



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 31, 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,

As we head into the second quarter of the school year, we are working to get all of the grades and comments entered into report cards and finalized to be sent out next week. The students have been working hard and we will be looking at both their report cards and standardized testing results as we prepare for meaningful parent- teacher conferences in mid-November.

You will notice in the newsletter that there is a pre-conference survey which has 2 simple questions in it. This is being done to encounter parents and find out about their hopes for their students this year. We will share these with the teachers as they plan to meet with you.

We will be doing some simple safety drills next week to reinforce our protocols in the event of emergencies. We will be practicing one drill each day and will also have our annual fire inspection. I wanted you all to be aware that this will be happening.

Finally, we are introducing a new event for our 4th and 5th graders in November- roller skating night! As our 5th graders are in middle school but can't attend dances, this is an opportunity for them to join with our 4th graders for a fun "night out!" See details below.

Have a safe and blessed weekend and we will see you on Monday!

In Christ,

Dr. Annie Pearson
Interim Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Respect

Saint Gianna Mola

Respect life month

The virtue of respect means acknowledging the inherent dignity of every person, created in God's image, and treating them with honor, justice, and courtesy. This respect is a foundational principle stemming from God's plan for each person, requiring a

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 11/3 -- All-school Mass -- 9:15am

Tuesday 11/4 -- Middle School Basketball starts (see below)

Friday 11/7 -- 50/50 Raffle money/stubs due back to school (see below)

Friday 11/7 -- Faculty Professional Development --Half Day -- 11:45 am dismissal, No Extended Day

Sunday 11/9 -- SJRS Admissions Open House (see below)

Tuesday 11/11 -- Veterans Day -- NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 11/12 -- OLMA Admissions Open House (see below)

Friday 11/14 -- Picture Retake day (see below)

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

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

recognition of their inherent worth regardless of their actions or circumstances.

"Be bound to one another by the bonds of charity, treating each other with respect, helping one another, bearing with each other in Christ Jesus." --St. Angela Merici



Mon 11/17-11/21 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences
Wed-Fri 11/26-28 -- Thanksgiving Break -- NO SCHOOL

CLICK HERE for the November 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

50/50 RAFFLE UPDATE

Once your raffle tickets are sold, you may send the stubs/money back into school at any time. They can be given to your student's homeroom teacher or directly to the Main Office. THANK YOU to all those who have sent them in already!



All stubs/money due back by next Friday, November 7!

If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).

ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSES

In November 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!



SJRS

Sunday, November 9, 10:30am-1pm (after the 9:30 and 11:15 Masses)
Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:30pm

OLMA

Wednesday, November 12, 6:30-7:30pm

CLICK HERE to register for an Open House.





This morning we came together for Rosary and Adoration to reflect on the lives of the Saints as we celebrated **All Saints' Day**. Middle School students chose a saint to dress up as. They shared facts they learned and showed off their costumes in the costume competition.

1st place: Gabe Beckwith~5th Grade as St. Louis IX

2nd place: Nola Raynor~8th Grade as St. Joan of Arc

3rd place: Rosie Jobbins and Lizzie Johnson~6th Grade as St. Perpetua and St. Felicity



Additional students who dressed as Saints today:

8th grade: Mackenzie Clark, Aoife Bailey, Nate Wyatt, Stephan Knowles, Zac Lucena.

6th grade: Lydia Pearson, Shayla Swett, James Newcombe.

5th grade: Theresa Filipi, Ethan Moreau, Ryan Paolino, Felix Pelletier, Coral Gardner.

ROLLERSKATING!

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.



One additional parent volunteer is needed to assist. If you're interested, please contact Mrs. Hart (chart@stjosphekeene.org).

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

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are coming up during the week of November 10-14.

Middle School parents -- Please [CLICK HERE](#) for conferences information and to sign up for your conferences.

Elementary School parents -- Teachers in Grades K-4 will be emailing parents to set up conferences. Please keep an eye out for those communications. **Please [CLICK HERE](#) to respond to two brief questions to help teachers prepare for conferences.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND AMBASSADORSHIP

Our **Family Engagement Committee** is all about bringing people together and celebrating the gift of community. We believe that when families feel connected—to one another, to our school, and to the wider SJRS/OLMA community—our children thrive. The committee creates welcoming opportunities for parents, guardians, teachers, and students to get to know each other, share in meaningful experiences, and support one another along the way. **Ways to get involved: Community Event Planning and School Ambassadorship.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more details about the new Family Engagement Committee and upcoming Community Events for this year.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Allison Wyatt

SAVE-THE-DATE: CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The date of our Christmas Concert and Pageant is **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, at 6:30PM at The Colonial Theatre** on Main Street in downtown Keene. Doors will open at 5:45pm and students should arrive at 5:50pm.



ALL STUDENTS in ALL GRADES will be part of the show.

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.

Please save the date on your calendars! Extended family and friends are most welcome to attend this beautiful celebration of our school community. More details to come soon about tickets and student attire for the concert.



The Monadnock Middle School girls soccer team won first place last week at the Westmoreland tournament. Three SJRS 8th grade students are members of the team: Paisley Brown, Mackenzie Clark, and Lilith Stephens. Congratulations all!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Saint Joe's Crows Middle School Basketball is Back!

Open to all SJRS students in Grades 5-8

Through regular practices and games with area schools, players will build teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship while learning to handle both victory and defeat with grace. The goal is to strengthen confidence and cooperation in a supportive, faith-centered environment. **The program begins with the first practice on next Tuesday, November 4th, and will run through the week just before February vacation.**



Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m. (directly after dismissal), in the SJRS gymnasium. Games will be announced in the coming weeks as the schedule develops.

Players should bring athletic shoes, water bottles, and enthusiasm!

There is a potential sponsorship opportunity for any interested SJRS parents with an area business, as we would ideally like to have warm-up jerseys for the players this season.

To sign up or indicate interest, please email/text:
Head Coach Justin Wright: justwright34@gmail.com 603-903-5747
Coach Matt Kimber: mkimber81@hotmail.com 603-903-2163

Our Lady of Mercy Academy

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday November 9th After the 9:30am Mass

St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Pancakes | Sausage | Fruit | Coffee | Juice

Cost: By Donation

All proceeds benefit the Our Lady of Mercy Academy Student Council



RETAKES DAY IS HERE!

El día de la foto llegará pronto!

Saint Joseph Regional School

Your Retake Day is:
Tu día de repetición es:

11-14-25

Remember to bring in your original picture proof and photos for replacement.

Acuérdense de traer su prueba de imagen original y las fotos para la sustitución.

Students absent on original day:
If you are having your picture taken for the first time because you were absent on Picture Day, have your photo taken on Retake Day and you will receive your photo proof after the event! This proof sheet will also have information on how to order!

Students unsatisfied with their original picture:
If you received your picture package and are unsatisfied, just return your package & proof sheet to the photographers on Retake Day and have your photo retaken. We will replace your package at no cost!

Estudiantes ausentes el día original: El día de retorno de fotos es la oportunidad para aquellos estudiantes que estuvieron ausentes el día de fotos original. Recibirán su prueba de foto después del evento. Su prueba también tendrá información sobre cómo completar su pedido.

Estudiantes insatisfechos con su foto original: Si recibe su paquete de fotos y no está satisfecho, solo tiene que devolver su paquete y su foto de prueba a los fotógrafos el día de retorno y le formamos su foto de nuevo. Respondemos su paquete sin costo alguno.



HALLOWEEN FUN!







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