



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 19, 2023

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

It was great to see everyone last night for **pumpkin carving!** I hope that you enjoyed the evening as much as I did. It was so nice to finally get together as a full school community for the first time this year! It has been many years since we have carved pumpkins all together like this. Hopefully it can come back as our annual tradition.

Yesterday we also had our first Mass of the year with all students in attendance -- including Preschool and Kindergarten for their first time. Father Alan had our youngest students join him on the altar at the end of Mass to give them a very special welcome! We will all be attending Mass on Wednesday, November 1, for **All Saints Day**. Families are always welcome to join us!

Just an FYI that Dartmouth Hitchcock will not be providing flu shots at our school this year. In previous Octobers, they have come to the school to administer shots for those who wanted them, however due to staffing issues, there will not be an organized event. Please seek alternative methods for your family if you're interested in having your children receive the flu shot.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith  
Principal

## **MATTHEW 9:11-13**

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 10/24** – End of 1st Quarter  
**Wednesday 10/25** – School Mass – 9:30am  
**Wednesday 10/25** – College visit: Saint Michael's College  
**Wednesday 11/1** – All Saints Day School Mass – 9:30am  
**Friday 11/3** – Flag Football Game & Bonfire – 4:30-6:30pm  
**Saturday 11/4** – Homecoming Dance – 7-9pm  
**Monday 11/6** – College visit: Saint Anselm College  
**Thursday 11/9** – **HALF DAY/CONFERENCES**  
**Friday 11/10** – **NO SCHOOL**  
**Wednesday 11/15** – Advisory Board meeting – 6pm  
**Thursday 11/9** – **HALF DAY**  
**Friday 11/10** – **NO SCHOOL**

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

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## 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](mailto:lebright@mercyacademykeene.org)).



### 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.

**TENNIS**  
8TH GRADE - HIGH SCHOOL

Starting Oct. 27th

**Friday's  
3:00-4:30PM**

**AT KEENE RACQUET CLUB**

Please be sure to dress appropriately and bring a water bottle! All students will be going to the Keene Racquet Club. There will be a \$100 fee associate with this.

All students **MUST** be signed up. Please click [here](#) for the link!

### **INDOOR TENNIS on FRIDAYS for 8th Grade to High School**

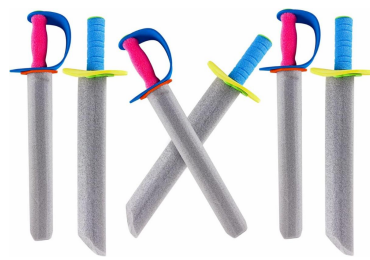
Starting 10/27, we will play at the Keene Racquet Club from 3pm to 4:30pm. As non-members of the club, a junior membership is required. The cost is \$100 and checks can be written to Keene Racquet Club. This will also allow play during off times as a guest of a member. Please have clean indoor tennis shoes, water bottles, and a good attitude. Racquets and tennis balls are provided. Students will be driven by van and return to campus by 4:30pm.



## SWORD FIGHTING CLUB

The Sword Fighting Club is back! The first meeting will be next Thursday, October 26, 3-4pm in the SJRS gym. All are welcome!

Please see Mr. Toscano for more details.



We hope that everyone had a fun time at our **PUMPKIN PICNIC** last night!



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or higher and who have attended Mercy Academy for at least a semester are invited to apply for membership in the National Honor Society.

Applications can be found on our [school website](#) or picked up in the Main Office. They are due no later than Wednesday, November 1st, at 2:45pm. Late applications will not be accepted.





Applicants will be reviewed by a five-member Faculty Council and evaluated on the four pillars of NHS -- Character, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service.

Please direct any questions to our NHS advisor, Dr. Regney ([gregney@mercyacademykeene.org](mailto:gregney@mercyacademykeene.org)).

## STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE SOPHOMORE ELISABETH GORNALL

OLMA sophomore Elisabeth Gornall has been playing soccer since first grade. During her middle school years, she played for Chesterfield School. She is now on the Keene High School junior varsity team, playing center midfield.

GO LIZZIE!!



## 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 Friday, November 3.**



If you have any questions or need additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall ([jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)).



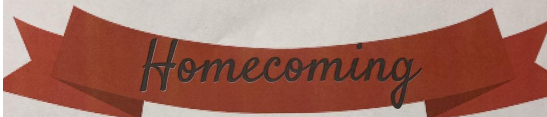
**FLAG FOOTBALL  
& BONFIRE**

**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!**



*Homecoming*

*November 4th, 2023*

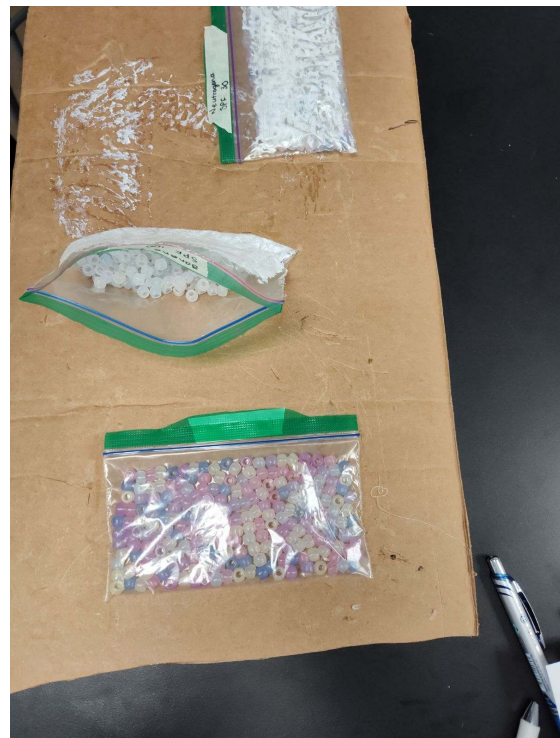
*7-9pm*

*SJRS Gym*

*We will be picking Homecoming  
king and queen!*

*\$10 per person*

*Dress: Semi-formal*



Last Friday, the Anatomy & Physiology class looked at the effectiveness of different types of sunscreens using UV beads.



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<https://www.mercyacademykeene.org/news>



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