



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

January 13, 2022



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

Dear SJRS Families,

Be sure to check out the full schedule for **Catholic Schools Week** on the last page of the newsletter today. It is going to be a busy week. We are excited for all of the great planned activities!

COVID is still very much top of mind right now, of course, so I just wanted to share a few thoughts. Anytime that I hear from families about making decisions, I always reference NH DHHS and CDC current guidance as I speak with everyone. I try to apply those guidelines to our individual situations.

As we have been doing this for a long time now, one thing that I have learned over time...everyone's situation with COVID is unique. So it's very difficult to have one blanket response policy that covers everyone. I really assess situations individually, and how they will impact our school community. I strongly encourage everyone to please contact me or Ali or Kate whenever you have a situation, and we will work through it together. And this goes for Mercy Academy as well for those of you who have students there. I respond as quickly as possible to my emails and phone calls.

And an important reminder – please keep your children at home if they show any symptoms of illness at all. Thank you to everyone for your continued support!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted

Christopher Smith  
Principal



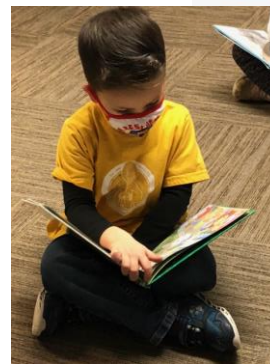
**Catholic Schools  
Week 2022  
January 30-February 5**

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw) #CSW22

### **Galatians 3:28**

*There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

*Preschool library time with Mrs. Mann!*



*Preschool friends waiting in the Main Office.*



### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thursday 1/13 – First day of basketball practices

Friday 1/14 – Alpine Club at Crotched Mountain

**Monday 1/17/22 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 1/19 – SJRS/OLMA School Mass – 9:30am

Friday 1/21 – Middle School Spelling Bee

Tuesday 1/25 – End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

Mon 1/31 - Fri 2/4 – Catholic Schools Week

**Friday 2/4 – HALF DAY 11:45am dismissal  
(No Childcare after school.)**

Mon-Fri 2/14-2/18 – NHDI Residency (PK-Grade 4)

Mon-Fri 2/21-2/25 – Winter Break – **NO SCHOOL**



**ALPINE CLUB**

**Early release by 2:25pm so a 2:30-2:35pm DEPARTURE** from St. Joe’s will ensure we get to Crotched Mountain in time for those needing to get their lift tickets, rental equipment and get dressed for mountain fun! It takes 35-40 minutes to get to the mountain. The St. Joe’s office **will release the Alpine Club to the “Mercy Door” (playground door) at 2:25pm** and children will meet their parents in the parking lot outside the playground. Please park as close to the playground as possible so you do not get caught in rides line. Some of the children will be riding with other parents or in the SJRS van to the mountain, but **REMEMBER YOU MUST PICK YOUR CHILD UP at the mountain** unless you have made a prior arrangement with another parent or me to ride back in the van. If you have any questions about Alpine Club, please contact Wendy Petschik [wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org).



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Super Bowl Squares are back this year! It’s a fun and popular game of chance that makes watching the Super Bowl a little more interesting. This is a traditional squares fundraiser with a 50/50 split -- half to SJRS and half to the winners. Get your squares before they’re gone! And please share this with your family and friends. All are welcome to participate. **GET YOUR SQUARES!**

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/squares>



**PRIZES**  
1st quarter - \$150  
Halftime - \$325  
3rd quarter - \$150  
Final score - \$625

**\$25 per square**

**PARTICIPATION IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS:**

1. Create your account  
here: [https://www.runyourpool.com/join/pool\\_info.cfm?id=144768&p=wwdvp](https://www.runyourpool.com/join/pool_info.cfm?id=144768&p=wwdvp)  
(OR log into your existing account here if you played last year! <https://www.runyourpool.com/>) Simply pick your square(s) by clicking on the grid. There is no limit to the number of squares that you may choose to purchase.

2. Pay for your square(s). **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, or your square(s) will go back up for sale.** Please note that payments are NOT made through the squares website (runyourpool.com). You may make your payment of **\$25 per square** by:

- Cash/check (payable to SJRS) given to the Main Office
- OR
- Venmo Saint Joseph Regional School (@stjosephregionalschool)
- OR
- Credit card on the SJRS web site: <https://www.stjosephkeene.org/squares>





SAINT JOSEPH'S REGIONAL SCHOOL

# MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL PRACTICE THIS WEEK

**BOYS 5th-8th  
THURSDAY 3:00-4:15**

**GIRLS 5th-8th  
THURSDAY 4:30-5:45**



*All of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders were a huge help yesterday, unpacking and organizing our new navy blue folding chairs to be used throughout our buildings!*



*Fr. Alan spent some time with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade before Christmas break, visiting and reading with them.*



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Student Council will be selling  
Hot Chocolate

**every Thursday in January**

during lunch time!

The cost is **\$1.00** and it includes:  
hot chocolate, whipped topping  
and a candy cane!

Proceeds will benefit  
Catholic School's Week activities!



# Catholic Schools Week 2022

## Schedule of Events (1/31-2/4)

### Monday

- **Class Color Day!**
  - Pre-K- Rainbow
  - K- Rainbow
  - 1<sup>st</sup>- Yellow
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>- Black
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>- Purple
  - 4<sup>th</sup>- Orange
  - 5<sup>th</sup>- Green
  - 6<sup>th</sup>- Blue
  - 7<sup>th</sup>- Pink
  - 8<sup>th</sup>- Red

### PENNY WARS!

Throughout the week, students may add **UNROLLED COINS** to the water buckets located in the Hallway on the top floor. Pennies are Positive Points, Quarters, Dimes and Nickels are Negative points!

**1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**4<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**

### Decorating Contest!

Students in grades 5-8 may compete in a Locker Decorating Contest.

Elementary School will be decorating their classroom doors. The theme this year is:

**WINTER WONDERLAND!**



### Tuesday

- **Crazy Day!**
  - Come to school wearing mismatched clothes, different shoes or with crazy hair!
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vs. Faculty Badminton @1:45 in the Gym!

### Wednesday

- **Fancy Day!**
  - Come to school in your Sunday best!
- Mass @9:30

### Thursday

- **Holiday Day!**
  - Come to school wearing an outfit that represents your FAVORITE Holiday! Love Christmas?? Come wearing an ugly Christmas sweater. Is Halloween your favorite? Come to school in a *classic* Halloween costume (witch, vampire, pumpkin, skeleton, mummy, etc.).

### Friday

- **Pajama and Stuffed Animal Day!**
  - Wear your favorite pajamas to school and bring *one* stuffed animal (that can fit into your backpack) with you!
- Talent Show @9:30 in the Gym.
  - If you are interested in performing in the Talent Show this year, please see Mrs. Smith in the Pre-School room.
- Half Day
  - Students will be dismissed at 11:45
    - **There will NOT be any Childcare on this day.** Please be sure your child is picked up at 11:45 in Rides Line.