



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



September 15, 2022

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

Greetings OLMA Families, Faculty and Staff,

It was great seeing lots of families at our Back-to-School Picnic last week, and we look forward to seeing everyone tonight at Back-to-School Night. We hope that you will take the time to join us! The next official opportunity to visit with teachers will be at the beginning of November at parent-teacher conferences. But our faculty members are always welcome to having individual conversations anytime. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them via email to setup a time to speak by phone or meet in person, if necessary.

I have a quick update on our NEASC accreditation process. You may recall that last Spring, we submitted our Foundation Self-Study and had our Foundation visit. Last week, we submitted our Program Self-Study and are now preparing for our Program visit. Our NEASC Program Visiting Committee will be here with us October 16-19. During their time with us, they will hold numerous meetings with our faculty and staff as well as with some parents, current students and alumni. We are looking forward to the opportunity to share with the committee why SJRS and OLMA are such special schools! I will continue to update you as we move through this next phase of the process.

Liberty is in the process of setting up a new Google Classroom that will be the one-stop location for all college and career preparation materials available to the students. Please keep an eye out for this coming very soon. If you have questions about this new Google Classroom, please do not hesitate to reach out to her.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith  
Principal

## PROVERBS 10:12

Hatred stirs up conflict,  
but love covers up all  
wrongs.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 9/21** – Advisory Board meeting – 6pm

**Friday 9/23** – Golf Tournament at Bretwood

**Wednesday 9/28** – Student Council elections

**Thursday 10/6** – Picture Day

**Friday 10/7** – Faculty In-Service Day **NO SCHOOL**

**Monday 10/10** – Columbus Day **NO SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 10/12** – PSAT/NMSQT (Juniors)

**Sunday-Wednesday 10/16-19** – NEASC  
Accreditation Program visit

**Friday 10/21** – Community service activity for Freshmen/Sophomores (1/2 day)  
**Monday-Friday 10/24-28** – Spirit Week!  
**Wednesday 10/26** – NHHEAF Financial Aid 101 – 6pm (virtual webinar)  
**Monday 10/31** – Halloween fun!

**CLICK HERE for the complete updated 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**\*\*\*MANDATORY FORMS TO COMPLETE\*\*\***

**ALL FAMILIES MUST complete the following forms:**

1. Over-the-counter medication Form **CLICK HERE**
2. Handbook Acknowledgement/Photo Release/Acceptable Use Policy **CLICK HERE**
3. Blanket Field Trip Permission Form (Cheshire County) **CLICK HERE**

**ALLERGY INFORMATION**

For any students who have any **allergies**, parents should email Allison ([amurray@mercyacademykeene.org](mailto:amurray@mercyacademykeene.org)) as soon as possible and let her know any changes or updates to allergy situations.

**PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT  
2022-23 SACRAMENT PREP/FAITH FORMATION**

Fr. Alan spoke briefly at the SJRS Back-to-School Night about the plans for sacrament preparation this year and going forward. He explained the Bishop's thoughts and plans, and how they are being implemented beginning this year. In the past, sacrament preparation for SJRS/OLMA students has taken place through our Religion classes during the school day. The Bishop feels that the sacraments are based out of the church and that they are gifts of the church. Therefore, he wants all sacrament preparation to be based out of the churches/parishes. For those members of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, below is information about the plan for the coming year. Anyone who is part of our school community and is a member of another local Parish must speak with their own Parish about sacrament prep within their Parish. Religion classes at SJRS/OLMA will continue normally, and there will be discussion of the sacraments. But the specific sacrament prep discussions will be managed through the Parish.

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The Parish of the Holy Spirit's Faith Formation Program this year will be based on the second volume of the Family of Faith series, which explores the beauty and meaning of the Sacraments. Come learn and experience how the Sacraments of the Church are gifts for living in fullness of life.

Our monthly parent meetings and family gatherings will explore this content and augment it with other material for supporting our relationship with Christ and one another. Families with children of all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate.

The program will include sacrament preparation for those who are eligible to receive First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Communion. This will be the only preparation program available to children whose home parish is the Parish of the Holy Spirit.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website: <https://www.swnhcatholics.com> or with a paper registration form located at the church entrances. Payments can be delivered to the Parish Office, 173 Main Street.

Our first adult meeting will be Thursday, September 29, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Parish Hall. More details will be provided at that time.

Families are invited to begin the year together at the 11:15 Mass this Sunday, September 18. We encourage you to bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

Please contact Carol Spindler at [faithformationswnh@gmail.com](mailto:faithformationswnh@gmail.com) with any questions.

# PICTURE DAY

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checkout

Be sure to take a look at the packages, prints & novelties we offer and place an order online until **midnight** of picture day.

*Pay full price for first two children's orders and receive each additional child's order for **FREE**.*

# PICTURE DAY

10-06-22

## UNIQUE CODE

VBSWHFCM

### TAKE A LOOK!

WE'VE ADDED NEW TRENDY, SEASONAL & FUN BACKGROUNDS WE THINK YOU'LL LOVE!

*Saint Joseph Regional School*

Products Shown:

Fall 2022-23 Print

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Digital Download

Magnets

Ornate Square Ornament

World's Best Mom Card

Metal Print



### BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT PLAN TONIGHT

We will be holding our annual high school Back To School Night TONIGHT ( Thursday, 9/15) from 6:00-7:30PM.

Back to School Night is not a required event for families, but rather an opportunity to meet each of your student's teachers and get a feel for what your student's day looks like. Teachers will be providing a general overview of each course and are available to answer questions about class expectations, curricular goals, grading policy, etc. Just as an FYI, individual teacher conferences are scheduled for the week of November 10th and each teacher is certainly available for an individual conference or meeting at another time.

Parents, please arrive by 5:45 for a prompt 6:00pm start.

Upon arrival, all parents will be given a map and their student's schedule. All parents will rotate through all of their student's classes

Just as an FYI - this is a parents-only event. No students are invited to the OLMA Parent Back to School Night.

"A" Day classes first and then all "B" Day classes.

"A" Day

Block 1 - 6:00 - 6:08

Block 2 - 6:10 - 6:18

Block 3 - 6:20 - 6:28

Block 4 - 6:30 - 6:38

"B" Day

Block 1 - 6:40 - 6:48

Block 2 - 6:50 - 6:58

Block 3 - 7:00 - 7:08

Block 4 - 7:10 - 7:18





*This year, we have a new partnership with the Keene Family YMCA! Our PE students are traveling to the Y for their PE classes and have an opportunity to take advantage of all that the Y has to offer. Most recently, they have been learning to climb the rock wall!*

### **ATTENTION JUNIORS -- PSAT/NMSQT**

Keene High School will be offering the PSAT/NMSQT on Wednesday, October 12. This is a great opportunity to practice for the SAT, which all juniors will take in the spring of 2023, and is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Unless Liberty hears from you otherwise, she will make arrangements for your student to take the test at KHS.

To learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT and everything it can do for your student or to get practice for test day, visit:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

More information on test time and day of details to come!



*Mrs. Herman spent a few minutes after Mass yesterday sharing with the students some information about opportunities with Campus Ministry for this school year.*

### **LUNCHES**

Lunches are now available for purchase four days per week. You may start placing orders via RenWeb/FACTS and pay online. Payment may also be made by cash/check at the Main Office. Your order MUST be placed by 9:00am (at the latest) on the day of the lunch that you're ordering. Most families find it easiest to order in advance for several weeks at a time in RenWeb.

Mondays/Fridays -- Cheese Pizza (\$2.25/slice) (from Pizza Pi)

Tuesdays -- Hot dogs/veggie dogs with chips (\$2.00)

Wednesdays -- Ham/turkey/bologna/veggie sandwiches with chips (\$4.50) (from Gomarlo's)

If you have any questions, please contact Allison in the Main Office ([amurray@mercyacademykeene.org](mailto:amurray@mercyacademykeene.org)).





*The students were learning about the muscles by using playdough and skeletons with Mrs. Hart in Health class this week!*

### **50/50 RAFFLE SALES HAVE BEGUN!**

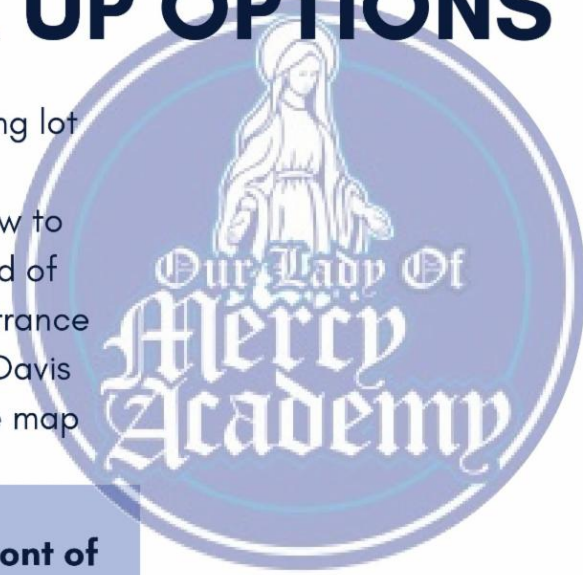
Everyone will be getting their 50/50 raffle tickets this week! If you did not receive them at Back-to-School Night, you will receive them during rides line or they will come home in your child's backpack. Please keep an eye out for them! THANK YOU!!



# OLMA PICK UP OPTIONS

Hello Mercy Families!

To avoid congestion in the parking lot at pick up time, there are a few options below that you can follow to pick up your student(s) at the end of the day. The only parking lot entrance available during dismissal is via Davis Street. Please be sure to see the map attached!



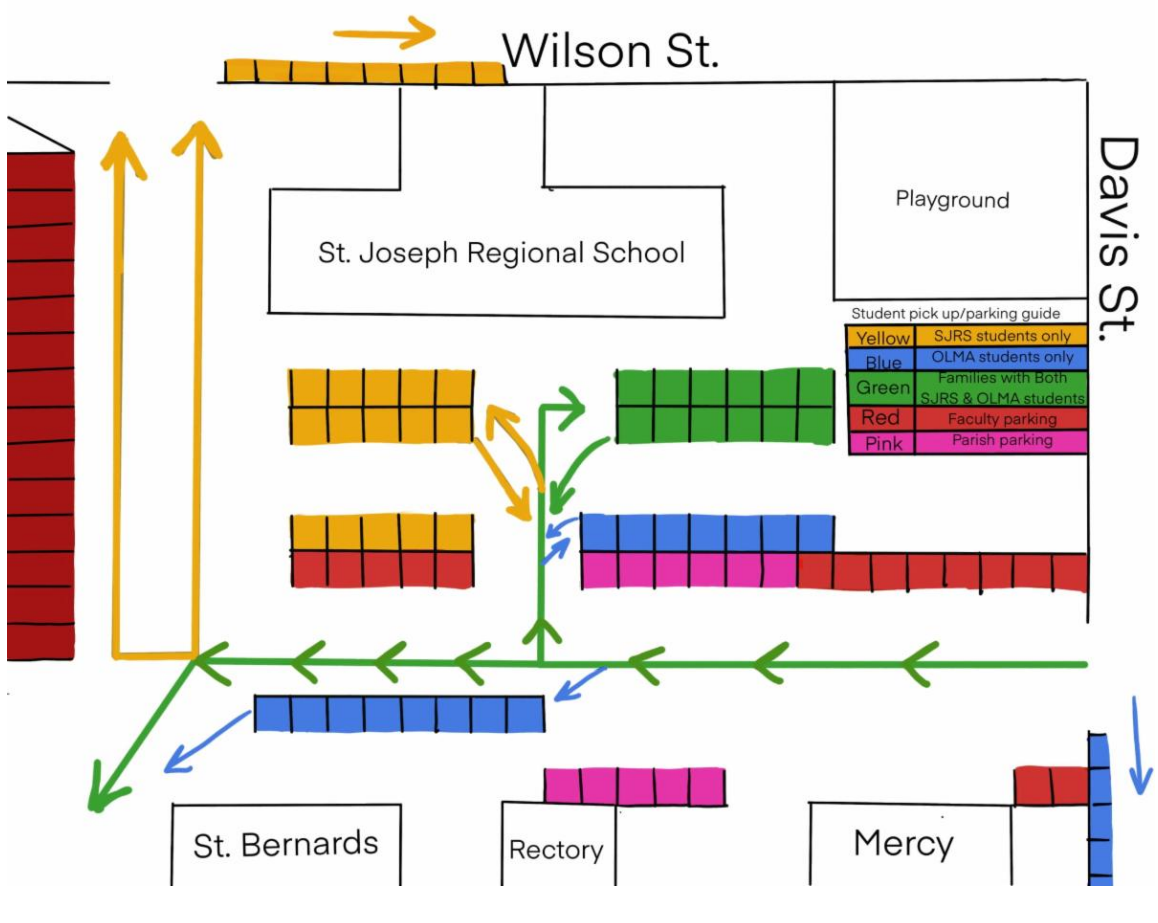
1. **Students may exit the front of the building and be picked up on the school side of Davis St.**
2. **You may park in the designated area and your student will meet you at your vehicle. You will exit on the south side of St. Bernards.**
3. **Arrive at 3:00PM to avoid all traffic congestion. Pick up your student at the St. Joseph Garden.**



Please let us know if you have any questions!

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Join us to hit the beautiful fairways of Bretwood's North course. Play is Scramble format with great prizes. The field will be limited to the first 96 golfers (24 foursomes) to register, so gather your family, friends, and colleagues!

8:30am Registration, Driving Range, Putting Green, Continental Breakfast. Raffle Tickets and Mulligans sales!  
10am Shotgun Start Box Lunch provided in cart  
3pm BBQ and Awards

Special **Hole-in-One Contest** with prize of a four-night stay for two at The Westin, Puntacana Resort and Club in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic! PLUS three additional hole-in-one contests with special prizes, PLUS prizes for men's/women's closest to the pin, putting contest, and top finishing teams.

\$125/player--\$500/foursome **Early Bird discount -- \$100/player--\$400/foursome by registering by Friday, Aug 26!**  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER -- SEPTEMBER 13!** **Online registration at [www.mercyacademykeene.org/golf](http://www.mercyacademykeene.org/golf)**

### INDIVIDUAL PLAYER/TEAM REGISTRATION

Participants are invited to register as a foursome or as individuals seeking to be assigned to a foursome. Please complete both pages of this form.

<b>Team 1 – Team Name or Business Name:</b>			
Player 1 Name:		Player 3 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Player 2 Name:		Player 4 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
<b>Team 2 – Team Name or Business Name:</b>			
Player 1 Name:		Player 3 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
Player 2 Name:		Player 4 Name:	
Email:		Email:	
<p align="center"><b>Mail completed form/payment to:</b>  <b>St. Joseph Regional School, ATTN: Golf, 92 Wilson St, Keene, NH 03431</b>  <b>Questions? Jen Marshall: 603/352-2720x504 or <a href="mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org">jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org</a></b></p>			

## SPONSOR/INDIVIDUAL PLAYER REGISTRATION

I will play in and/or sponsor the golf tournament as a (please check all that apply):			
<b>Gold Sponsors</b> Complimentary foursome, signage at registration, beverage cart, and BBQ; recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$1,000 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tee Box Sponsors (18 available)</b> With signage on the tee	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Silver Sponsors</b> Signage at registration, recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$750 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tee Box Sponsors with Foursome</b> With signage on the tee (Discount of \$25)	\$575 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Bronze Sponsors</b> Signage on beverage cart, recognition during awards ceremony, on website and social media	\$500 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>EARLY BIRD Individual Player</b> (on/before Aug 26; discount of \$25)	\$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hole-In-One Sponsors (4 available)</b>	\$300 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REGULAR Individual Player</b> (after Aug 26)	\$125 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Driving Range Sponsors</b>	\$200 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Putting Contest Sponsors</b>	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Men's Closest to the Pin Sponsors</b>	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Women's Closest to the Pin Sponsors</b>	\$250 <input type="checkbox"/>

## SPONSOR/INDIVIDUAL PLAYER PAYMENT

Company Name (as it should appear on signage, if applicable):			
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Phone:		City:	
Email:		State:	
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Total Sponsor Fee:	\$ _____ (from above)	Payment Method:	<input type="checkbox"/> Check-payable to Our Lady of Mercy Academy <input type="checkbox"/> Visa/MasterCard/AMEX
<b>EARLY BIRD</b> (on/before Aug 26) Individual Player Fee(s):	\$100 each Quantity: _____	Name on Credit Card:	
<b>REGULAR</b> (after Aug 26) Individual Player Fee(s):	\$125 each Quantity: _____	Credit Card Number:	
		Expiration Date:	
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT AMOUNT:</b>	\$ _____	CVV/CVC (from back of card):	
		Signature:	

Mail completed form/payment to:  
St. Joseph Regional School, ATTN: Golf, 92 Wilson St, Keene, NH 03431  
Questions? Jen Marshall: 603/352-2720 x504 or [jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)



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