduled from last Friday)

SECOND ANNUAL OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, October 21, 5:30-8:00pm

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come watch *Hotel Transylvania*! Admission is by donation. Student Council will be selling popcorn, baked goods and hot chocolate. This is a family event, so parents must accompany their children throughout the duration of the evening. The playground will be closed during this time.



BUILDERS CLUB NEWS

The Builders Club officers for the 2022-2023 school year were elected this past



week.
CONGRATULATIONS to all!!

President

Landon Marshall

Vice President

Sharon Adams

Secretary

Harper Murray

Treasurer

Raffi Podniesinski

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART MURAL CLUB

Miss Fletcher will be running an Art Mural Club for students in grades 5-8 starting on Tuesday, November 8, and will continue every Tuesday. They will be discussing the location and theme of their mural at the first meeting. All Middle School students are welcome!



It was a spirited, raucous faculty vs. students soccer game on Tuesday to wrap up the Middle School soccer season!



ATHLETICS NEWS

If you have questions about our Athletics programs, please contact Ali Wilson at:
awilson@stjosephkeene.org.

BASKETBALL

Boys and girls Middle School basketball signups have begun. To indicate your interest, please see our website and complete the Google Form:
<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/athletics>

TENNIS

This is the last week for our fall outdoor tennis. Anyone who would like to continue playing

indoors will need an indoor junior membership at the Keene Racquet Club. For additional details or to indicate your interest, please contact Anna Domyancic Fox at: adomyancic@yahoo.com.

ELEMENTARY SOCCER

The Elementary Soccer program will have two more meetings on Tuesdays -- Oct 25 and Nov 1.



Delicious

Crepe Sale

Yummy

Wednesdays at lunch

10/19-11/16

Amazing   Tasty

\$1 per crepe

Organized by the Saint Joe's French Club



Fr. Peter high-fived all of the students as they exited from Mass on Wednesday!

GIRL SCOUTS

Come join us for Girl Scouts! 3rd – 8th graders and caretakers are welcome to join us to find out more! Our first meeting will be **October 25th from 4:15-5:15pm** in the gym. Pick up from childcare must be arranged in advance. Please reach out with any questions: Theresa Adams



girl scouts

(603) 762-9329 or email
tadams.contact@gmail.com.



The door to Miss Johnson's 2nd grade honoring Hispanic Heritage Month!

— OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY —

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 30



AFTER THE
9:30, 11:15
MASSES



ST. BERNARD'S PARISH HALL

includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits/gravy, coffee, juice

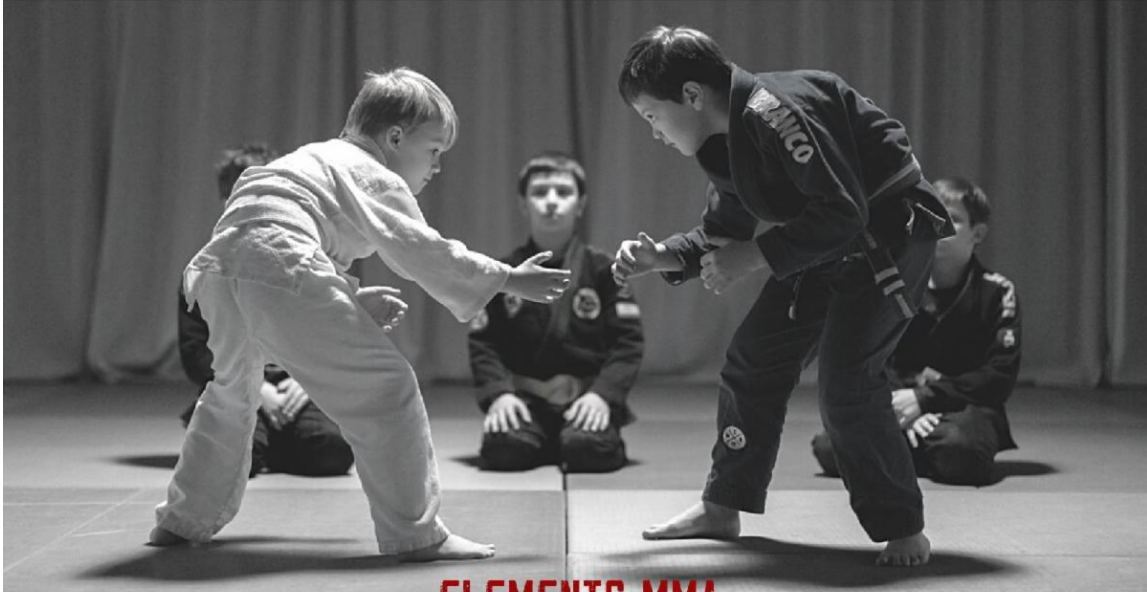


ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
JUNIOR/SENIOR SPRING TRIP
TO ROME, ITALY WITH FR. ALAN!





KIDS MMA VACATION CAMP



ELEMENTS MMA

310 MARLBORO ST, KEENE NH

WWW.ELEMENTS-MMA.COM/CAMP

Dates:

December 26-30

February 20-24

April 24-28

1-4pm

Ages: 5-12

Five days of fun, learning the basics of mixed martial arts!

This camp is designed to instill confidence, discipline, respect, and self awareness

This is not a school sponsored event.

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AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. For details go to:

https://smile.amazon.com/charity/smile/about?ref_=smi_se_dshb_aas_saas



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