Saint Joseph Regional School
Our Lady of Mercy Academy

December 20, 2022

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

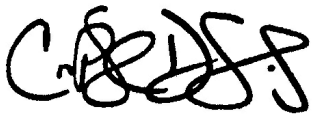
Greetings SJRS Families, Faculty and Staff,

We had a great day today with lots of celebrating of course. A huge thank you to the Mercy Academy Jazz Ensemble for sending us off with a fabulous Christmas concert for everyone this afternoon!

Before we head off to the break, I wanted to share with you some of the photos from each of my Advent surprises with the classes. It has been a whirlwind few weeks! I have enjoyed my time with all of the students so much. Getting to know them better through these fun activities is such a joy.

I wish all of you a peaceful, blessed Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year! I will see you in January!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,



Christopher Smith
Principal

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

LUKE 2:8-14

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed-Mon 12/21-1/2/23 – Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL

fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:
“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Tuesday 1/3 – Return to school
Wednesday 1/11 – Christmas Concert – 6:30pm (The Colonial Theater)
Monday 1/16 – Martin Luther King Jr Day – **NO SCHOOL**

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ADVENT SURPRISES!

Christmas movie with the Preschool.

Snowball fight along with snow ball cheese puffs and cookies with the Kindergarten.

Christmas movie and snacks with the 1st Grade.

Crafts with the 2nd Grade

Pin knockdown followed by popsicles with the 3rd Grade

Ice cream sundaes with the 4th Grade

Pictionary and snacks with the 5th Grade

Badminton, ice cream sandwiches and popsicles with the 6th Grade

Christmas movie along with snacks, cookies and soda with the 7th Grade

And the 8th Grade had a tremendous game of hide-and-seek throughout the building!

It was a great Christmas concert this afternoon with the Mercy Jazz Ensemble!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We're thrilled to be able to have our Christmas Concert and Pageant this year at The Colonial Theatre after several years away!

NEW DATE: Wednesday, January 11

The Colonial Theatre, 95 Main Street, Keene

Doors open/students must arrive: 6:00pm. All students should be dressed up, in their "Sunday best" for the concert (except for the 4th grade who will be in their costumes for the pageant).

Show starts: 6:30pm

Tickets: $10 each.

All seats are general admission (seats are on a first come, first served basis when you arrive at the theatre). There is no limit on the number of tickets that you may purchase, but please be respectful and only purchase if you know for certain that the tickets will be used. All SJRS students in grades PK-8 will be performing in the show, so students DO NOT need a ticket.

Tickets must be purchased in advance through The Colonial. You may purchase tickets in person at the theatre box office (open Mon-Fri 12-6). You may also purchase tickets by calling The Colonial box office (603-352-2033) or online here:

https://tickets.thecolonial.org/TheatreManager/1/tmEvent/tmEvent1509.html

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