



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



September 21, 2023

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

I want to send a special THANK YOU out to all of our sponsors of our golf outing coming up this Saturday. Many of them are families within our school community! Please take note of them below, and I encourage you to support their businesses. And a huge thank you to our Director of Advancement, Jennifer Marshall, for all of her tireless work to make this annual event happen. Thank you also to all of the golfers who will be joining us. It's set to be a great day at Bretwood!

We received some good news this week that the demolition of the KSC buildings next to us is now complete. The noise from the large machinery is going to go down considerably now. I know this is welcome news for the faculty. Now they will be working on making that area next to us green space, which I am looking forward to seeing!

A reminder that we need everyone to be using the attendance email address that we have created in order to let the office know when your student is going to be absent or late for any reason. attendance@mercyacademykeene.org You may also call the Main Office to communicate absences or late arrivals.

In lieu of the Back-to-School Picnic that was cancelled, we have added a family event on October 18. We're going to have a **Pumpkin Picnic** with hot dogs, pumpkin carving, and more. We have over 300 pumpkins coming to us as part of the **Keene Pumpkin Festival**. Mark your calendars!

GOOD LUCK to all those who are involved in the Clarence DeMar Marathon this Sunday!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

PSALM 25: 4-5

Make known to me your ways, LORD; teach me your paths. Guide me by your fidelity and teach me, for you are God my savior, for you I wait all the day long.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 9/22 – College visit: Xavier University
Saturday 9/23 – **Golf Tournament at Bretwood**
Tuesday 9/26 – Quebec trip meeting (see below)
Wednesday 9/27 – All-School Mass – 9:30am
Wednesday 10/4 – PSAT/NMSQT (Grade 11), Retreat (Grade 10), Community Service (Grades 9, 12)
Thursday 10/5 – Picture Day
Monday 10/9 – Columbus Day – **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 10/11 – Financial Aid 101 Zoom

presentation by **NHHEAF** – 6:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 10/18 – Pumpkin Picnic – 5:30-7:30pm

Tuesday 10/24 – End of 1st Quarter

Wednesday 10/25 – College visit: Saint Michael's College

Monday 11/6 – College visit: Saint Anselm College

Thursday 11/9 – **HALF DAY**

Friday 11/10 – **NO SCHOOL**

CLICK HERE for the **2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**



COLLEGE VISITS

Admissions counselors from the following schools will be visiting OLMA. The visits will take place during lunch/flextime. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Dean of Students, Liberty Ebright (lebright@mercyacademykeene.org).

Friday, September 22

Xavier University is a private Jesuit university in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is the sixth-oldest Catholic and fourth-oldest Jesuit university in the United States. Xavier has an undergraduate enrollment of 4,860 students and graduate enrollment of 1,269 students. Xavier offers more than 90 majors and 60 minors within the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Professional Sciences, the Williams College of Business and the College of Nursing. Xavier also offers programs for students who plan to further their education in medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, and pharmacy.



Wednesday, October 25

Saint Michael's College (St. Mikes or Saint Michael's) is a private Roman Catholic college in Colchester, Vermont. Saint Michael's was founded in 1904 by the Society of Saint Edmund. It grants Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in more than 40 majors to about 1,200 undergraduate students.

Monday, November 6

Saint Anselm College is a private Benedictine liberal arts college in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Founded in 1888, it is the third oldest Catholic College in New England. It is ranked as a Top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges by *Forbes* and *Princeton Review* ranks it #24 most engaged in community service.

NHHEAF PRESENTATION

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30pm

Financial Aid 101 for high school seniors and parents/guardians

Zoom presentation by Moira Valenti with **New Hampshire Higher Education Foundation** (NHHEAF)

This presentation helps families navigate through the federal financial aid process (FAFSA), explores what type of additional aid is available, reviews scholarship searches, and highlights the importance of meeting deadlines. Attendees will receive a digital copy of NHHEAF's Financial Aid Insider. Contact Liberty Ebright for more information.

JAZZ IMPROV WORKSHOP

Mr. Raabe will be running a weekly Jazz Improv Workshop for all interested students after school, 3-4:00pm in the Masiello Room, every Tuesday. All student musicians are welcome! You do not need to be in the Jazz Ensemble to attend! Please see Mr. Raabe for more information. (craabe@mercyacademykeene.org)

QUEBEC TRIP MEETING

Bonjour tout le monde,

We will be having a mandatory meeting on **Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00pm** in room 27 at Mercy Academy for all parents of students planning on going on our trip to Québec during February vacation Feb. 20 – 23, 2024. It is very important that we have an accurate count on the number of participants so that we can set a definite price.

It is not too late to sign up for the trip. (It would be a great Christmas gift, if you are thinking that far ahead.) This week I have sent home the informational letter with additional students who said they were interested. They just need to bring in a deposit: a check for \$100 (to Mercy Academy with Quebec trip on the memo line) or it can also be sent via Venmo.

We will be discussing the payment schedule, optional insurance, as well as other important information about the trip.

Merci, à mardi,
Madame Wilson
swilson@mercyacademykeene.org

PS. We have taken parents on past trips, so if you would also like to come as a paying participant, you would be welcome.

PPS. If you cannot attend this meeting, it is important that you let me know.

STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE

JUNIOR ALLIE BURGESS

OLMA junior Allie Burgess starts as a center midfielder for the ConVal High School girls varsity soccer team. Allie has been playing organized soccer since 2nd grade. This is her third year for ConVal and is serving as a captain of this year's squad. Allie received a *Keene Sentinel* Player of the Week nomination last season for her solid contributions. GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON, ALLIE!

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NH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ESSAY CONTEST

The NH Knights of Columbus is once again sponsoring a Student Respect Life Essay Contest. The contest is open to any Middle School (grades 6, 7, 8) and High School (grades 9, 10, 11, 12) student in New Hampshire. The NH Knights of Columbus will give up to six cash awards of \$100. The theme is: “What do you think is the root cause (e.g., basic reason for, or core issue) for abortion and how do we eliminate the root cause?”



DEADLINE: Midnight, Dec 15, 2023

RULES: Essays may not be longer than 500 words; typed, and submitted as a PDF or Word Document and emailed to matu19@comcast.net. Include student name, age, grade, school, parent name and address, phone, parish and email.

Students may obtain help & information, including from parents, teachers, friends, and internet but the essay itself must be their own work. Further contest details may be obtained from KofC NH contest chairman John P. Matuszewski (603-434-4098) or KofC NH State Pro-Life Director Ron Distasio (603-595-7837).



The House competition for this month took place today with dodge ball, music trivia, and cup stacking! The **House of Drogo** came out on top, winning both the dodge ball and cup stacking.

Aquinas came in second with a win in the music trivia.



50/50 RAFFLE TICKET SALES HAVE BEGUN!

Just about everyone should have received their raffle tickets at this point. If you have any questions or need additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall

(jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org). Once your 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 Allison in the Main Office. THANK YOU!



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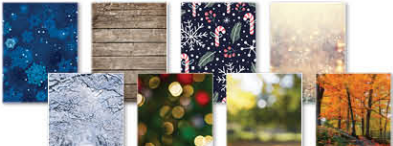
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