



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



September 5, 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 community,

I hope that you all had a wonderful long weekend with your families and are settling into the start of the school year. Our students have been working hard and are starting to dive into their classwork and studies. Thank you for your encouragement and partnership in helping them to stay organized, responsible, and engaged in their work. It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm and joy for learning.

We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the upcoming canonization of two saints- Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati! Many of our students have learned specifically about Carlo Acutis as he has a beautiful story and utilized technology in a very fruitful way to teach others about Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. He was also a beloved son, friend, and soccer player and many of our students can relate to him in a very real way. Please see the feature below for more information about him and read how we will celebrate him next week. He is also our saint of the month and corresponds to the beautiful virtue of HOPE!

In Christ,

Dr. Annie Pearson
Interim Principal

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Hope

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit."
--Romans 15:13*

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 9/5 -- Online forms due (see below)

Sunday 9/7 -- Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati (see below)

Wednesday 9/10 -- Red, White and Blue All-school Mass -- 9:15am (see below)

Friday 9/12 -- Dress Down Day (see below)

Friday 9/12 -- Back-to-School Picnic -- 5:30-7:30pm

Tuesday 9/16 -- NHDI Year-Long Program Sample Class -- 7:20am -- Open to Grades 4-8 (see below)

Tuesday 9/16 -- Middle School Back-to-School Night -- 6-7pm (see below)

Wednesday 9/17 -- Elementary School Back-to-School Night -- 6-7pm (see below)

Thursday 9/18 -- Monthly Admissions Open House -- 12-2pm

Saturday 9/27 -- Golf Tournament at Bretwood (see below)

Friday 10/3 -- Picture Day (see below)

Thursday 10/9 -- Home & School Association meeting -- 6-7pm -- St. Bernard Parish Hall

Monday 10/13 -- Columbus Day -- **NO SCHOOL**

Monday 10/20 -- Diocesan professional development -- **NO SCHOOL**

CLICK HERE for the **2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

2025-2026 FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

All parent consent forms are in the Renweb Family Portal to centralize our student and family information. These forms can be accessed from the homepage of your account. **ALL FAMILIES MUST LOG IN AND COMPLETE ALL FORMS.**

To find the forms:

- Go to <https://sjo-nh.client.renweb.com/pwr/>
- Log into your Renweb Family Portal account.
- Type in the District Code: SJO-NH, your username, and password. (If you have forgotten your username or password, please click on the link provided for help.)
- Click on "Web Forms" under the "School" drop-down on the left menu.
- The three consent forms that need to be completed will appear (General Field Trip Consent, Medical Transport Consent, Media Consent). You will need to open and sign/respond to each form individually for each of your students.

THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS IS TODAY.

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

RED, WHITE AND BLUE MASS -- SEPTEMBER 10

At our all-school Mass on next **Wednesday, September 10, at 9:15am**, we will be remembering the victims of 9/11 and honoring our local heroes of our first responders at our annual Red, White and Blue Mass, organized by the Knights of Columbus Council 819. Parents or grandparents who serve as first responders are cordially invited to join us at Mass, followed by a small reception in the Parish Hall. Mrs. Daugherty will also be working with the students on a poster contest with this theme. **THANK YOU**, first responders, for all that you do for our community!

UPCOMING CANONIZATION DRESS DOWN DAY -- FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

On Sunday, September 7, 2025, the Church will canonize two inspiring young saints: **Carlo Acutis, the first Millennial Saint and Pier Giorgio Frassati, "The Man of the Beatitudes."** You can witness the historic Canonization Mass LIVE from St. Peter's Square in Rome on September 7

at 3:00AM ET or catch the replay at 6:00PM ET on your local cable/satellite provider, the EWTN App, streaming devices, or at EWTN.com.



In honor of this exciting event, we will have a **Dress Down Day** next **Friday, September 12**. Students may dress down wearing soccer shirts (Carlo Acutis played soccer!) or Italian colors of red, green, and/or white. **A \$1.00 donation is asked of all students for the dress down day.** Donations will go towards the SJRS soccer program!



Local author, Alfred Struthers, visited Mrs. Bezio's Middle School Literature classes recently. The students read his mystery books, *The Case of Secrets* and *The Phantom Vale*, for their summer reading!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Friday, September 12 -- 5:30-7:30pm

Celebrate back to school time with our whole school community!

We are asking that families with the last name beginning with **A-L please bring a side dish or a salad** to share with everyone. Families with the last name beginning with **M-Z please bring a dessert item** to share.

We'll have seating in the field and in the St. Joseph Garden at OLMA. The playground will be open for students to play on, however, please know that we do not have any faculty/staff monitoring them, so parents should consider themselves in charge of their students while they are here.



NHDI YEAR-LONG PROGRAM

Rise and shine...and dance! We have once again partnered with New Hampshire Dance Institute (NHDI) to bring the NHDI Year-Long Program to our students for this school year!

The program is open to all students in grades 4-8. All are welcome! No previous dance experience is required. Classes will be held in the gym every Tuesday morning, 7:20-8:10am. It is a perfect way to start the day! The NHDI teaching artists love to get moving early!

Tuesday, September 16, will be a SAMPLE class. All interested students in grades 4-8 are invited to attend. Students may try this first class to see what it is like prior to officially registering for the program for the year.

In this program, students participate in weekly classes throughout the school year with NHDI teaching artists accompanied by live musicians. The year culminates over Memorial Day weekend with the Event of the Year production at the Redfern Arts Center at KSC, which includes over 300 students from schools throughout the region accompanied by the NHDI orchestra.

We had two generous benefactors come forward who have donated \$2000 to help support our school's NHDI program this year! The fee for the program is \$230, plus an additional amount to help cover our school fee (approximately \$50, depending on the number of



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHTS

Our Back-to-School Nights are great opportunities to meet our new administration, find out what your child's classes will be like, and get to know our faculty. It is not a required event, but we always encourage it for everyone to learn more about what their child's day is like. Each Back-to-School Night will begin promptly at 6:00pm in the gym with about 15 minutes of speakers.

For the **Middle School (grades 5-8) Back-to-School Night on Tuesday, September 16**, parents will have the opportunity to visit each of the middle school teachers. The evening will run approximately 6:00-7:15pm.

For the **Elementary School (grades 1-4) Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 17**, each elementary teacher will deliver two presentations (for those parents who have multiple children in grades 1-4). The Elementary School Night will run approximately 6:00-7:00pm.

Please note that there is no Back-to-School Night for Preschool or Kindergarten. We will not have childcare available on either night. Also, please refrain from bringing your students or younger children to the Back-to-School Nights. They are parents-only events. We look forward to seeing you!



All students gathered last Friday in the gym for our first praise and worship assembly of the school year with an introduction to the Rosary and beautiful live music. We will be continuing these assemblies every Friday and will soon be adding Adoration as well!

SJRS EXTENDED DAY UPDATE

We have been enjoying our time outdoors with our Extended Day students! A few reminders:

--All families utilizing the Extended Day program must be **enrolled**.

CLICK HERE for Extended Day Enrollment Form.

--We encourage everyone to please use the **new scan cards** when checking in/out. We are working on getting everyone trained on our new system. If you have questions, let us know. Please see Mrs. MacDougall in the morning or Mrs. Ramage



in the afternoon.

LUNCHES

Our hot lunch options have started!

Monday -- Ham with roasted potatoes and green beans -- \$5.00

Tuesday -- Taco Tuesday! Beef soft tacos with rice and beans (toppings on the side) -- \$5.00

Wednesday -- Baked chicken with mac and cheese, broccoli -- \$5.00

Thursday -- Chicken patty sandwich, cucumbers and ranch dressing, fruit salad -- \$5.00

Friday -- Cheese pizza (from Pizza Pi) -- \$2.75/slice

BONUS: Once per month -- Breakfast for Lunch with pancakes, eggs and bacon -- \$5.00

All lunches must be ordered in advance by Sunday at 12noon each week. Same day orders will not be accepted. Lunch ordering must be done online in the Family Portal, and then will be billed monthly. Please reach out to Kate (kate@stjosephkeene.org) in the Main Office with questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

Come join the SJRS Middle Soccer Team! All students in grades 5-8 are welcome. All skill levels are encouraged. Practices and games will take place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Petschik (wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org).



Please **CLICK HERE** to indicate your interest in soccer!

CLICK HERE for our soccer store with Bulldog .

IS YOUR CHILD A STUDENT-ATHLETE?

If your child plays a sport and will need to leave early for games occasionally, please keep us informed.

1. Email Lisa Muchmore (lmuchmore@stjosephkeene.org) in the Main Office the schedule and/or the list of dates when your student will need to leave early.
2. On the day of the game, please email attendance@stjosephkeene.org giving your child permission and the time to be excused.
3. Encourage your student to communicate proactively with their teachers to ensure they do not miss assignments.

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY

Parents, we've heard you and we welcome you! As we build our community, we are seeking those with a generous volunteer spirit. We are grateful for all those who have already stepped up to help out! We have many opportunities for parents (or grandparents!) to get involved throughout the year. Below are some areas where we really need your help.

Hot lunch assistance -- Monday-Friday throughout the year. -- Could you help one day per week?

Library -- A few hours a week throughout the school year. Could you help out maybe one day per week for a few hours as the elementary classes visit our library?

5th/6th Grade solar cars -- Mrs. Petschik needs some help at the beginning of the school year with an extra set of hands in the science classroom as solar cars are being built.

Golf tournament -- Help leading up to and on the day of the event. Could you help make calls to potential sponsors?

After-school activities/sports

Destination Imagination
Middle School Soccer referees (fall)
Middle School Cross Country coaches (fall)
Chess Club coordinators (spring)

Please email Dr. Pearson (apearson@stjosephkeene.org) if you are able to lend a helping hand!

50/50 RAFFLE COMING SOON

This fall we will once again be having our annual 50/50 raffle! Each student will receive an allotment of 12 tickets. All families will be responsible for either selling their allotted tickets OR they may purchase the tickets themselves. Keep an eye out for more details and your tickets coming to you on the Back-to-School Nights! If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).



A promotional poster for a golf tournament. The background is a blurred green golf course. In the center, a white golf ball sits on a red tee. Text on the left reads: 'THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 819', 'ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL', 'OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY PRESENT', '5th Annual SJRS/OLMA Golf Tournament', 'SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27', '8:30AM SHOTGUN START', 'BRETWOOD GOLF COURSE', and 'WWW.MERCYACADEMYKEENE.ORG/GOLF'. On the right, there are three logos: the top one is a circular emblem for 'St. Joseph Regional School', the middle one is a yellow and red 'K of C' logo, and the bottom one is a circular emblem for 'Our Lady of Mercy Academy'.

Our annual GOLF TOURNAMENT is coming up!

Join us to hit the beautiful fairways of Bretwood Golf Course. Play is Scramble format with great prizes. The field will be limited to the first 100 golfers (25 foursomes) to register, so gather your family, friends, and colleagues! **CLICK HERE for details and to register** .
CLICK HERE for sponsorship information .

PICTURE DAY IS HERE!

Ha llegado el día de las fotos!

Saint Joseph Regional School

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