



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



April 14, 2022

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



At our Holy Thursday Prayer Service this morning, Deacon Ken symbolically washed the feet of faculty members, just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

Greetings OLMA Families and Faculty,

I have just a few quick notes today before we head off to the long weekend and Easter celebrations.

I want to mention how proud I am of the students for the work that they have done to **raise funds in support of Ukraine**. They knew very quickly that they wanted to do something, and came together to figure out a way of helping in some way. Their stickers have been a huge success. They ended up raising a total of \$1470, which has now been sent to the Red Cross. This is a tremendous example of putting our mission into action. I really commend the students for taking the initiative on this project, figuring out how to do what they could to make a difference.

Report cards went out yesterday via email. If for some reason you have not received your child's report card yet, please let me know right away.

A final reminder...we do NOT have school tomorrow, Friday, 4/15, and Monday, 4/18.

I hope that everyone has a beautiful, restful weekend. May the peace and hope of Christ be with you and your family this Easter.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

*Have a blessed
Easter!*

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."
--John 11:25-26

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 4/15 – Good Friday NO SCHOOL
Monday 4/18 – Easter Monday NO SCHOOL
Tues-Thurs 4/19-21 – Easter celebrations
Wednesday 4/20 – School Mass – 9:30am
Fri 4/22, Mon-Fri 4/25-29 – Spring Break NO SCHOOL
Mon-Fri 5/2-6 – Teacher Appreciation Week
Saturday 5/7 – Spring Craft Fair/Art Day
Mon-Tuesday 5/9-10 – NWEA MAP testing
Friday 5/20 – May Crowning
Fri-Mon 5/27-30 – Memorial Day weekend NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 6/1 – International Night – 5:30-7:30pm
Tuesday 6/7 – Spring Arts Showcase
Thurs-Tues 6/9-14 – Final exams
Thursday 6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School – 1/2 day – 11:50am dismissal (No Childcare after school!)



LUKE 24:1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words.



The members of Angling Club have headed out to do some fishing after school on Tuesdays for the past few weeks. So far, they've been to Robin Hood Park and Goose Pond. Each week, Mr. Rafail will be trying to get them out to a different location. For those still interested in joining the group, you may contact Mr. Rafail (jrafail@mercyacademykeene.org).



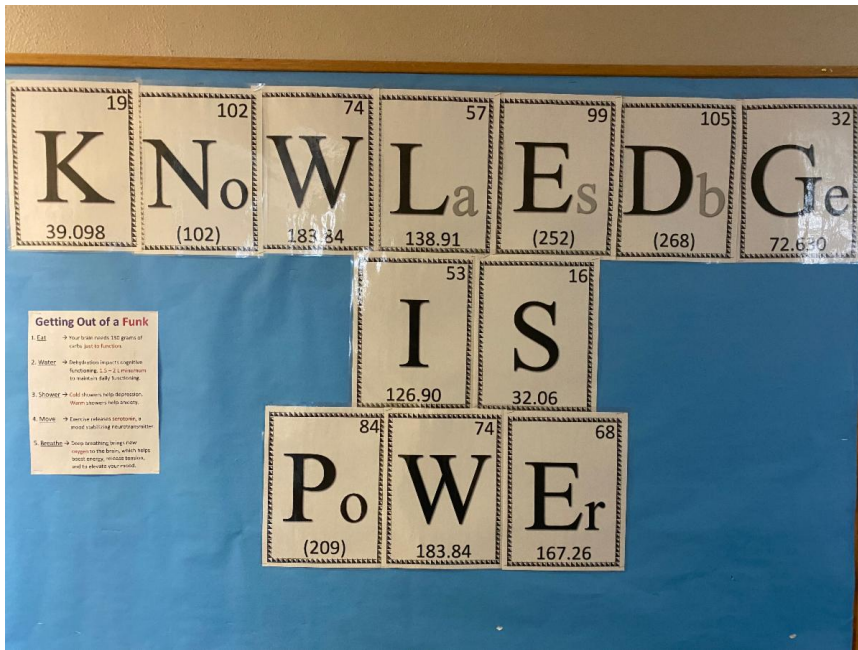
SPRING CRAFT FAIR/ART DAY PLANNING

We need your help on Saturday, May 7, for our Spring Craft Fair/Art Day! We have 80 vendors joining us (twice as many as last year!). We are looking forward to a great day!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to work at the **raffle and bake sale booths** on the day of the event and also a few days afterwards to help with contacting raffle winners.

BAKED GOODS are needed for our **bake sale booth**. Baked goods can be brought to school the day before (Friday, May 6) or on the morning of the craft fair (Saturday, May 7).

If you can help with any of the above, **please email Jen Marshall at jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org**. If you can volunteer, please indicate the time of the day when you are available.



Some words of wisdom from Miss Hoye...

Madame Wilson took advantage of the beautiful weather earlier this week to have French class outdoors!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Next Sunday the Parish of the Holy Spirit Youth Group will gather at 3:00pm in St. Bernard's to join the parish to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet which (was revealed to St. Faustina in the early 1900s) and have some awesome face to face time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.

Upcoming Events

- 4/24 Divine Mercy Sunday (3pm)
- 5/1 St. Mary Mazzarello

Pancakes, Pancakes!

The high school youth group is hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 22, to



For more information about the Youth Group, contact Chelsea Herman, Mercy Academy Campus Minister (cherman@mercyacademykeene.org).

raise funds for participation in the phenomenal Steubenville Youth Conference this summer. Breakfast will be served after the 9:30am and 11:15am Masses. Please join us!

All high school students are welcome!

BIOLOGY CLASS

Last week in Bio, Miss Hoye had students looking at which feedstocks (grass, cornmeal, or corn syrup) are best used as a biofuel alternative.



CHEMISTRY CLASS

In Miss Hoye's Chemistry class, the students were using titration to calculate the molar mass of an unknown substance.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND NEW HAMPSHIRE



EDUCATION TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships. **The DEADLINE to apply is MAY 6.** The eligibility is:

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. You must have a child/children between the ages of 5 and 20 who is entering **Kindergarten** or **1st grade** for the first time OR entering 2nd-12th grades and coming

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS

The application is open for 2022-2023 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. You can direct part of your child's state education funding to pay for tuition at SJRS/OLMA. **The DEADLINE to apply is JUNE 15.**

- The eligibility is:
1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
 2. Your child must be at least 5 years old and

from a public school.
3. Your household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level. See income chart below.

no older than 20 years old and **entering Kindergarten – 12th grade**.
3. Your household income must not exceed 300% of the federal poverty level. See income chart below.

Both of the above programs are administered by the **Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire**, and applications are currently being accepted for new and returning families . The applications for both programs are simple and entirely online. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to apply as soon as possible. Many of our families receive funding from these great programs. There is a combined application for the programs so that you may apply for both at the same time, if you qualify for both. **You may receive funding from BOTH programs if eligible.** **CLICK HERE for the application for families NEW to these programs.** **CLICK HERE for the portal login for families REAPPLYING to these programs.** If you have questions about the above programs, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).

| 300% of 2021 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines | | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Family Size | Income Limit/ Annual | Income Limit/ Monthly | Income Limit/ Weekly |
| 2 | \$52,260 | \$4,355 | \$1,005 |
| 3 | \$65,880 | \$5,490 | \$1,267 |
| 4 | \$79,500 | \$6,625 | \$1,529 |
| 5 | \$93,120 | \$7,760 | \$1,791 |
| 6 | \$106,740 | \$8,895 | \$2,053 |
| 7 | \$120,360 | \$10,030 | \$2,315 |
| 8 | \$133,980 | \$11,165 | \$2,577 |
| add \$13,620 for each additional person | | | |



APRIL FOOLS!
Some of our industrious students, working hard on Mr. Raabe's car on April Fools Day!



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Together, we're greater than groceries.

HANNAFORD HELPS

Earn money for SJRS while you shop at Hannaford! **Now through May 28, 2022**, choose from over 1,500 participating products.

Shopping In-Store

SHOP – Look for shelf tags on over 1,500 participating products .

CHECK OUT – Collect your School Dollars from an associate at checkout.

DEPOSIT – Drop your School Dollars in the SJRS Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower in-store.

Hannaford To Go

SHOP – Look for the apple icon on over 1,500 products online.

CHECK OUT – Receive your School Dollars with your receipt .

DEPOSIT – Drop your School Dollars in the SJRS Hannaford Helps Schools collection tower in-store, or send them in to the SJRS Main Office with your child.

Paper Shredding Event



A Knights of Columbus fundraising event to support their charitable efforts throughout Keene and the surrounding communities

Are your confidential personal or business papers piling up with no time to shred them?

Protect yourself, your family and your customers from loss and identity theft by properly destroying your confidential documents.

SecurShred will shred your documents on-site while you monitor the process through a video surveillance system. All shredded materials will be taken away and recycled.

Individuals and businesses welcome!

Shredding will be:

- Done on-site**
- While you wait**
- By a professional shredding truck!**

Date: Saturday April 23rd rain or shine
9am - 12 Noon

Location: St. Bernard Catholic Church
Parking Lot
185 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431

Cost: \$10 per box (standard paper box)

Payment: Cash or check payable to:
Knights of Columbus Council 819

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
April 23rd

**Paper Materials
May Include:**

- Office paper
- NCR paper
- Invoice paper
- Colored paper
- Window envelopes
- Glossy paper
- File folders
- Computer papers
- Brochures
- Fax paper
- Ledger paper
- Letterhead
- Laser printouts
- Product Sheets
- Envelopes
- Other office paper

No need to remove staples or paper clips

No appointment necessary!



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