



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

February 3, 2022



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

Dear SJRS Families,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We have had a really great week with tons of fun activities to celebrate our school community. I particularly enjoyed our newest tradition -- hide-and-seek with the 8th grade today!

We have received news from the Diocese that over the next few weeks, all of the Diocesan school principals as a group will be discussing with the Superintendent the possibility of moving to **targeted masking or mask optional** situations in the schools. As Covid case numbers are declining, we may find Cheshire County in a better position right after our winter break. I am cautiously optimistic that we will be able to make a few changes to our policies soon. Much more to come on this.

Report cards for grades 3-8 for the 2nd quarter went out via email today. If you have not received your child's report card, please let me know. If you have questions about grades or comments, please reach out directly to your child's teacher(s).

And it's **re-enrollment** time! My re-enrollment email will be going out within the next week, so please be looking for that and pay very close attention to the details. The email will contain specifics about re-registering for the 2022-2023 school year.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



A SPECIAL NOTE FOR K-2 FAMILIES

As announced this past summer, K-2 elementary report cards will be distributed one report per semester during Q1 and Q4 instead of all four quarters. The grading criteria used to reflect your child's progress will remain the same.

This age group requires more time for assessment, therefore this distribution change will allow more time to observe and document progression of skills. Starting in the 2022-2023 academic year, K-2 will still have a back to school night in September, which will allow parents and guardians to visit the classroom, meet the teacher, and preview the curriculum.

In the future, Parent/Teacher conferences for grades K-2 will be held at the midpoint of the year in February. As always, teachers are available to meet with families at any time if they request a check in. Please bear in mind that teachers will always reach out to families when and if a student's progress is of concern.

We believe this change will best meet the needs of both teachers and students in K-2. Please feel free to reach out to your student's classroom teacher with any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

- Friday 2/4 – Alpine Club at Crotched Mountain
- Wednesday 2/9 – School Mass – 9:30am
- Friday 2/11 – Middle School Valentine's Dance 6-8pm
- Mon-Fri 2/14-2/18 – NHDI Residency (PK-Grade 4)
- Mon-Fri 2/21-2/25 – Winter Break – **NO SCHOOL**

Psalm 147:16-18

He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.



Several 7th and 8th graders have been recognized for their poetry writing by receiving Scholastic Art & Writing Awards through the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. CONGRATULATIONS to (left to right above) **Henry Ormont** (Honorable Mention), **Atticus Eden** (Honorable Mention), **Elio Saba** (Honorable Mention), **Mackenzie O'Connor** (Gold Key, Silver Key), **Layla Mason** (Honorable Mention), **Sophie Saari** (Silver Key), **Alyvia Singleton** (Silver Key), **Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni** (Silver Key, Honorable Mention), **Ethan Young** (Silver Key, Honorable Mention), **Lexi Tuthill** (Gold Key, Honorable Mention), and **Taylor Edstrom** (Honorable Mention--not pictured). Students' entries are blindly adjudicated by some of the foremost leaders in the literary arts. Jurors look for works that exemplify the Awards' core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision.



Mr. Thies has the magic touch with Baylor!

PIANO LESSONS

Mark Polifrone has availability for piano lessons after school here in our building if you are interested in your child taking lessons. Mark has been giving lessons with us for about five years and has taught several students. If you would like more information, you may contact Mark directly at pmover60@yahoo.com



FEBRUARY BREAK

February 21-25, 2022

K-4th Grade
9:00-12:00PM

5-8th Grade
1:00-4:00PM

\$100 per camper for the week.

To register for the basketball camp please [CLICK HERE!](#)



The Kindergarten enjoying PE with Mrs. Hart today!

REMEMBER TO SHOP AMAZONSMILE!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE 2nd QUARTER!



HIGH HONORS

8th Grade

Edwin John
Grace Lyons
Sullivan Murray
Ethan Petschik
Andreea Rusu
Alyvia Singleton

7th Grade

Madyson Brown
Thomas Cardine
Caroline Miller
Shannon Nelligan
Lexi Tuthill
Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni
Lilly Vitters
Keeghan White

6th Grade

Eden LaPlume
Monica Lundin
Dan Rusu

5th Grade

Sharon Adams
Francesca Crisman
Dexter Eden
Everett Fenn
Reid Pearson
Anna Rafail
Luca Rafail
David Roberts
Mackenzie Ryan
Keagan Sweeney
Caleb Tarnowski
Sophie Tarnowski
Aislinn White
Zane Wilson

HONORS

8th Grade

Harmoney Brown
Liam Crisman
Layla Mason
Henry Ormont
Kyle Paolino
Torin Regney
Sophie Saari
Ethan Young

7th Grade

Jillian Boulay
Spencer Johnson
Wesley McWhirk
Colleen Nelligan
Ben Stoning

6th Grade

Abigail Brown
Jacquelin Heikkinen
Makayla Paolino
Raffi Podniesinski
Lillian Sanderson
Holden Soddors
Maci Swenson
Gregory Swingle
Jonah Vander Hooven
Dylan Young

HONORS

5th Grade

Brynn Bezio
Addison Chaput
Alice Fenn
Ben Konopka
Eva Morrison
Sam Rebillard
Joel Robertson
Vivian Saba
Zsofia Shomody
Dane Singleton
Gabriel Swingle
Hadyn Thompson
Michael Toscano
Soleana Vicente-DiGiovanni



More snow fun this week on the playground!



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*Our Good Samaritan Award honorees for the 2nd quarter from the Elementary School are **Hailey Kwon** (Grade 2) and **Jackson Royce** (Grade 3), and from the Middle School **Brynn Bezio** (Grade 5) and **Ethan Young** (Grade 8). Our Good Samaritan Award recognizes creativity, honesty, helpfulness, perseverance, kindness, respect, courtesy, altruism, and empathy. **CONGRATULATIONS to all!***



****** A NOTE ABOUT PENNY WARS******
If we do not have school tomorrow (Friday 2/4) because of snow, the Penny Wars will be extended until next Monday 2/7!



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January 30–February 5
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Turner Lang was the last 8th grader to be found by Mr. Smith and Mrs. Bezio during the game of hide-and-seek throughout the school today!





*Swanzy Cal Ripken League Baseball
PO Box 10235
Swanzy, NH 03446*



January 2022

To Parents of children 12 years old and under as well as the families of Swanzy Cal Ripken Baseball,

The 2022 Swanzy Cal Ripken **T-Ball and Baseball** seasons are just around the corner.

We would love your youngster to join the fun and participate in this year's league.

Please go to swanzycalripen.com to learn more about the programs and register.

The registration process will only take a few minutes and you can pay registration fees right then through our secure website.

We will be keeping registration open through March 20th and will need to order team uniforms and supplies very shortly thereafter.

Key dates in the coming weeks:

Saturday, February 5 & 12, and March 5 & 12

Registration & Raffle Ticket Pick-Up 6pm – 8pm Fieldhouse at Homestead Mills

Saturday, February 5 & 12, and March 5 & 12

6pm – 7pm

Ages 8 & under

Skills and Drills @ Fieldhouse at Homestead Mills

7pm – 8pm

Ages 9-12

Skills and Drills @ Fieldhouse at Homestead Mills

Sunday March 20th

Player evaluations

Fieldhouse at Homestead Mills

Player evaluations will be the last chance to register in person

Player evaluations (tryouts) will be held on March 20th at the Training Facility for players in the MINOR and MAJOR divisions.

- 7- & 8-Year-Old 3 PM
Only for players whose parents wish for them to be evaluated for to the Minors Division (Player Pitch)
All other 7 & 8 Year olds will be placed on a Rookies Team (Coach & Player Pitch)
- 9-Year-Old 4 PM All New and Returning Players
- 10-Year-Old 5 PM All New and Returning Players
- 11-Year-Old 6 PM All New and Returning Players
- 12-Year-Old 7 PM All New and Returning Players

Thanks in advance for registering your youngster(s) and participating in this great spring team sport.

Swanzy Cal Ripken encourage all young ladies ages 9- 12 that wish to play softball to sign up with Greater Keene Youth Baseball Softball Association (GKYBSA.com). If you have specific questions regarding Youth Softball please reach out to Chris Simonds @ semones180@yahoo.com.

Swanzy Cal Ripken encompasses: Swanzy, Fitzwilliam, Troy, Richmond, Harrisville, Roxbury, and Winchester.

We encourage all children (boys and girls) ages 4+ to try baseball or softball and participate in a terrific team sport.

Swanzy Cal Ripken Board of Directors

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