



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



March 14, 2024

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

First, I want to thank everyone for the incredible outpouring of love and support that I have received over the past few days. I am feeling so blessed right now. We have an extraordinarily beautiful school community. Thank you all so much.

Thank you also for your patience with the parking lot situation earlier in the week. Hopefully things are complete now.

I want to rewind a few weeks and mention the trip to **Montreal/Quebec** over the winter break. A huge THANK YOU to Madame Sharon Wilson for planning and organizing the trip. By all accounts, everyone had a great time. Madame Wilson spent a lot of time with the preparations, and gave up most of her break to accompany the students. Thank you also to Monsieur Sully and Monsieur Raabe for chaperoning.

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking nominations for the **2024 Recognizing Excellence Awards**. [CLICK HERE](#) for the award descriptions and for the criteria and process details. Below are links to the nomination forms.

<https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/2024-clergynomination>

<https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/2024-teacher>

<https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/2024-StJosephtheWorker>

For those of you who have **Education Freedom Accounts (EFA)** funding, we are aware that everyone needs a record of educational attainment to accompany your re-application for next year. I ask that you hold for the moment on your requests for those. There is plenty of time still to submit your documentation, and we will be sending out some detailed information about the EFA program to the entire school community next week.

We have lots of food and fun planned for **International Night** next Wednesday! It's shaping up to be a great night, so we hope that everyone will plan to join us. Right now, we have 17 different countries that will be represented along with dancing, music, and henna tattoos. If you would like to participate by representing your country in some way, please email Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)

A reminder that there will be **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW (Friday, March 15)** because of the faculty professional development in-service day.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



The march to graduation is ON!!!!
March 1 marked 100 days until we celebrate our Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony with our 14 graduating seniors! We had a special surprise breakfast for our seniors that morning in honor of the occasion. The countdown begins!



American Red Cross

RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED

We will be offering the Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED (adult and pediatric) course on **Saturday, March 30, 10:00am-2:00pm**. The cost will be \$50. This could be a great opportunity for students in preparation for summer jobs.

All those planning to attend, please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) and [PAY](#) for the course.

The **DEADLINE** to register/pay is **Thursday, March 28**.

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Hart. (chart@mercyacademykeene.org)

A NOTE ABOUT THE NEW ORLEANS TRIP

OLMA parent and Conant High School World Language teacher Kira Kangas is organizing a trip to New Orleans June 17-20 with Conant students. The itinerary and price information can be found here: <https://www.explorica.com/Kangas-208>

From Kira Kangas:

I need two more people to come on the trip to New Orleans to keep the price where it is... (\$1700ish).

I can offer a discounted price (minus approx \$500 for each ticket), but I need to add people to the trip as soon as possible. Please contact me directly at 603-242-5254 or my school email (k.kangas@sau47.org). The sooner the better--I'll answer a call in the evening as well.

Thank you!

The **Mercy Project** classes at Mercy Academy have some great activities and projects planned for this semester! The Mercy Project is our interpretation of a community service-based course in which students play active roles in both our immediate and extended neighborhoods. The course puts Mercy Academy's mission into action. It calls on students to be informed of the world immediately around them and beyond, and the needs of the greater community. The goal is for students to be motivated and inspired to share their gifts and knowledge to have an impact on others, and to grow as compassionate, active citizens.



Providing connections to food, housing, and job aid to those who need it in the City of Keene.

The **Keene Connect Hub** will be a kiosk available at 4 different locales and will provide connections to housing, food, and job aid to those in the community who are housing or food insecure. The way the kiosk works is by accessing a website with no other access to the internet. It allows people to gain access to information on services such as food and housing assistance as well as job aid. And it provides information on the locations of those services in the region.

Come see us at International Night (and perhaps donate to our cause) on March 20th at SJRS, where we will be showcasing a prototype of this project!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

Have a FONTastic day!



Mrs. Moylan's Intro to Graphic Design class created their own fonts!

KSC SOLAR ECLIPSE WORKSHOPS

Don't miss the solar eclipse workshop with Keene State Professor Sarah McGregor. The event will take place on Friday, April 5, at 1:00pm. The presentation will be in Rhodes Hall Room 203 on the KSC campus. All are welcome! With the solar eclipse on the horizon, take this opportunity to dive into the inner workings of these awe-inspiring events. The session will not only unravel the mysteries of the planets' movements and alignment but will also discuss the viewing safety and will teach your how to make a personalized solar viewing device to take home. If possible, please bring a shoe or cereal box. All other materials will be available.

Parish of the Holy Spirit
Mission *with the*
Franciscan Friars of the



Primitive Observance

Poverty as a Means to Relying on God's Providence

St. Bernard Church

185 Main St, Keene, NH 03431

Sunday, March 17th

All Sunday Masses

St. Bernard Church

5:30PM Rosary

6:00PM Talk

6:45PM 15min Adoration

Tuesday, March 19th

St. Bernard Church

8:00AM Mass

5:30PM Rosary

6:00PM Talk

6:45PM 15min Adoration

Monday, March 18th

St. Bernard Church

8:00AM Mass

5:30PM Rosary

6:00PM Talk

6:45PM 15min Adoration

Wednesday, March 20th

St. Bernard Church

5:00PM Rosary

5:30PM Mass

6:00PM Talk

6:45PM 15 min Adoration

Confessions available all evenings
or by calling the parish office

a free-will offering is encouraged

holyspirit.peace@gmail.com

603-352-3525

Spring Fling

Friday, April 5th

SJRS Gym

7-9pm

\$10

Bring a guest from another
high school and they get in
free!

(all guests must have an
updated guest form)



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@ 2:30pm

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Summer 2024

June 19, 20, 21
July 10, 11, 12
August 14, 15, 16

Time: 1-3pm
Ages: 14-19

ELEMENTS-MMA.COM/CAMP

This is not a school sponsored event.



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