



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 2, 2023

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

We have had a fun **Spirit Week** all this week at Mercy! I am really looking forward to the **Homecoming** activities with the flag football game and bonfire tomorrow evening and the dance on Saturday. I have heard something interesting may be happening during the halftime of the football game?!?!?

I want to give an extra special big THANK YOU to our Campus Minister, Anthony Sully, for going well above and beyond the call of duty by organizing an exceptionally meaningful **Dia de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead) for all of us today. The altar was beautiful, and the prayers, activities, decorations, and luncheon truly made it an engaging celebration of life that we were all able to share in together. This was the first time for this event at Mercy. I hope it grows and becomes an annual tradition for our school community for many years to come.

We have a significant note of progress that I am very pleased to share with everyone. Our Lady of Mercy Academy has recently been cleared by the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center**. This means that our courses and proof of graduation may be used in the NCAA initial-eligibility certification process for any of our student-athletes who may be continuing to participate in sports in college. The NCAA has specific eligibility requirements that student-athletes must meet in order to compete in NCAA-sponsored sports. I am happy that this now opens the door for our student-athletes to continue competing in college, if they so choose.

Our first quarter has ended, report cards are out, and **conferences** are coming up next week. Parents are able to schedule conferences directly with any teachers, if they wish. Conferences are completely optional. Faculty members will be available next Thursday, November 9, between 11:30am-5:00pm. Feel free to reach out directly to teachers via email for scheduling. **Please [CLICK HERE for the Faculty/Staff Directory on the OLMA website for all contact information.](#)**

A final reminder that ALL **50-50 raffle** money and ticket stubs are due back in to school by TOMORROW, Friday, November 3. Everything should be brought to Allison in the Main Office.

And also a reminder that **next Thursday, November 9, is a HALF DAY with dismissal at 11:00am.** And there is **NO SCHOOL on Friday, November 10**, in honor of Veterans Day.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

WISDOM 3:1-5

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment shall touch them. They seemed, in the view of the foolish, to be dead; and their passing away was thought an affliction and their going forth from us, utter destruction. But they are in peace. For if to others, indeed, they seem punished, yet is their hope full of immortality; Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11/3 – Flag Football Game & Bonfire – 4:30-6:30pm (see details below)

Saturday 11/4 – Homecoming Dance – 7-9pm (see details below)

Monday 11/6 – College visit: Saint Anselm College

Wednesday 11/8 – All-school Mass – 9:30am

Thursday 11/9 – **HALF DAY/CONFERENCES** – 11:00am dismissal

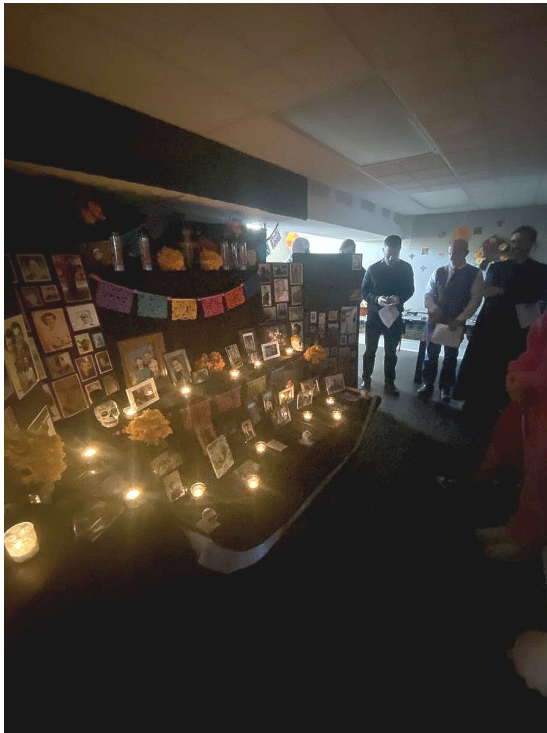
Friday 11/10 – **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday 11/15 – Advisory Board meeting – 6pm

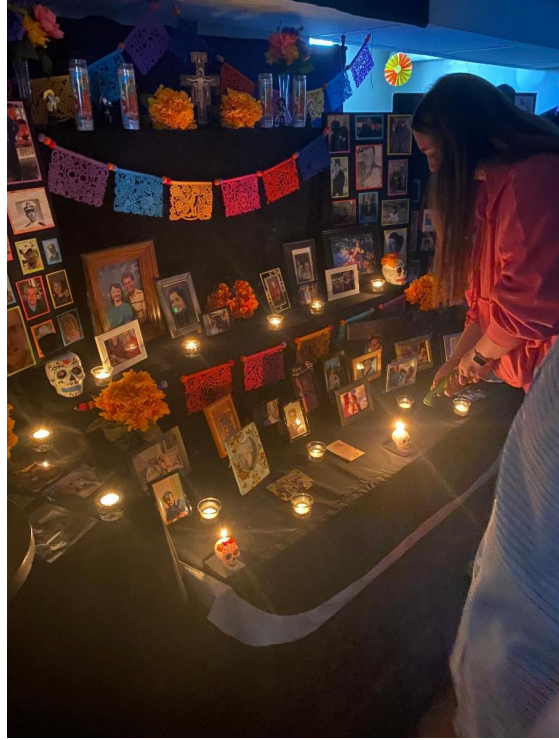
Tuesday 11/21 – Picture Retake Day (see details below)

Wed-Fri 11/22-11/24 – Thanksgiving break **NO SCHOOL**

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Today we celebrated **All Souls' Day**, also known as **Dia de los Muertos** (Day of the Dead). We remembered and honored the lives of those who have passed on from this world, and we prayed for the souls who are in Purgatory. Cultures throughout the world celebrate this day in many different ways. The painting of skulls with flowers and bright colors originated in Mexico, and it is meant to show the victory of Christ over death, and that life continues on even after death. Day of the Dead is a unique day of the year, full of somber tones and festive celebration. We joined together in a prayer ceremony with Mr. Sully, Mr. Smith, and Fr. Alan in the Masiello Room at the beginning of lunch, followed by face painting and a taco bar catered by Tito's Tacos. Many students, faculty, and staff brought in photos to share on the beautiful altar!





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).

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.



50/50 RAFFLE TICKET UPDATE

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 to all those who have turned their tickets in already!



The deadline to have all ticket stubs and money in is TOMORROW Friday, November 3. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).

HONOR ROLL -- QUARTER 1

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made the Honor Roll for the 1st quarter! Unweighted grades are used for determining Honor Roll for each quarter report card.

FIRST HONORS

Students with 95 (A) average or better and no grades lower than 92 (A-).

GRADE 9

Madyson Brown
Colleen Nelligan
Shannon Nelligan
Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni

GRADE 10

Liam Crisman
Dean Kangas
Sully Murray
Kyle Paolino
Andreea Rusu
Ethan Young

GRADE 11

Morgan Murray
Francis Cardine

GRADE 12

James Crisman
Greta Fenn
Ethan Lewis
Tessa Pearson



SECOND HONORS

Students with 92 (A-) average or better and no grades lower than 89 (B+).

GRADE 9

Jillian Boulay

GRADE 10

Lily Fitzpatrick
Layla Mason
Torin Regney
Elio Saba
Alyvia Singleton

GRADE 11

Gracein Jasmin
Elice Soddors

GRADE 12

Anthony Baker
Brooke Muchmore
Owen Sanderson
Alexander Shield



Our **Good Samaritan Award** honorees for the first quarter are Gracein Jasmin (Grade 11) and Ethan Young (Grade 10)! Our Good Samaritan Award recognizes creativity, honesty, helpfulness, perseverance, kindness, respect, courtesy, altruism, and empathy.

CONGRATULATIONS Gracein and Ethan!

class wrapped up their study of the amendments/Bill of Rights with a **free speech competition**. The classes paired up in teams and read about actual free speech cases in U.S. History. Each team had to determine if the case was in fact protected free speech, and how the Supreme Court ruled in each case. Points were awarded on correctly identifying free speech, and accuracy on the results of the Supreme Court decision. The team with the highest total between both classes was Adam Murashah (Grade 9) and Reid Boyd- Tucker (Grade 9).

CONGRATULATIONS Adam and Reid!



STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE

SOPHOMORES DEAN KANGAS AND TORIN REGNEY

OLMA sophomores Dean Kangas and Torin Regney played soccer for Monadnock Regional High School this fall! Dean has played on the varsity team for two years. Prior to that, he played for Conval Soccer Club and FAC Soccer Club. He plays the attacking midfielder position, and has been playing soccer for 12 years. Torin has been playing soccer off and on since first grade, and has been on the varsity team at Monadnock for two years now, playing as a defender.



ATHLETICS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our student-athletes who have been competing throughout this Fall!

Allie Burgess -- ConVal Varsity Soccer
Liam Crisman -- KHS Varsity Golf
Miles Desrosiers -- KHS Football
Elizabeth Gornall -- KHS JV Soccer

Ben Hockensmith -- KHS Football
Dean Kangas -- MRMHS Varsity Soccer
Wesley McWhirk -- MRMHS Football
Tessa Pearson -- KHS Varsity Field Hockey
Torin Regney -- MRMHS Varsity Soccer
Ben Stoning -- MRMHS Football
Sienna Swingle -- KHS Cheerleading
Soren Wiederspahn -- KHS Cross Country
Brady Willbarger -- KHS JV Golf

The **winter sports season** is getting underway now at the local public schools. **For all of the details and contact information, please [CLICK HERE](#) for the OLMA website!**



It was **Class Color Day** on Wednesday this week...the Seniors were looking super serious in black!

Homecoming

November 4th, 2023

7-9pm

SJRS Gym

We will be picking Homecoming king and queen!

\$10 per person

Dress: Semi-formal



FLAG FOOTBALL & BONFIRE

Friday, November 3rd

Flag Football game 4:30-5:30
at Wheelock Park

Bonfire 5:30-6:30

Bring your own blankets/chairs
Marshmallows and sticks
will be provided!



Everyone had a blast on **HALLOWEEN** on Tuesday! All of the costumes were great. Lucy Fisher (Grade 10) won the costume contest with an awesome homemade Boba Fett costume!





RETAKE PICTURE DAY

IS ALMOST HERE!

Día de retoma de fotos ya casi está aquí!



11-21-23



Absent students

Día de fotos

If you are having your picture taken for the first time because you were absent on Picture Day, have your photo taken on Retake Day and you will receive your photo proof after the event! This proof sheet will also have information on how to order!

Retake students

Día de fotos

If you received your picture package and are unsatisfied, just return your package & proof sheet to the photographers on Retake Day and have your photo retaken. We will replenish your package at no cost!

Remember to bring in your original picture proof



Acuérdate de traer la prueba fotográfica original



ESTUDIANTES AUSENTES

El día de retoma de fotos es la oportunidad para aquellos estudiantes que estuvieron ausentes el día de fotos original. Recibirá su prueba de foto después del evento. Su prueba también tendrá información sobre cómo completar su pedido.

RETOMAS

Si recibe su paquete de fotos y no está satisfecho, sólo tienes que devolver su paquete y la hoja de pruebas a los fotógrafos el día de retoma y le tomamos su foto de nuevo. Repondremos su paquete sin coste alguno.



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