



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 7, 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,

This week, we focused on vocations and the question that we are all encouraged to ask in prayer- "God, what do you want my life to look like? What is your mission for me?" We talked about the priesthood, deacons, religious sisters, and men and women in the single life and vocation of marriage.

As we enter the second quarter, we have also been talking at our faculty and staff meetings about our own processes internally and specifically the role of the student, teacher and parent at each developmental stage as we help our students grow in autonomy and independence. This will be an ongoing conversation and I will speak more specifically to it at next week's Home and School Meeting.

Finally, I am so grateful to the Keene Police Department and Ryan and Martha Lavigne who have donated funds towards the purchase of new (and sturdy!) soccer goals for our soccer field. We can't wait to receive them soon and are so grateful for your generosity towards our schools!

I hope you all have a blessed and restful weekend.

In Christ,

Dr. Annie Pearson  
Interim Principal

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

**Gratitude  
Thankfulness**

**St. Francis of Assisi**

The virtue of gratitude for Saint Francis of Assisi is a profound and active disposition that recognizes all good as a gift from God, leading to a deep appreciation for creation, humility, and selfless action. For Francis, gratitude was not just a feeling but a way of life that was expressed through

## IMPORTANT DATES

**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)**

**Sunday 11/9 -- OLMA Pancake Breakfast (see below)**

**Mon 11/10-11/21 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences**

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

**Wednesday 11/12 -- All-school Mass -- 9:15am**

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

**Thursday 11/13 -- Home & School Association meeting (see below)**

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

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

**Tuesday 11/18 -- Basketball Shoot-A-Thon (see below)**

praising God, living simply, serving the poor, and finding joy in all of creation, which he considered a family.

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." – Ephesians 4:32*

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

**All stubs/money due back by TODAY (Fri, Nov 7)!**



Raffle tickets stubs/money should be brought back into school AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. 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!

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Marshall ([jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)).

### ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSES

This month, 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.

### HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

This is a reminder that our monthly Home & School Association meeting will be next **Thursday, November 13, 6-7pm** in the Parish Hall at St. Bernard's Church.

ALL PARENTS are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there!



### ROLLER SKATING!

**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.

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



## BASKETBALL UPDATE

Our Middle School basketball program is underway!

The team will be hosting a Shoot-A-Thon on Tuesday, November 18, to help raise money for warm-up shirts, equipment, and other team needs during the season. Please keep an eye out for the basketball players and consider supporting their shoot-a-thon!



## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are starting next week.

**Middle School parents -- Please [CLICK HERE](#) for conferences information and to sign up for your conferences.** Mr. Konopka will be sending out emails with your conference day/time early next week.

## HEALTHY INITIATIVES WITH MRS. HART

Any student who completes at least 10 days of the November Fitness Challenge will receive a certificate of completion. Please bring in your completed calendar to Mrs. Hart during PE in the first week of December.

**CLICK HERE for the November Fitness Challenge Calendar and more information!**



## ORIGINAL WORKS

This week, students in grades K-8 should have received their personalized order forms from Original Works, showing their own artwork. There are lots of fun items that you can purchase with your child's artwork!

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the SJRS Gallery

Each student received their own unique access code that was sent home.

DEADLINE to order: Monday November 17

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All orders will be delivered to school in time for the holidays, so they make great Christmas gifts for grandparents and other family members!

If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall ([jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)).

## 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  
([awyatt@edgilitytalent.com](mailto:awyatt@edgilitytalent.com))

## **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.

## **HONOR ROLL -- FIRST QUARTER**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all students who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter!

**HIGH HONORS** -- 95 (A) average with no grade lower than an 89 (B+) in all subjects.



### **Grade 5**

Gabriel Beckwith  
Vera Chow  
Cecilia Crisman  
Evan Kwon  
Ethan Moreau  
Ryan Paolino  
Lilah Wellington  
Jack Wheeler

**HONORS** -- 92 (A-) average with no grade lower than an 86 (B) in all subjects.

### **Grade 5**

Ceci Daley  
Se Daugherty  
Chloe Moylan  
Felix Pelletier

### **Grade 6**

Elisabeth Drugg  
Rosie Jobbins  
Lizzie Johnson  
Hailey Kwon  
Lydia Pearson  
Jackson Stephens  
Acacia Stoutzenberger  
Camilla Wright  
Lucas Wyatt

**Grade 6**  
Nathaniel Burns  
Rocco LaQuerre  
Dee Saunders  
Kenley Stromgren  
Karter Young

### **Grade 7**

Charles Filipi  
Jack Kangas  
Eva Kimber  
Carrie Lundin

**Grade 7**  
Sienna Gardner  
Ezra Lewis  
Madelyn Paolino  
Jackson Royce  
Gavin Sweeney

### **Grade 8**

Tiger Lily Stoutzenberger

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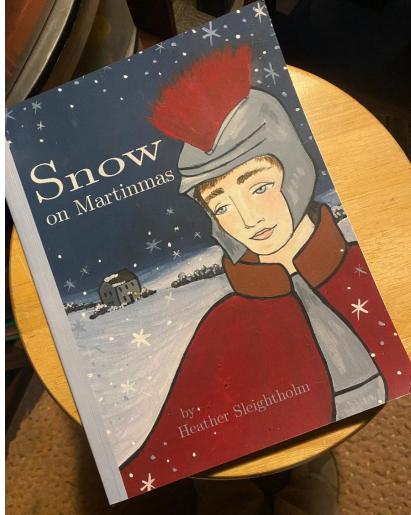
Aoife Bailey  
Zac Lucena  
Nola Raynor  
Ethan Schultz

Paisley Brown  
Stephan Knowles  
Brooklyn Pym  
Baylen Raynor  
Lily Stephens

## LANTERN WALK

Last night as the sun was setting, our 2nd and 3rd grade students gathered at school with their families for a traditional Lantern Walk. It began in the classroom with everyone writing down on a special small piece of paper one intention, prayer or problem that they had on their minds. Then Ms. Johnson read the book *Snow on Martinmas* about St. Martin of Tours, an important leader of the Church in the 4th century. Then everyone moved outdoors to light their handmade lanterns. Ms. Johnson led a solemn procession while everyone sang, slowly walking through the play area over to the Mary Garden. Everyone then placed their piece of paper with their intention into the bowls of water. The papers quickly dissolved. The peaceful evening ended with everyone singing "This Little Light of Mine," and enjoying cookies and apple cider together in the school.





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# 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

## RETAKE DAY IS HERE!

El día de la foto legend 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.

Acuerdate 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 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 the original proof sheet to the photographer on Retake Day and have your photo retaken. We will replenish your package at no cost!

**Estudiantes ausentes el día original:** El día de retoma de fotos es la oportunidad para aquellos estudiantes que estuvieron ausentes el día de fotos original. Recibirá su prueba de foto después del evento! Esta prueba también incluirá información sobre cómo ordenar.

**Estudiantes insatisfechos con su foto original:** Reciba su paquete de fotos y no esté satisfecho, sólo tiene que devolver su paquete y la foto de prueba a los fotógrafos el día de retoma y le remos su foto de nuevo. Respondremos su paquete al día de retoma sin costo alguno.

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