



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



September 7, 2023

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

We have truly gotten off to a tremendous, smooth start this year! I hope everyone can say the same for things on your end at home as well. The students have been focused and engaged, and we are all working hard together to get into our new routines and schedules. It will take some time, but I know we will be set soon!

We have had our **first all-school Masses** of the year with Fr. Alan, Fr. Peter, and Deacon Ken. Please know that parents are always welcome to join us anytime for our Masses every Wednesday at 9:30am in St. Bernard's Church.

Arrival and dismissal seems to be going well. I ask for your continued patience as everyone learns our procedures. Please be sure to move through the parking lot slowly. Safety is our top priority!



We have our **golf outing** coming up on September 23. If you own or work at a local business, please consider sponsorship support for the outing. See below for all of the details and reach out to Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org) if you would like to be a part of this fun event. We also have only a few foursomes still available now, so if you're thinking about playing in the outing, make sure to register soon.

Next week, we will be hosting our **Back-to-School Night** on Thursday evening. Please see below for details. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity to meet our amazing faculty and also connect with other families in your child's classes.

I look forward to seeing everyone out tomorrow evening for our **Back-to-School Picnic!** It should be a great night! Please see all of the details below.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

1 CORINTHIANS

12:12-14

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 9/8 – Back-to-School Picnic – 5:30-7:30pm

Wednesday 9/13 – All-School Mass – 9:30am

Wednesday 9/13 – Mountain Biking Club begins

Thursday 9/14 – Back-to-School Night – 6:00-7:15pm

Sunday 9/17 – Parish Youth Group – 4-6pm

Wednesday 9/20 – Advisory Board meeting

Friday 9/22 – College visit: Xavier University

Saturday 9/23 – **Golf Tournament at Bretwood**

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

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

[CLICK HERE for the 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL PICNIC TOMORROW, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 5:30-7:30pm

Celebrate back-to-school time with our whole school community!

Mr. Smith will be grilling up hot dogs and veggie dogs, and drinks will be provided! We are asking that families with the last name beginning with **A-L 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, the playground, the Mary Garden, and under the tree at Mercy. We hope to see everyone!



BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 6:00-7:15pm

Back-to-School Night is a great opportunity to find out what your child's classes will be like and to get to know your children's teachers. It is not a required event in any way, but we always encourage it for those parents that want to learn more about their child's day.

Parents will rotate through their student's schedules for both A/B days. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers, learn about general class expectations, and see what your student's day is like. Please note that Back-to-School Night is not set up for individual conversations about your student. Parent-teacher conferences in November are the perfect time for personalized discussions.

Also, please do not bring your students or children to the Back-to-School Night. It is for parents only. We hope that you will join us!

LUNCHES

Hot lunches have begun!. You may start placing orders via RenWeb. Returning families, please note that payments will be made in a different way this year. You will place your order in RenWeb, you will be invoiced via FACTS, and payments should then be made via FACTS. Orders must be placed by 9am at the latest on the day of the lunch you are ordering. We strongly recommend that parents order lunches several days or weeks in advance.

Mondays/Fridays -- Cheese Pizza (\$2.25/slice)

Wednesdays -- Ham/turkey/bologna/veggie sandwiches with chips (\$4.50)

Thursdays -- Hot dogs/veggie dogs with chips (\$2.00)

If you have any questions, please contact Allison in the Main Office (amurray@stjosephkeene.org).

ALLERGY INFORMATION

Please email Allison Murray (amurray@mercyacademykeene.org) in the Main Office as soon as possible with all allergy information for your student.

2023-2024 FORMS TO BE COMPLETED

We have added permission and school acknowledgment forms to the Renweb Family Portal to centralize all documents and forms. 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.)
- Under the “School” drop-down on the left side of the screen, locate “Web Forms.”
- Click on “Web-Form” to access the permissions slips and acknowledgments.
- Forms that need to be completed will appear in blue. You will need to open and sign each form individually.

THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE ALL FORMS HAS PASSED. IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN CARE OF THIS, PLEASE DO SO ASAP!

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Amundson at mamundson@stjosephkeene.org.

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH GROUP

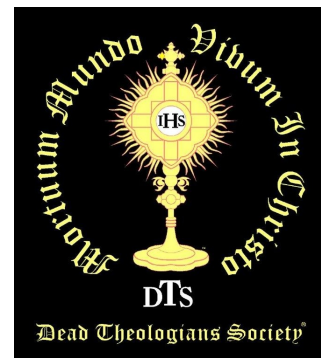
Calling all high school students! Come and join the first Youth Group meeting of the year.

Sunday, September 17

4-6:00pm

St. Bernard's Church

Join our Campus Minister, Anthony Sully, for prayer, food, and fun!



MOUNTAIN BIKING CLUB

We will be offering a Mountain Biking Club again this year! The club will run on

Wednesdays, with the first ride happening on 9/13 and running until the end of October. Students meet up in the parking lot after dismissal and typically return by 5pm. Riders will need to provide their own bike and be able to get it to school on Wednesdays (there is an outdoor bike rack on the north side of the building near the parking lot door). Helmets are a requirement and riding gloves are recommended.

The club is being led by Matthew Murray (parent). Any parents who are experienced riders are welcome to join!

Students, please fill out the attached Google Form so that we can gauge interest and ability level.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXBYs3UWTMW2q5nQVqVV4mM4j4-IsU9ypCF4NZpDByum3Xbw/viewform?usp=sf_link

More details to come!

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.



STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE

SENIOR TESSA PEARSON

OLMA senior Tessa Pearson starts as a midfielder for the Keene High School (KHS) varsity field hockey team. Tessa has been playing field hockey for the past nine years, and this is her fourth year for KHS. As a consistently strong contributor on the offense, Tessa has been recognized with team awards over the past three years, including Rookie of the Year as a freshman. GOOD LUCK THIS SEASON, TESSA!

Photo credit: OLMA Principal Chris Smith





OUR NEW MORNING PRAYER

Written by the Class of 2024

Father,

We thank You for this new day.

May Your Spirit guide our minds and hearts,

So that our thoughts and actions bring us closer to You

And to Your Son, Jesus.

Help us to avoid temptation

And face the struggles of the day with strength.

Grant us the grace

To act charitably

And have mercy on one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us.

ANNOUNCING A NEW YEAR OF DESTINATION IMAGINATION

SJRS teams of students have a long and successful history with Destination Imagination since 1991. The program, in a nutshell, provides interdisciplinary STEAM challenges to teams of up to seven children from Pre-School level through college, culminating in a presentation day in March. Destination Imagination information for the upcoming season will be attached to the next newsletter, and information will be available on Back-to-School Night. You can also go to nh-di.org and destinationimagination.org to find out more. Registration forms will be available then, with completed forms and fees (for registration) to be brought to Mr. Cardine no later than Friday, October 6.



Mrs. Heeran and
her crew gave
us beautiful
music at Mass
this week!



MASS MUSIC PLAYLISTS

For your listening enjoyment, Mrs. Heeran has created two Spotify playlists that include our current week and previous weeks all-school Mass music. The links for both of the playlists can be found on our website here:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/podcast>

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 10 tickets. All families will be responsible for either selling their allotted tickets OR they may purchase the tickets themselves. Your tickets will be coming to you on the Back-to-School Nights next week! If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).





Join us to hit the beautiful fairways of Bretwood's North 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!

7:00-8:30am Registration, Driving Range, Putting Green, Breakfast. Raffle Tickets and Mulligans sales!
8:30am Shotgun Start **Approx 1:00pm** BBQ Lunch and Awards

Special Hole-in-One Contest with an AWESOME prize -- a trip to legendary Pebble Beach! The trip includes two nights, three days at the Inn at Spanish Bay with rounds of golf for two at Pebble Beach, the Links at Spanish Bay and Spyglass, along with a \$1,000 airfare credit. PLUS three additional hole-in-one contests with great prizes, PLUS prizes for men's/women's closest to the pin and top finishing teams. AND a putting contest!

\$125/player--\$500/foursome **Early Bird discount -- \$100/player--\$400/foursome by registering by Friday, Aug 25!**
DEADLINE TO REGISTER -- SEPTEMBER 13! **Online registration at www.mercyacademykeene.org/golf**

INDIVIDUAL PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

Participants are invited to register as a foursome or as individuals seeking to be assigned to a foursome. Please complete both pages of this form.

Team 1 – Team Name or Business Name:			
Player 1 Name:		Player 3 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Player 2 Name:		Player 4 Name:	
Email:		Email:	

Team 2 – Team Name or Business Name:			
Player 1 Name:		Player 3 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Player 2 Name:		Player 4 Name:	
Email:		Email:	

Mail completed form/payment to:
St. Joseph Regional School, ATTN: Golf, 92 Wilson St, Keene, NH 03431
 Questions? Jen Marshall: 603/352-2720 x504 or jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org

SPONSOR/INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATION

I will play in and/or sponsor the golf tournament as a (please check all that apply):			
Gold Sponsors Complimentary foursome, signage at registration, beverage cart, and BBQ; recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	Tee Box Sponsors (18 available) With signage on the tee	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Silver Sponsors Signage at registration, recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$750 <input type="checkbox"/>	Tee Box Sponsors with Foursome With signage on the tee (Discount of \$25)	\$575 <input type="checkbox"/>
Bronze Sponsors Signage on beverage cart, recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	EARLY BIRD Individual Player (on/before Aug 25; discount of \$25)	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
Hole-In-One Sponsors (4 available)	\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>	REGULAR Individual Player (after Aug 25)	\$125 <input type="checkbox"/>
Driving Range Sponsors	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	Putting Contest Sponsors	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>
Men's Closest to the Pin Sponsors	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	Women's Closest to the Pin Sponsors	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>

SPONSOR/INDIVIDUAL PLAYER PAYMENT

Company Name (as it should appear on signage, if applicable):			
Contact Name:		Mailing Address:	
Phone:		City:	
Email:		State:	
		Zip Code:	
Total Sponsor Fee:	\$ _____ (from above)	Payment Method:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check-payable to Our Lady of Mercy Academy <input type="checkbox"/> Visa/MasterCard/AMEX
EARLY BIRD (on/before Aug 25) Individual Player Fee(s):	\$100 each Quantity: _____	Name on Credit Card:	
REGULAR (after Aug 25) Individual Player Fee(s):	\$125 each Quantity: _____	Credit Card Number:	
		Expiration Date:	
TOTAL PAYMENT AMOUNT:	\$ _____	CVV/CVC (from back of card):	
		Signature:	

Mail completed form/payment to:
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