



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

October 28, 2021



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

Dear SJRS Families,

As we approach the end of the quarter, I strongly encourage everyone to log into RenWeb to check your student's grades, if you have not already done so. There should be no surprises on report cards. The elementary school teachers will be in direct contact with parents about scheduling conferences with them. Since we have so many students in the middle school for conferences this year, we have adjusted our schedule. **We will NOT have school on November 10 to give us the entire day for conferences.** Also, we will be sending out an email with a Google Form link to all middle school parents to indicate their availability for conferences, and then we will be scheduling those. We appreciate everyone's patience with scheduling as we are happy to be getting back to in-person, face-to-face conferences this year.

For the past eight years or so, I've encouraged our graduating SJRS 8th grade class to develop their own clubs, ideas, and events that will be special for them and their classmates. Several of the past few 8th grade classes have told me that we should have a mascot and have made suggestions. Each time the students bring it up to me, I tell them they need to do more than just suggest it; they would need to get students and teachers interested as well. Perhaps not surprisingly, a few very motivated 8th grade girls got a petition together and got a majority of our students and teachers to sign on to it. They have decided to officially go with the Crows...**the St. Joe's Crows**. In the past, when our basketball team or soccer team had to come up with a mascot for a tournament, they always chose Crows and it slowly gained some momentum with the middle school students. Many of the other schools in our area all have bird names for mascots as well. Blackbirds, Owls, Ravens, Cardinals, etc... I'm not surprised that our students have picked the smartest bird for our mascot. I've also been known to collect crow merchandise over the years, so that might have something to do with it too....

Go Crows!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- Friday 10/29 – Dress Down Day for **UNICEF**
Halloween parade and parties
- Friday 10/29 – Middle School Halloween Dance – 6-8pm
- Tuesday 11/2 – End of the 1st Quarter
- Wednesday 11/10 – Conferences **NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday 11/11 – Veterans Day **NO SCHOOL**
- Tuesday 11/16 – Seminar-Paying for College – 6:30pm
- Friday 11/19 – Picture re-take Day
- Wed 11/24 - Fri 11/26 – Thanksgiving **NO SCHOOL**

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.



PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO MASS TOMORROW** 10/29 since we have Halloween festivities.

******CHANGE TO THE CALENDAR******

Due to the many conferences that need to be scheduled, there will be **NO SCHOOL at SJRS on November 10-11** (previously 11/10 was to be a half day). **NO** CHILDCARE available November 10. Please note that if you have children at Mercy Academy, they will still have a half day on November 10.

IMPORTANT HALLOWEEN NOTES

- * Tomorrow, Friday, 10/29, 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, students in grades PK-5 will change into their costumes.
- * At 1:00pm the parade will start followed by classroom parties.
- * Parents are welcome to attend, but must wear masks if entering the building. Part of the parade will be outdoors, so parents are welcome to watch outside if they wish.
- * **NO BLOOD** and **NO WEAPONS** with costumes.
- * Costume masks do not replace regular face masks. Face masks must still be worn with costumes.
- * If anyone has a question about their costume, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Smith.

BUILDERS CLUB NEWS

TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Founded in 1946, UNICEF has always put children first, helping to save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization. UNICEF cares about making the world better for kids.



Builders Club will be collecting for UNICEF on Friday, October 29, for the dress down day and during our Halloween parties. We are asking for a \$1 donation. A UNICEF Box has been placed in each homeroom. Thank you for your continued support.



Friday, October 29 -- 6:00-8:00pm

\$5.00 for students dressed up in costume

\$7.00 for students *not* dressed up in costume

For grades 6-8

Costume Contest for most creative costume!

Sponsored by the SJRS Student Council



Preschool Halloween Library time with Mrs. Mann!

SJRS MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVANCED BAND

Sectionals Schedule from Mr. Thies

Wednesday November 3

8:30 - 9:00	Percussion
9:00 - 9:30	Flutes
9:30 - 10:00	Clarinets
10:00 - 10:30	Saxes
10:30 - 11:00	Trumpets
11:00 - 11:30	Low Brass/Bass



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



MATHCOUNTS COMING SOON!

The first meeting of our MATHCOUNTS program will be **Monday, November 15**, immediately after school. The program will be run by Mr. Cardine, our Math teacher at Mercy Academy. All middle school students are invited to participate. More details to come!

PAYING FOR COLLEGE: OPTIONS AND STRATEGIES TO COVER WHAT WON'T BE COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIPS

On Tuesday, November 16, at 6:30pm former SJRS parent Joe Durell will join us for a special seminar to discuss paying for college. Joe is a Certified Financial Planner with RBC Wealth Management. He has a full presentation planned of important topics to consider, and also will have some great handouts to share. ALL FAMILIES are invited to attend, regardless of the age of your children. It's never too early or too late to begin thinking about and planning for college financing. Please RSVP in advance of the seminar by emailing Ali Wilson in the Main Office awilson@stjosephkeene.org.

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50/50 RAFFLE INFORMATION

THANK YOU to all those who have sent their raffle ticket stubs and money back in to school already! As you sell your tickets, you may send your ticket stubs and money back in anytime. Envelopes can be given to homeroom teachers or directly to the Main Office. For questions or to get more tickets, contact Jen Marshall

jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org.

TENNIS PROGRAM

I am excited to announce that I will be conducting an elementary and middle-school age tennis program at the Keene Racquet Club (KRC). This will start Friday, November 5 to January 14 (not including December 24). Elementary school age (8 to 10 years old) will be held on Fridays from 3-4:30pm. Students will meet at the gym and then ride together in the school van.



Middle school age (11 to 13 years old) will be held on Saturdays from 3-4:30 pm. A free-play day will also be available for same-skill-level play on Sundays, also at 3-4:30pm. Parents will need to drop and pick up their child at the tennis club on these days. KRC is located on Martell Court, Keene, past Agway and before the American Gymnastics building.

I have tennis racquets and balls available so no other added expense is needed for sports equipment. However, non-club member participants are required to at least have a Junior Membership. The cost is \$100 for the year ending on August 31, 2022. Family or full club memberships are also available. See [Membership Information | Keene Racquet Club](#) for more details. The link to the Junior membership application is:

<https://keeneracquetclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2015krcjrmemberapp.pdf>

Please contact Tricia Patnode at racquetclubkeene@msn.com for information on becoming a Junior Member.

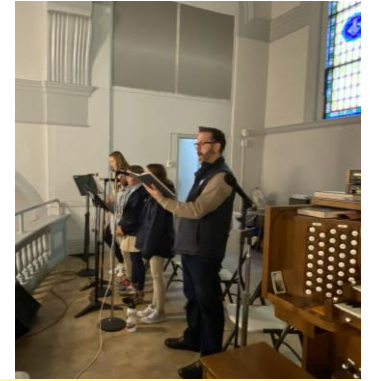
Thank you!

Anna Domyancic-Fox

You may contact me via email at adomyancic@yahoo.com or text me at 603-283-8660.



The Murray Family's new kitten, Myla, visiting with the 2nd grade.



Our first Mass of the year with ALL students from both SJRS and OLMA! Fr. Alan invited the Preschool up to the altar at the end of Mass. Mr. Thies and middle school students led the songs.



Our Movie Night last week was a blast for everyone! Thank you to the SJRS and OLMA Student Councils for organizing this event!

