



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

January 20, 2022



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

Dear OLMA Families,

It seems like so many great “firsts” are happening right now. I’m really thrilled that we had our first official school dance last week! Everything seemed to go smoothly, and I hope that everyone had a fun time. Each event like this that we do for the first time helps to solidify our programming and our school. That the students took such initiative in planning and preparing for the dance speaks to the dedicated, engaged students that we have with us. This is only going to grow in the coming years!

I’m also happy that we will be having our first Winter Arts Showcase tonight. Again, the students, along with the faculty, have brought this together. Being able to have an exhibition/performance opportunity like this solidifies a component of our curriculum that is critically important. Providing strong arts programming contributes to our students’ growth in new and different ways.

We also will have our first March for Life Celebration this week. Providing options like this through Campus Ministry are an important part of the spiritual growth of our students as well.

I look forward to seeing everyone tonight at the Winter Arts Showcase!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith  
Principal



### 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL ALL-SCHOOL SKI TRIP

We are in the process of planning our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual All-School Ski Trip to Pat’s Peak on Friday, February 4. Last year’s trip was an amazing



experience and a wonderful way to close out Catholic Schools Week. We are looking forward to the same this year. Be sure to keep an eye out for more details to come about the trip! We would love for all students to join us on this special fun day together off campus.

### IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday 1/20 – Winter Arts Showcase – 6:30pm at the Hannah Grimes Center
- Friday 1/21 – March for Life Celebration
- Friday 1/21 – Alpine Club at Crotched Mountain
- Tuesday 1/25 – End of the 1st Semester
- Wednesday 1/26 – School Mass – 9:30am
- Mon 1/31 - Fri 2/4 – Catholic Schools Week
- Friday 2/4 – Ski Trip to Pat’s Peak
- Mon-Fri 2/21-2/25 – Winter Break – **NO SCHOOL**

### Isaiah 40:4-5

*“Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain...”*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Ethan Amundson** (Grade 9) who received Honorable Mention recognition from the Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire (SAANH)! Ethan's artwork that was submitted was a piece he had worked on in Art I with Miss Fletcher. SAANH is a regional visual arts affiliate of the prestigious national Scholastic Art & Writing Awards.

### YOUTH GROUP

The St. Bernard's Youth Group, led by our Campus Minister Chelsea Herman, will meet next on Sunday, January 30, at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall. They will be honoring St. Augustine!

For details or questions, please contact Chelsea at [cherman@mercyacademykeene.org](mailto:cherman@mercyacademykeene.org). All high school students are welcome!



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SUPER BOWL  
SQUARES  
2022**



Super Bowl Squares are back this year! It's a fun, popular game of chance that makes watching the Super Bowl a little more interesting. This is a traditional squares fundraiser with a 50/50 split -- half to SJRS and half to the winners. Get your squares before they're gone! And please share this with your family and friends. All are welcome to participate. GET YOUR SQUARES!

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

**Only 26  
squares still  
available!!**

### PRIZES

**1st quarter - \$150**

**Halftime - \$325**

**3rd quarter - \$150**

**Final score - \$625**

**\$25  
per square**

### PARTICIPATION IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS:

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2. Pay for your square(s). **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022, or your square(s) will go back up for sale.** Please note that payments are NOT made through the squares website (runyourpool.com). You may make your payment of **\$25 per square** by:

Cash/check (payable to SJRS) given to the Main Office  
OR

Venmo Saint Joseph Regional School  
(@stjosephregionalschool)  
OR

Credit card on the SJRS web site:

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*Rosie Nelligan (Grade 9) worked on a project for Miss Hoye's Earth & Space course that examined global warming and challenged the students to think about everyday ways of helping to address the problem. Because of Rosie's efforts, Mercy Academy now has a compost tumbler where we will be depositing compostable materials!*



*Miss Hoye's Earth & Space class spent time constructing buildings to withstand an earthquake simulation.*



*The students in the Gaming Club enjoyed playing Clue after school last Friday!*



*Mr. Rafail's Civics & Economics students are finishing out the first semester with an online stock market simulation called How the Market Works. Each student started with a virtual \$100,000 to learn how the markets work and practice trading.*

# Catholic Schools Week

1/31-2/4

**Monday:** Pajama day (blessed by our families) Mini golf planning. Wear your PJ's for the first day of the week!

**Tuesday:** Country vs Country Club (blessed by our students) Play Mini Golf dress up like you live out on the ranch or like you play tennis at the local country club.

**Wednesday:** Hat day (blessed by our call) prayer experience: wear your favorite hat or make or design your own hat for a competition! (dress up still applies to this Wednesday hats must be removed for church).

**Thursday:** Superhero/teacher day (blessed by our faculty and staff) Teacher competition day. Dress up like your favorite superhero or teacher!

**Friday:** All school Ski Trip to Pats Peak. 8am-4:00pm