

# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 17, 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 OLMA families,

I hope you have all had a wonderful week. We have been working hard in the classroom as the first quarter is quickly coming to an end. Please continue to encourage your students to work hard and stay up on their assignments so that all of their work is turned in on time and we finish strong.

Parent teacher conferences will be scheduled for the week of November 17th and an email will go out with information to sign up. That being said, you are always welcome to contact



a teacher by email and set up a time to talk with them or meet at any point.

Today, our OLMA students had Mass on Gap Mountain and got to enjoy this beautiful day. I'd like to thank Fr. Alan for accompanying them and offering his time and pastoral presence to our students. Next week, we will be celebrating our "Respect Life" Mass and will offer our prayer intentions for the unborn, the elderly, and any who are vulnerable or on the outskirts in our society.

Next week is also "Spirit Week" as they prepare for homecoming next Friday and Saturday. I'd like to thank the Student Council for their hard work in fundraising and organizing these events.

Have a beautiful and restful weekend!

In Christ,

Dr. Annie Pearson Interim Principal

# VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

## Respect

Saint Gianna Mola

Respect life month

The virtue of respect means acknowledging the inherent dignity of every person, created in God's

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

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

Tues-Fri 10/21-24 -- Spirit Week (see below)

Wednesday 10/22 -- All-school Mass -- 9:15am

Thursday 10/23 -- 8th Grade visit to OLMA

Friday 10/24 -- End of the 1st quarter

Friday 10/24 -- Homecoming Flag Football Game -

- Wheelock Park; followed by BBQ/lawn games at OLMA (see below)

**Saturday 10/25** -- Homecoming Dance -- 7-9pm (see below)

Tuesday 10/28-- OLMA Open House for 8th Grade

image, and treating them with honor, justice, and courtesy. This respect is a foundational principle stemming from God's plan for each person, requiring a recognition of their inherent worth regardless of their actions or circumstances.

"Each human person was a child of God who deserved the respect, love, and protection of every other person." — St. Francis of Assisi

Parents-- 6:30-7:30pm

Friday 11/7 -- Faculty Professional Development -- Half Day -- 11:45 am dismissal

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

Mon 11/17-11/21 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences

CLICK HERE for the October lunch calendar CLICK HERE for the November lunch calendar Reminder: All orders for the week must be in by 12noon on Sundays.

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





Hard at work in Biology class with Mr. Cardine!







## **HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION**

Thank you to all those who attended the Home & School Association meeting last week. For those who could not attend, CLICK HERE for brief notes from the meeting.

CLICK HERE for an explanation of the new Family Engagement Committee and upcoming Community Events for this year. For more information and to volunteer, please reach out to Allison Wyatt (awyatt@edgilitytalent.com)



The Diocesan Curriculum Standards can be found on our websites here: SJRS and OLMA.







The OLMA Student Council held a very successful (and very fun!) car wash last Saturday!



#### HOMECOMING INFORMATION

After school on Friday, October 24th, we are having our **Homecoming Flag Football game** from 4:30-5:30, followed by a **BBQ and lawn games** at the St. Joseph's Garden from 6:30-8pm. Students, please mark your calendars to make it to these events and show your school spirit!

Our **Homecoming Dance** will be Saturday evening, October 25th, from 7-9pm at the St. Joe's gym. The cost is \$20, or \$30 for a pair, and can be paid at the OLMA main office. Dress will be semi-formal. You may invite guests from other schools, but you need to get a guest permission form. **CLICK HERE for the Guest Form.** 

Payment and guest forms are due to the main office by Wednesday, October 22nd.



## **50/50 RAFFLE UPDATE**

Once your raffle tickets are sold, you may send the stubs/money back into school at any time.

They can be given to your student's homeroom teacher or directly to the Main Office.



If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).









For our second excursion of the year, we hiked **Gap Mountain** in Troy today! It was a moderately difficult hike that took us 30-45 minutes each way. Everyone made it to the top without any trouble! When we arrived at the top, Fr. Alan celebrated a beautiful Mass, we ate lunch all together, and then started our descent.





Our newsletter archive can be found on our websiteHERE.



