



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



March 13, 2025

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

Please remember that our next Home and School meeting is on Wednesday, March 26, and we will be having some valuable presentations for parents. One will focus on the dangers of cyberspace and what you need to know about internet safety. Another will be given by two SJRS teachers, Mrs. Wendy Petschik and Ms. Ali Wilson, on how to lock down your tech devices to protect your children.

For St. Patrick's Day next week, we will have a bagpiper here on Monday from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm to entertain staff and students alike at both SJRS and OLMA. Feel free to come early for pick-up to listen and maybe do some Irish step dancing. SJRS students may also dress down in green on Monday (no dress down fee.) OLMA students are encouraged to wear green also!

We also celebrate the **Feast Day of our school's Patron Saint, St. Joseph, on Wednesday, March 19**. Please join us for the weekly school Mass. There will be school benefactors and the School Advisory Board members in attendance. Our SJRS Leadership Council President, Brynn Bezio, will introduce the Mass, and our OLMA Student Council President, Francis Cardine, will give a short reflection after communion on his Catholic school experience.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

JOEL 2:12-13

Yet even now—oracle of the LORD—return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the LORD, your God, For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting in punishment.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 3/14 -- Stations of the Cross -- 10:25am
Friday 3/14 -- Party for No Reason -- 6:30pm (see details below)
Wednesday 3/19 -- All-School Mass -- 9:30am -- Saint Joseph's Day -- Benefactor Mass
Thursday 3/20 -- Faculty In-service -- NO SCHOOL
Friday 3/21 -- NO SCHOOL
Sunday 3/23 -- Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)
Tuesday 3/25 -- All-School Mass -- 9:30am -- Feast of the Annunciation
Wednesday 3/26 -- No All-School Mass
Wednesday 3/26 -- Home and School Association meeting -- 6-7pm -- St. Bernard's Parish Hall
Thursday 3/27 -- International Night -- 5:30-7:30pm (see details below)
Friday 3/28 -- Stations of the Cross, Confessions, Rosary -- 9am
Thursday 4/3 -- SAT (juniors), Retreat (seniors),



CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

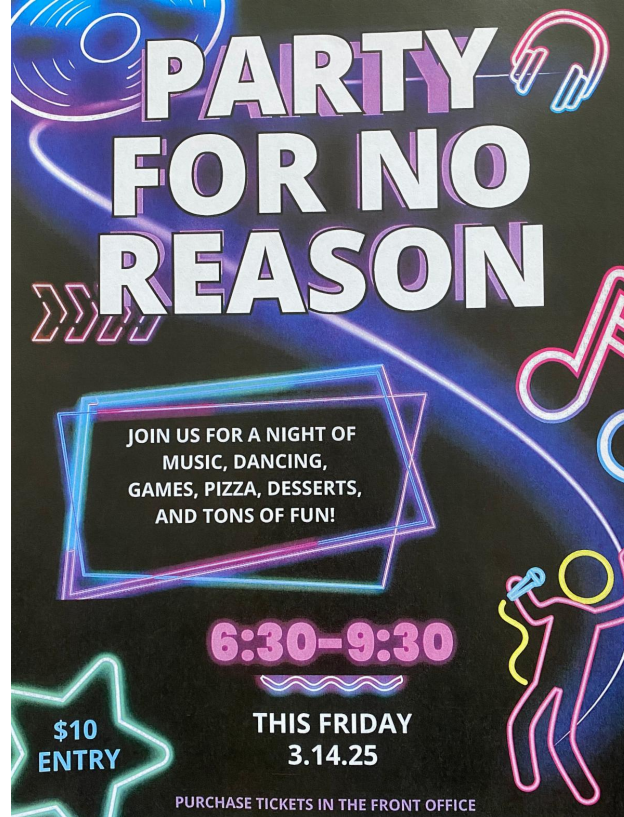
*****PLEASE NOTE***** The calendar has been updated to reflect that there will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, March 20, AND Friday, March 21.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATES

Highlights from the February 19 Meeting:

1. We need a chairperson for the International Night (March 27) and the Craft Fair (May 10.) Update is that Mrs. Divya Janakiram volunteered to chair International Night.
2. We have a task list for International Night and need volunteers; please contact the principal, the school office, Jen Marshall, or Mrs. Janakiram.
3. Some fundraising ideas that have been discussed include restaurant nights and other fun events.
4. Input from parents about our Mission Statement is needed, as per the accreditation agency to review it; a method for sharing ideas will be in the Parent Satisfaction Survey, which will be emailed to all families on March 10.
5. The Chess Club starts on March 11.
6. SJRS and OLMA follow SAU29 with regard to snow days, and every effort is made to decide in a timely manner.
7. We collected \$650 for Corpus Christi School during Catholic Schools Week. This school was severely damaged during the recent LA fires.
8. i-Ready test scores will be sent out tomorrow to SJRS. Update is that there was a tech glitch, so the scores went out the week of March 3.
9. Lent begins on March 5 with Ash Wednesday. No meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent.
10. The NHDI show is Friday, February 21 at 2 pm in the gym. PK-Grade 4.
11. We do not currently have sufficient staff to run a summer camp, but will revisit this topic.
12. Grade 1 parents are invited to a class meeting on Tuesday, March 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm.
13. The 2 tech teachers for our middle grades are surveying parents about safety concerns and will prepare a presentation for the March 26 meeting.
14. We do not currently have a staff member interested in overseeing the DI club. If a parent is interested in doing this, please contact the school office.
15. Parents requested that students go out for play and recess whenever possible.
16. Parents would like to see some improvements in Extended Day: more outdoor play, no videos, and better communication from the staff.
17. Forming a Dad's Club is another idea, and the Club could do school repairs and organize events to beautify the schools.
18. Mrs. Ryka Kelley is overseeing the gently used uniform project, and the clothing will be housed in the SJRS nurse's room; more detail as this project develops.





UPCOMING STANDARDIZED TESTING

The **SAT** will be on Thursday, April 3, for all 11th graders. There is no charge for this test as it is administered through the state of New Hampshire.

2025 SJRS/OLMA PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Below is a link to our 2025 SJRS/OLMA Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey is a way for the schools to gather parent ideas and input through a formal process. Once the survey is closed, general results will be shared in the spirit of transparency, keeping all of our stakeholders informed of issues, concerns, successes, and other school matters. Going forward, this survey will be done on an annual basis, as we want to have consistent communication with our families about their experiences of SJRS/OLMA.

[CLICK HERE for the 2025 SJRS/OLMA Parent Satisfaction Survey](#)

The survey will be open **Monday, March 10 - Friday, March 21**. Everyone is encouraged to please take the time to complete it in order to help us serve you better.

2025-2026 ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR ALL GRADES

The 2025-2026 re-enrollment deadline was last Friday, March 7. **If you have not re-enrolled your child yet, please do so ASAP.**

Admissions for next school year are now open for all grades at SJRS and OLMA. Please feel free to share this with friends and family in the community. In the past, we have always found that word of mouth is the most important way that new families discover our schools. We also have flyers available in the front office. Parents are welcome to pick up copies if you would like to distribute/hang them locally in places you frequent. Thank you!

SJRS/OLMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have compiled all information sent by parents for our new SJRS/OLMA Business Directory. We encourage the support of the businesses within our school communities! If you have questions or would like your business to be added to the directory, please email



Mondays are SO MUCH better when our best friend therapy dog MacKinley from Monadnock Therapy Pets stops by to visit us!!!



YOUTH GROUP

All High School
Students Welcome!

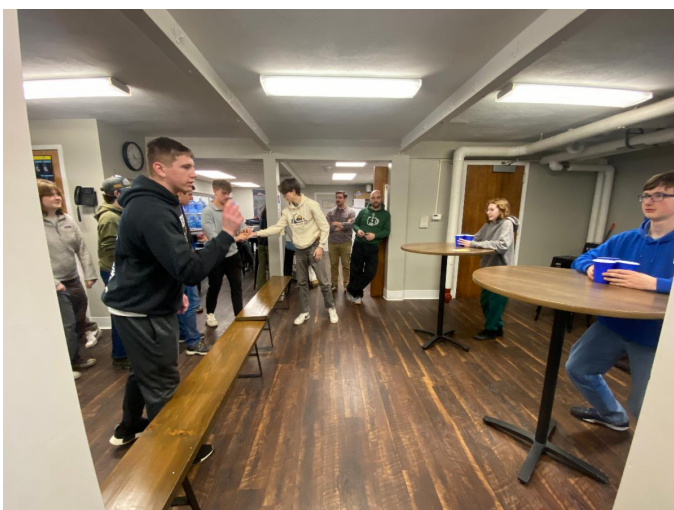
Food, Prayer and Fun!

Sunday, March 23

Masiello Room
(In Our Lady of Mercy Building)
4:00PM - 6:00PM




The march to graduation is ON! On March 3, we marked **100 days** until we celebrate our Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony with our awesome graduating seniors! We had a special surprise breakfast for the seniors that morning in honor of the occasion. The countdown begins!



We had a fierce House competition today in the Masiello Room with ping-pong ball tossing. The House of Josephine came away with the win!

TUTORING AVAILABLE!

Tutoring by NHS scholars and Dr. Regney is available every day except Wednesdays. We meet during flex time in room 37. This is a quiet study/work space and only tutors and tutees may



NHS TUTORING

Come in during
flex time for
academic
assistance from
your fellow
students!

pay attention to the announcements for scheduling.



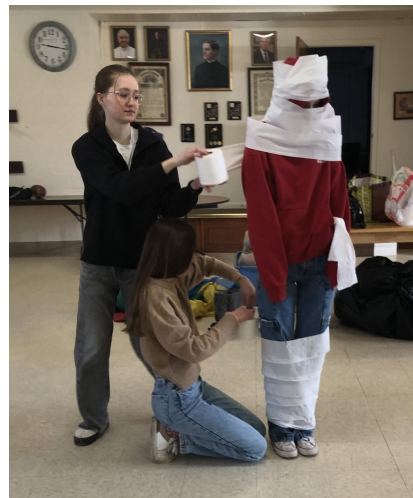
Would you like to share some of your family's heritage?

CULTURE Is there an aspect of your family's culture that you can share with everyone? In the past, we have had families wear traditional apparel, display special family items that have cultural or historical significance, and share recipes and customs.

Contact Jen Marshall at jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org.



Within the past few weeks, the sophomores and juniors have enjoyed their **Retreat** days. Mrs. Hart started the days off with some team building activities with them, including mummy races!



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

2 weeks after OLMA returns from France, the same 30 French students and 3 teachers who hosted us are visiting May 13-20, 2025

Please consider hosting....for more information, text or call Kira Kangas at 603-242-5254 or email Mr. Sully asully@mercyacademykeene.org

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A Journey to the Jubilee Year Parish Mission

"The Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God" - Pope Francis

Join us in opening the door and letting the King of Glory enter in!

Mission presented by
Mgr. Marc Montminy

March 17th - 19th
Mon - Wed

Confessions 6PM

Rosary 6:30PM

Mission 7-8:15PM

St. Bernard Church
185 Main St.
Keene, NH 03431

Mission Topics

Mon. March 17th
Recover the Joy of Living
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18)

Tues. March 18th
Dreams Can Come True
"He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor" (Luke 4:18)

Wed. March 19th
Abounding in Hope
"To announce a year of favor from the Lord" (Luke 4:19)

For your reference, all newsletters from previous weeks can be found on our website here:
<https://www.mercyacademykeene.org/news>



