



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

November 18, 2021



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

Dear Mercy Academy Families,

I want to thank everyone for their patience and time throughout conferences last week. I hope that everyone had an opportunity to meet with the teachers with whom they wanted. If you did not, please do not hesitate to reach out directly to the teachers. I want to especially recognize and thank the entire faculty for their time and attention last week. Conferences are a vital tool for maintaining good communication with families. That said, the number of meetings that take place over a short period of time can be a challenge at this time of year. As always, our faculty stepped up and demonstrated their unwavering dedication to our students and their families. For that I am extremely grateful.

At this time, Liberty has completed all individual academic advising meetings with the freshmen. She will next be starting meetings with all sophomores.

A reminder that we are approaching the end of our 50/50 raffle sales period on November 30. Participation in the raffle is required by all families through either selling or buying your 10 tickets per student. THANK YOU in advance for your help with this, and for your support of Mercy Academy!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



Psalm 107:1

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!"



retake day

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ABSENT/REMOTE STUDENTS

If you haven't previously placed an order online, now is the time to do so! Below is how you can place a pre-order for your child's photo until midnight of retake day!

RETAKE STUDENTS

If you have previously placed an order online, just return your package to the photographers & we will replenish your package at no cost!

retake day

11-19-21

ordering information

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IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11/19 – Picture re-take day

Friday 11/19 – Gaming Club (2:45-4:30pm)

Wed 11/24 - Fri 11/26 – Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

Wednesday 12/3 – School Mass – 9:30am (SJRS/OLMA)

Mon 12/20 - Fri 12/31 – Christmas Break **NO SCHOOL**

SJRS ALPINE CLUB MESSAGE FROM CLUB COORDINATOR: WENDY PETSCHIK

The SJRS/OLMA Alpine Club is gearing up for a great season of skiing and riding with the Voyager Program at Crotched Mountain. The club is open to all SJRS and OLMA students ages 5- 18 and there are no capacity limits this year so we can accommodate anyone who would like to join us! Below is the current information that has been provided by Crotched about the program. I am still working out the details/payment amount of those students who would like to join us but do not need lessons or rentals, so stay tuned for that information. I would like to get a contact list together of any interested students so please use the Google Doc link below to provide your information so I can create a master email list. If you have a season pass and do not want lessons, there is no need to sign up through Crotched Mountain, but you will still be part of our club so please sign up on the Google Doc below so I can include you in our club communications. If you need some equipment to start the year please think about attending the Keene High School Alpine Ski and Swap. The details are provided below.

I am so excited for snow and the slope side fun to begin!! If you have any questions, please email Wendy Petschik at wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org.

Google Doc link for Alpine Club email

list: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JX9mfl-MgDzPLWYdmFeb9I3buQXY7FdT1aJKsssErZw/edit?usp=sharing>



Crotched Mountain Voyager Program details

- 5 weeks of lessons plus 2 additional weeks to come out and ski/ride. Voyager is now a 7-week program with lessons offered the first 5 of the 7 weeks.
- 2 products: Lift/Lesson/Rental (\$289) OR Lesson/Rental (\$140)

Schedule:

- Fridays
- Lesson start time: 5 pm
- Starting week of 1/4/22
- Ending week of 2/15/22
- One make-up day, if needed, on your regular day/time, week of 3/8/22



THANKSGIVING BASKETS

The Houses are currently collecting food to put together Thanksgiving baskets for families in need via St. Vincent de Paul. **All donations must be in by Monday, November 22.** Items to bring are:

Ursula: Canned peas, turkey gravy, bag of apples

Aquinas: Canned corn, cranberry sauce, bag of potatoes

Josephine: Canned green beans, Dinner rolls, pumpkin pie

Drogo: Boxed Stuffing, cranberry sauce, apple pie



GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

For the 1st quarter, we would like to recognize **Elice Soddors (Grade 9)** for our Good Samaritan Award.

The **Good Samaritan Award**, recognizes **creativity, honesty, helpfulness, perseverance, kindness, respect, courtesy, altruism and empathy.** Congratulations Elice!



GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

Keene High School 2021 Alpine Ski Sale and Swap Saturday, November 20th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you would like to donate items for sales or consignment you can do that on Friday, November 19th from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM This event is sponsored by the KHS Alpine Ski Team and is a great place to go to get used (and sometimes new) equipment for skiing or snowboarding. The entrance lines get really long and it is strongly suggested to get their early before the doors open to get a good place in line and, hopefully, first pick of all the items.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE 1ST QUARTER!

FIRST HONORS

9th Grade

Mackenzie Ahern
Ethan Amundson
Allison Burgess
Francis Cardine
Gracein Demers
Morgan Murray
Elice Sodders
Melkamu Visser

10th Grade

James Crisman
Greta Fenn
Sophia Fisher
Ethan Lewis
Brooke Muchmore
Caden Nicholas
Tessa Pearson

11th Grade

Sean Nelligan

SECOND HONORS

9th Grade

Noah Heffernan
Taylor Johnson
Rosey Nelligan
Beatrise Newborn
Emma Schriver
Isabella Swingle

10th Grade

Owen Sanderson
Alexander Shield

11th Grade

Marisol Zilske



50/50 RAFFLE INFORMATION

REMINDER: The deadline for raffle ticket stubs and money to be back to school is **November 30**. THANK YOU to all those who have sent theirs in already! As you sell your tickets, you may send your ticket stubs and money in anytime. Envelopes can be given to homeroom teachers or directly to the Main Office. For questions or to get additional tickets, contact Jen Marshall jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Local musician Floyd Oster, who has worked with several of our students in the past, has available time for trumpet, guitar and bass lessons for 30-minute or 45-minute lessons. He has openings on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school. If you have questions or would like to schedule a lesson, you may contact Floyd directly at fdoster@aol.com.

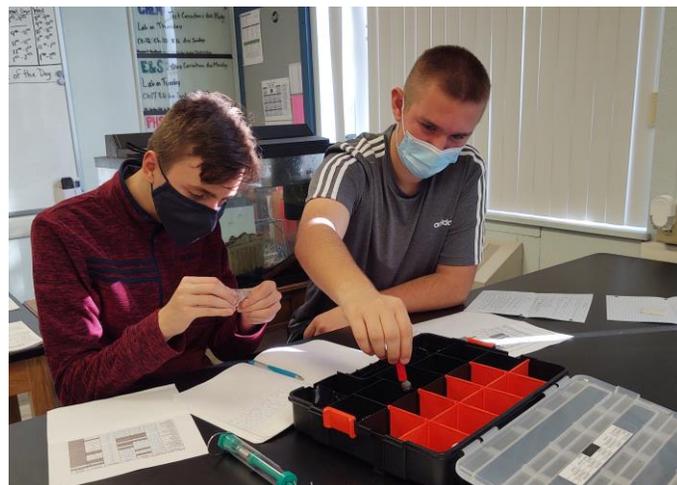


YOUTH GROUP

The St. Bernard's Youth Group, led by our Campus Minister Chelsea Herman, will meet this Sunday, November 21, at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall. This Sunday, they will be honoring St. Margaret Mary Alacoque! Future meetings will also be on December 5 and 19. For details or questions, please contact Chelsea at cherman@mercyacademykeene.org. All high school students are welcome!



Mr. Rafail's U.S. History class on a walk to see the Civil War Memorial in downtown Keene.



Miss Hoye's Earth & Space students checking out some minerals during class.



Halloween fun!



GAMING CLUB

Gaming Club begins Friday, November 19, immediately after school 2:45-4:30pm. This week, if students have a Switch controller, they should bring it along with them!



PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Winter sports are starting very soon! If you are interested in participating in public school athletics (which all private school students are permitted to do), please contact the school district associated with the town in which you reside. The Athletic Director contacts are:

- John Reitnauer (Conval HS) jreitnauer@conval.edu
- Mike Atkins (KHS) matkins@sau29.org
- Tom Cote (MRHS) tcote@mrsd.org
- Gordan Dansereau (FMRS/Walpole) gdansereau@sau60.org

Please check the school websites for detailed information on available sports offered in the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. Athletic offices will be able to assist with any questions regarding the sport you may be interested in and the proper registration process.



IMPORTANT NOTES

- Sign-ups are beginning soon for **WINTER SPORTS**.
- Obtain scheduled dates for tryouts and pre-season training.
- Pre-season training programs may occur in the off-season.
- Your school may have informational meetings for parents prior to each season.
- Physicals are required to play.
- If another district offers a sport you want to play you may be able to play for another district (if your school doesn't offer it).
- OLMA supports your participation in athletics. Please communicate well in advance with teachers if you ever have to leave early for games so we can plan for missed class time.
- If you are **ABSENT** from school, you may not attend practices or games.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Hart (chart@stjosephkeene.org).



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CLUB OF KEENE

Tree Lighting Celebration

Friday, November 26th • 5:00pm-8:00pm
Central Square, Keene, NH

*Live Music
from
Local Bands*

*Visit with
Santa &
Mrs. Claus*

*Enjoy
Cocoa &
Cookies*

*Reading of
'Twas the
Night Before
Christmas*



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