



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



April 13, 2023

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



Greetings SJRS Families, Faculty and Staff,

Happy Easter to all! I hope that everyone had a blessed and beautiful long weekend with family.

We are entering into an exciting time of year with LOTS going on. There are many field trips and academic projects on the calendar, and graduation planning is underway for BOTH schools. I strongly urge you to be sure to promptly read all communications that you receive from me or any of the faculty members or administrators so you stay informed about everything that is happening.

Our **Spring Craft Fair** is coming up exactly one month from today -- May 13. We are really thrilled to see the growth of the craft fair each year. But this also means that we need lots of help to manage the event. If you can help out, even for just a few hours, it would be appreciated. Please see below for details.

Our **Spring Concert** is also on the horizon -- May 15! The students have been working very hard with Mr. Thies. I'm optimistic that we will finally be able to have the concert this year after being away from this event since 2019. Please see below for all details and ticket information.

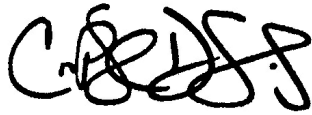
Report cards for the third quarter will be sent out tomorrow or Monday via email. Please keep an eye out for those. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out directly to your child's teacher(s).

Per Mrs. Bezio's email yesterday, students may now wear **shorts** to school.

- * Knee-length walking shorts - navy blue or khaki - are permitted.
- * Knee-length dresses and skirts must be worn with bicycle shorts, tights or leggings underneath.
- * Navy blue athletic shorts may be worn on gym days only.

And finally, do not miss Mercy Academy's **Little Women** this Friday or Saturday (see below). It's going to be an excellent production!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,



Christopher Smith
Principal

MATTHEW 28:5-7

Then the angel said to the women in reply, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.' Behold, I have told you."



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 4/13 – Elem Running Club starts

Friday 4/14 – Middle School Spring Dance (6-8pm – Grades 6-8)

Mon-Fri 4/24-4/28 – Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

Mon-Fri 5/1-5 – Teacher Appreciation Week

Friday 5/5 – Activity Night (6-8pm – Grades 4-8)

Saturday 5/13 – Spring Craft Fair/SJRS

Spring Arts Showcase

Monday 5/15 – Spring Concert – Redfern Arts Center at KSC

Monday 5/29 – Memorial Day **NO SCHOOL**

[CLICK HERE for the complete updated 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

[CLICK HERE for the preliminary 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



PLANNING FOR OUR SPRING CRAFT FAIR

We need your help for our Spring Craft Fair on May 13! Our craft fair is growing each year with more than 90 vendors joining us this year! We're looking forward to a great day!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to work at the raffle, bake sale, and food booths on the day of the event and also a few days afterwards to help out with contacting raffle winners. You do

not need to work for the entire day -- just a few hours would be a huge help!

BAKED GOODS are needed for our bake sale booth. Baked goods can be brought to school the day before (Friday, May 12) or on the morning of the craft fair (Saturday, May 13).

If you can help with any of the above, please email Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org). If you can volunteer, please indicate the time of day when you are available. THANK YOU!



2023 SJRS SPRING CONCERT

Monday, May 15
Redfern Arts Center at Keene State College
Doors open at 6:00pm
Concert begins at 6:30pm

Tickets are \$5.00 each. Students do not need a ticket, since they will be performing.
All seats are general admission.
The deadline to purchase is Friday, May 5.

CLICK HERE to purchase tickets!

If you have trouble purchasing online or have questions, please contact Kate in the Main Office (kate@stjosephkeene.org).

Seating capacity is limited, so we will have two ticket sales time periods. Between now and Friday, May 5, each SJRS family will have the opportunity to purchase a maximum of 4 tickets only. Please only purchase tickets if you know for certain that you will use them.

Then if any tickets remain available, between May 8-12, any SJRS family may purchase any number of additional tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis until all tickets are sold.

ALL STUDENTS will be performing. Students must arrive at 6:00pm. Students should be dressed up ("Sunday best") for the performance



LEMONADE SALE!

The Mercy Academy Student Council will be selling **lemonade** at SJRS during the lunch periods next Wednesday April 19. \$1.00 per cup

ACTIVITY NIGHT -- MAY 5 -- GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED!

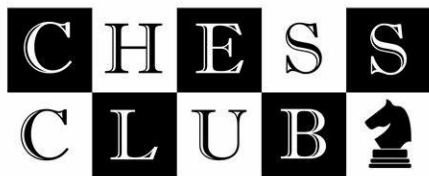
We are planning a fun **Activity Night** on Friday evening, May 5, 6-8:00pm, for students in Grades 4-8, including lots of different sports and games with prizes. We would love to have

some various gift cards (\$5-\$10 amounts) to use for the prizes. If you would be willing to donate, please drop off the gift cards to Kate in the Main Office. THANK YOU!



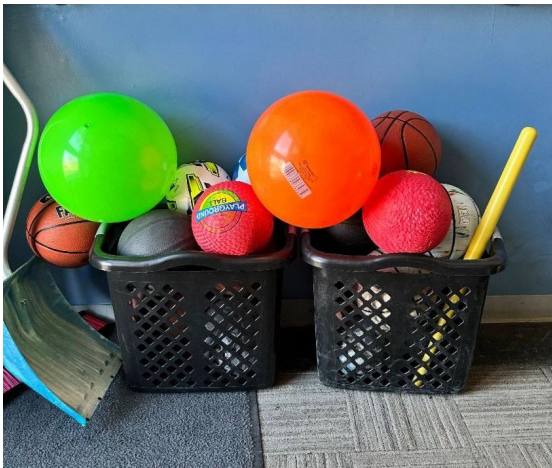
LOST AND FOUND

Spring has sprung, and the lost and found is overflowing with tons of lost sweaters and winter gear! Please stop by downstairs in the Middle School cafeteria to check the pile if your child is missing an item.



CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club for students in grades 3-8 has begun, but students may still join! Students meet immediately after school in the Elementary cafeteria 3:00-4:00pm. Students who are new to chess are welcome to attend! No previous experience is necessary, just a genuine interest in learning the game. Volunteer high school students from Mercy Academy will be assisting the students. Please email Kate (kate@stjosephkeene.org) if your child will be participating.



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated money on our Dress Down Day on March 31 and to those who donated outdoor equipment! We are now very well equipped for outdoor fun this Spring!



READING WITH RIBBY

A reminder that all Reading with Ribby book marks are due back to school by **TOMORROW**, Friday, April 14.



ART MURAL CLUB NEWS FROM MISS FLETCHER

Middle school Art Mural Club 2023 has wrapped up for the year! Students will put the finishing touches on the mural during class time in the hopes that it will be fully completed for our SJRS Spring Arts Showcase on May 13th! Thanks to all club participants for your beautiful work! The school will benefit for years to come!

LIBRARY NEWS FROM MRS. MANN

Over the last three years, SJRS has been gifted several large donations of books. In 2021, the **Chaput Family** gave the school almost 300 books. In the spring of 2022, the **Hodgman Family** gave us nearly 800 books and in September of 2022, the **Guardiano Family** donated about 400 books. The majority of all of these wonderful books have been making their way to our library shelves. It takes some time to sort, process and prepare them to take their places for our students' reading and learning, and so it may not be immediately evident that we have collected so many new titles, but we are making progress. **To date, there have been more than 600 books added to our library collection this year alone. We want to take a moment to say THANK YOU** to these and all our other families who continue to help us grow and change. Introducing our students to interesting, thought-provoking and current reading materials is the primary goal of our school library, and every donation, large or small, helps us to do that.

ELEMENTARY RUNNING CLUB



THURSDAY'S 3:00-4:00PM

STARTING 4/13

GRADES 2-4

Please be sure to bring your water bottle, sneakers, and comfy clothes. Use the Google Link below to SIGN UP or see our Athletics Page on the website!

Contact Ali Wilson with any questions
(awilson@stjosephkeene.org)

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At the end of March, 4th grader **Xavier Fox**, was proud to win his first tennis trophy during a boys singles tournament in Nashua, NH. Practicing with his school mates this year during our after-school tennis program certainly improved his skills.

2023-24 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

For all Catholic families, Fr. Alan has created a scholarship fund for **parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit**. Click below for details and the application. For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Parish Office directly at 603-352-3525 or via email at holyspirit.peace@gmail.com. **The deadline to get the application to Fr. Alan is MAY 1. [CLICK HERE for the Parish Application and Information](#)**

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The application is open for 2023-2024 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships.

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.*

[CLICK HERE for details and to APPLY!](#)

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

The application is open for 2023-2024 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. You can direct all/part of your child's state education funding to pay for tuition at SJRS/OLMA .

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.*

[CLICK HERE for details and to APPLY!](#)

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

300% of 2022 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual Income Limit
2	\$54,930
3	\$69,090
4	\$83,250
5	\$97,410
6	\$111,570
7	\$125,730
8	\$139,890
<i>For each additional person add \$14,160</i>	



Our Girl Scout Troop 59010 recently enjoyed getting to meet the Berington Sisters, Anna and Kristy, who are mushers from Alaska! Anna and Kristy Berington just completed the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in Alaska and have completed the Yukon crossing multiple times with their dog team! The girls were able to meet their sled dogs and learn what it's like to travel 1,000 miles on a dog sled. It was truly an experience our SJRS Girl Scouts will never forget!



OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS

LITTLE WOMEN

A Full Length Play By Matt Buchanan

Produced by special arrangement with Heuer Publishing LLC
in association with Brooklyn Publishers, LLC
Based on the novel by Louisa May Alcott

APRIL 14 - 7PM
APRIL 15 - 1PM & 7PM

HEBERTON HALL
KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY



Tickets
\$10 Adult \$5 Child/Student
Purchase at the door or online:
<http://www.mercyacademykeene.org/little-women>

Artwork by Andreea Rusu, Grade 9

Kool Wheels

Family Fun & Safety Day

PRESENTED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF KEENE

Saturday, May 6, 2023 • 10 am - Noon

Keene Parks & Recreation Center, Washington St., Keene

Visits from
RIBBY of the
Keene Swampbats,
FERGUS of the Cheshire
Children's Museum and
DEPUTY DOG of the
Sheriff's Dept.

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Bicycle Safety
Course

BRING YOUR TEDDY BEAR or DOLL
for a casting by
Orthopaedic
Staff

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for children of all ages

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by Comparison Insurance Agency
- **Car Seat Safety Checks**
by Cheshire Medical Center
- **Visits by the Keene Police, Fire, EMS and Sheriff's Departments**

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Kiwanis CLUB OF KEENE

Keene Kiwanis Foundation
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This is not a school-sponsored event.

For over seventy years, children from all over the country and world have attended **Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys**. Located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the Diocese of Manchester's camps continue to provide opportunities for children between the ages of five and fifteen years old to develop personally and grow spiritually. Families searching for meaningful summer activities choose Bernadette and Fatima for their traditional summer camp experiences within a Catholic environment. Campers spend two weeks living in cabins while enjoying the lake, competing in sporting events, conquering the ropes courses, and participating in faith formation activities and the sacraments. This unique programming enables campers to have fun and grow in faith, confidence, and friendship. NH Catholic school students are eligible for a 15% discount off tuition. If you would like to learn more, please contact Andrew Thibault – Andrew@bfcamp.com 603-931-5500 x114.



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Together, we're greater than groceries.

It's that time again! We're gearing up for this year's **HannaFond Helps Schools** program. The 2023

program will run from **March 12 through May 27**. Look for the Hannaford Helps Schools shelf tags in the store, fill your cart with participating products and head to the register to earn School Dollars! When shopping online, look for the apple icon on over 1,500 products. For all of the details on how you can participate:

<https://hannafordhelpsschools.com/>



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