



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



March 31, 2022

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

Greetings SJRS Families and Faculty,

A quick update about our **New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation process**. We had three evaluators that comprise our committee (one from NEASC, and two school administrators from Catholic schools in Massachusetts and Connecticut) with us throughout the day on Tuesday of this week, touring our buildings and holding a series meetings with our staff. The focus of these meetings was Foundation Standards, reviewing our financial and operational procedures primarily. We have not received an official response yet, but all of the meetings went well and we received very positive feedback at the end of the day. We will now be moving forward into the Program Standards phase, which encompasses curriculum and the student experience. We will be spending lots of time in the next six months holding many meetings and preparing documentation for our next series of meetings that will take place over three days in mid-October. NEASC accreditation is both an exciting and challenging process. I will continue to keep everyone informed as we proceed.

THE BELOW IS REPRINTED FROM LAST WEEK -- Please submit by Monday, April 4. Thank you to those who have submitted already!

Many families are struggling with the issue of managing cell phones and other electronics. At the same time, many families also have some great ideas that they implement. **We have created a [Google Form](#) where I would love to have families share their ideas, tips, suggestions, recommendations, etc. for how you manage technology usage (especially cell phones) with your own children.** I believe that hearing some ideas from our very own families within our own school community might be helpful to everyone. Once we get everyone's ideas, we will compile those and share. This will of course be completely anonymous. No one will know who has contributed the ideas. The goal is to put together our own "best practices" that can maybe be helpful. My feeling is that just about everyone is challenged with this issue in some way. So here is [the link to the Cell Phone/Electronics Management Google Form](#). I hope everyone will take a few minutes to share their thoughts of what works for them and even what has not worked. It could go a long way towards helping another family. We are all in this together.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4/1 – Stations of the Cross – 12:30pm
(Grades 2-3, 5-11)

Wednesday 4/6 – School Mass – 9:30am

Wednesday 4/6 – End of the 3rd Quarter

Friday 4/8 – Reconciliation (morning)
Thursday 4/14 – Holy Thursday Prayer Service – 9:30am

Thursday 4/14 – Holy Thursday (1/2 day)

Friday 4/15 – Good Friday **NO SCHOOL**

Monday 4/18 – Easter Monday **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday 4/21 – Talent Show

Fri 4/22, Mon-Fri 4/25-29 – Spring Break **NO SCHOOL**

Saturday 5/7 – Spring Craft Fair/Art Day

Monday 5/16 – Spring Concert (Redfern Arts Center at KSC)

Friday 5/27 – Memorial Day weekend **NO SCHOOL**

Monday 5/30 – Memorial Day weekend **NO SCHOOL**



ISAIAH 1:18

Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they may become white as wool.



SPRING CRAFT FAIR/ART DAY PLANNING

We need your help on Saturday, May 7, for our Spring Craft Fair/Art Day! We have 80 vendors (twice as many as last year!) joining us. We are looking forward to a great day!

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

BAKED GOODS are needed for our **bake sale booth**. Baked goods can be brought to school the day before (May 6) or on the morning of the craft fair (May 7).

If you can help with any of the above, **please email Jen Marshall at jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org**. If you can volunteer, please indicate the time of the day when you are available.

THANK YOU!!

ADVANCED BAND SECTIONALS SCHEDULE FROM MR. THIES

Week of April 4

Monday -- 8:30am flutes; 1:30pm trumpets

Tuesday -- 8:30am trombones

Wednesday -- 8:30am percussion; 11:00am flutes

Thursday -- 8:30am basses

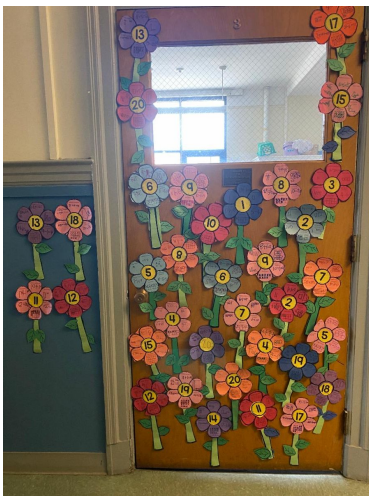
Friday -- 8:30am clarinets

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

As always, the music at Mass and Stations has been joyful the past few weeks. Yesterday Maci Swenson (Grade 6), Brynn Bezio (Grade 5) and Mackenzie Ryan (Grade 5) joined Mr. Thies in the choir loft with Mr. Smith on piano.



Some signs of Spring outside the Kindergarten classroom!



Mr. Thies working with Mrs. Amundson's 4th Grade Beginning Band this week, preparing for the Spring Concert!

UPCOMING AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

A few after-school activities that are on the horizon within the next several weeks:

- Track and Field (Grades 5-8)
- Running Club (Grades 1-4)
- Chess Club (Grades 3-8)

Keep an eye out for details to come very soon!



Hudson (Mr. Smith's pet turtle) came to visit the Preschool and Elementary School students this week!

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Student Council hosted Trivia Night last Friday evening for the Middle School students!
CONGRATULATIONS to the winning teams!

1st Place Team



2nd Place Team



3rd Place Team



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEW HAMPSHIRE



EDUCATION TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships. **The DEADLINE to apply is MAY 6.** The eligibility is:

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.

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. You can direct part of your child's state education funding to pay for tuition at SJRS/OLMA .

The DEADLINE to apply is JULY 15.

The eligibility is:

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.

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.**

CLICK HERE for the application for families NEW to these programs.

CLICK HERE for the portal login for families REAPPLYING to these programs.

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

300% of 2021 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines			
Family Size	Income Limit/ Annual	Income Limit/ Monthly	Income Limit/ Weekly
2	\$52,260	\$4,355	\$1,005
3	\$65,880	\$5,490	\$1,267
4	\$79,500	\$6,625	\$1,529
5	\$93,120	\$7,760	\$1,791
6	\$106,740	\$8,895	\$2,053
7	\$120,360	\$10,030	\$2,315
8	\$133,980	\$11,165	\$2,577
add \$13,620 for each additional person			

CONSECRATION OF UKRAINE AND RUSSIA, CANDLE LIT ROSARY

Last Friday, the Catholic Church around the world united in prayer. At 12noon, our school communities attended a prayer service for the consecration of Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during which Fr. Alan read a special prayer from Pope Francis. Consecration services were held all over the globe simultaneously with the same prayer read. After our service, the bells of St. Bernard's Church rang for several minutes, and we followed this by saying a special candle lit rosary together.



<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/250756/vatican-pope-francis-text-for-march-25-consecration-prayer>



EVERY LITTLE BIT COUNTS

During the previous quarter, AmazonSmile donated \$242.55 to SJRS. So that means that annually SJRS receives approximately \$1,000! AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support SJRS every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. **CLICK HERE for all of the details and to activate AmazonSmile.** THANK YOU!



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HANNAFORD HELPS

Earn money for SJRS while you shop at Hannaford! **Now through May 28, 2022**, choose from over 1,500 participating products.

Shopping In-Store

SHOP – Look for shelf tags on over 1,500 participating products .

CHECK OUT – Collect your School Dollars from an associate at checkout.

DEPOSIT – Drop your School Dollars in the SJRS Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower in-store.

Hannaford To Go

SHOP – Look for the apple icon on over 1,500 products online.

CHECK OUT – Receive your School Dollars with your receipt .

DEPOSIT – Drop your School Dollars in the SJRS Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower in-store, or send them in to the SJRS Main Office with your child.



Keene Crush Youth Lacrosse

Spring 2022 Season April-June

Location: Monadnock High School

When: Tuesday, Thursday 6:00-7:30pm
Saturday 9:00-10:30am

Grade: 3-8 coed (boys rules)

Cost: \$100.00

\$30.00 (U.S. Lacrosse Registration required for
Insurance purposes)

For more information please visit Keene Crush website

<http://www.leagueathletics.com/?nomobile=true&org=keene crush>

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Our hope is to show there is enough interest to start middle school lacrosse teams in the area school districts next year!

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Paper Shredding Event



A Knights of Columbus fundraising event to support their charitable efforts throughout Keene and the surrounding communities

Are your confidential personal or business papers piling up with no time to shred them?

Protect yourself, your family and your customers from loss and identity theft by properly destroying your confidential documents.

SecurShred will shred your documents on-site while you monitor the process through a video surveillance system. All shredded materials will be taken away and recycled.

Individuals and businesses welcome!

Shredding will be:

- Done on-site**
- While you wait**
- By a professional shredding truck!**

Date: Saturday April 23rd rain or shine
9am - 12 Noon

Location: St. Bernard Catholic Church
Parking Lot
185 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431

Cost: \$10 per box (standard paper box)

Payment: Cash or check payable to:
Knights of Columbus Council 819

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
April 23rd

**Paper Materials
May Include:**

- Office paper
- NCR paper
- Invoice paper
- Colored paper
- Window envelopes
- Glossy paper
- File folders
- Computer papers
- Brochures
- Fax paper
- Ledger paper
- Letterhead
- Laser printouts
- Product Sheets
- Envelopes
- Other office paper

No need to remove staples or paper clips

No appointment necessary!

KIDS CLASSES & SUMMER CAMPS

ELEMENTS MMA - 2022

At Elements MMA children ages 5-12 will learn foundational mixed martial arts techniques that instill confidence, discipline, and self awareness.

Other studios only offer one martial arts style. Our program focuses on the four elements of MMA: Grappling, Striking, Strength, and Flexibility.

Discounted memberships for founding members are being offered for a limited time!

WWW.ELEMENTS-MMA.COM



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