



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



February 8, 2024

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty, and Staff:

Our **Catholic Schools Week** was simply amazing! We had so much happening throughout the entire spirit week. And I am happy to see that our annual ski trip has really taken hold as a tradition for us at this point, and has become the perfect way to end the week. A big thank you to Liberty Ebright for planning the trip and for all of the faculty members who attended as chaperones.

Dave Thibault, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Manchester, has shared an update on the **Strategic Plan for the Catholic Schools Office**, which was published three years ago as the vision for Catholic education in NH. I invite you to [read his letter HERE](#).

Next week, we begin the **Lenten Season** with **Ash Wednesday** (February 14). Please note that Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence, therefore we will NOT be serving sandwiches/hoagies for lunch that day. Please be sure to plan accordingly for your child's lunch. Also, we will not be selling pepperoni pizza on Fridays during Lent, since Fridays are a day of abstinence.

I have received word that **Monsignor Dan Lamothe** is now receiving hospice care at his home in Swanzey. This week, we are putting together a video of all of the students and faculty at both schools, sending him special greetings and prayers. I encourage those who know him to also send along greetings to Monsignor Dan. Any cards or notes may be dropped off at the Parish of the Holy Spirit office.

And finally, believe it or not, **2024-2025 re-enrollment** information will be coming to you via email next Monday, February 12. Please be sure to pay very close attention and complete each of the necessary steps promptly in order to hold your child's place for next year.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

1 CORINTHIANS 13: 4-8

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri-Sat 2/9-2/10 – Overnight Lock-In Event

Wednesday 2/14 – Ash Wednesday all-school Mass – 9:30am

Mon-Fri 2/19-2/23 – **Winter Break – NO SCHOOL**

over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

CLICK HERE for the 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

VALENTINE GRAMS

\$3 for conversation hearts
\$5 for chocolates



On sale in the Main Office through TOMORROW (Friday 2/9). Send to your best friend, favorite teacher, sibling (deliverable to SJRS, too!), or your secret crush!

LOCK-IN

TOMORROW NIGHT (Fri/Sat, 2/9-10) is the Student Council sponsored Lock-In! Come enjoy movies, hide and seek, a rave room, Craabi's Crazy Carnival Games, no stakes gambling, pillow fort building, karaoke, and much more! The cost is \$5 if you pay in advance. \$10 at the door the night of the event. Come have a blast with your friends! Students must arrive by 7:00pm. No late arrivals will be admitted, so please arrive on time!



SPRING CRAFT FAIR

Spread the word...our craft fair vendor registration is OPEN!

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/spring-craft-fair-vendors>

Save the date -- Saturday, May 11!



Spring Craft Fair

Saturday, May 11 -- 9am-2pm
Outdoors at St. Joseph Regional School
92 Wilson Street, Keene, NH



STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE

Morgan Murray (Junior)

Morgan has been swimming for four years now. During the school year, he swims for the Keene YMCA Dolphins, and during the summer he is a member of the Brattleboro Swim Team. He also swam for Keene High School during his freshman and sophomore years. His favorite and best stroke is breaststroke. GOOD LUCK this season Morgan!



American Red Cross

RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED

We will be offering the Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED (adult and pediatric) course on Saturday, March 30, 10:00am-2:00pm. The cost will be \$50. This could be a great opportunity for students in preparation for summer jobs.

We currently have seven students planning to attend. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Hart. (chart@stjosephkeene.org)



It was a super day of skiing, riding, and snowshoeing as we officially closed our Catholic Schools Week celebrations with **our annual all-school ski trip** on February 2! Everyone spent the entire fun day together at Pat's Peak.



SUPER BOWL SQUARES

Only 6 squares remaining!!

Super Bowl Squares are back! 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/OLMA 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 play! **\$25 per square**

PRIZES

1st quarter - \$150

Halftime - \$325

3rd quarter - \$150

Final score - \$625

For details on how to play and also to pay for your squares...

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

Choose your squares here...

<https://www.superbowlsquares.org/sjr溶ma/enter-picks>



Earlier this week, Mrs. Hart's students had some fun returning to their youth in **Health class** as they used Play-Doh on skeletons to learn about the major muscle groups!

HOUSE MERCH

We have lots of great OLMA gear available!

Zeiger & Ollie Stores

These online stores are created by our own Miss Wilson and include fun merchandise specific to all of the Houses!



AQUINAS

DROGO

JOSEPHINE

URSULA

Zeiger & Ollie OLMA
Alpine store



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK FUN!



House of St. Drogo



House of St. Ursula



House of St. Thomas Aquinas



House of St. Josephine Bakhita



KEENE LIONS CLUB *and* KEENE LIONS FOUNDATION, INC.

Proudly Present Their 71st Annual Show



ANASTASIA

THE MUSICAL

Book by **TERRENCE McNALLY**

Music by **STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

Lyrics by **LYNN AHRENS**



FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

at the Colonial Theatre, Keene, NH

FRIDAY/SATURDAY EVENING at 7:30PM

SATURDAY/SUNDAY MATINEE at 1:00PM

Proceeds Benefit Keene Lions Foundation, Inc. Charities



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



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