



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

November 12, 2020 Newsletter



Dear SJRS and OLMA Families,

Thank you to everyone for making the adjustments necessary for our new dismissal procedure. I think the situation has improved greatly over the past week, but we will continue to closely monitor things. I appreciate your efforts to keep everyone safe!

Over the coming weeks, I would like everyone to please think about your children’s indoor sports and other extracurricular activities, and consider keeping your children socializing and participating in activities primarily within our school community. We are hoping to keep us in school every day, but it’s really up to everyone to work together in this situation. Limiting travel and activities for a period of time can help keep everyone healthy and safe.

I am really thrilled that we have been able to be in school together every day for the entire first quarter! Things have gone extremely well. As we enter the holiday season, we will be making sure that everyone continues to be vigilant with consistent mask wearing and social distancing throughout the school days. Also, if you have family members visiting your home for Thanksgiving, please be sure that they are taking all proper precautions.

A huge thank you to Amber Chaput (Mom of Addison gr 4 and Alayna gr 2, and nurse at Cheshire Medical Center) for her help with the Tips for a Safe Thanksgiving that we are sharing!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Principal



TIPS FOR A SAFE THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

We recognize that COVID-19 will have an impact on how we celebrate the holidays, and would like to share some tips to maintain a safe gathering with family and friends:

- Celebrating the holidays with family with whom you have had regular contact over these months is the safest way to celebrate.
- Limit the number of people gathering to fewer than 10.
- Maintain at least six feet of distance between people, and wear a mask when you are indoors.
- If weather permits, maintain an open window or door for good airflow. Even if this is possible, continue to wear a mask.
- If possible, when having a meal, separate individuals. A large group sitting around a dinner table increases the risk of spreading the virus while talking and eating. And there is evidence that having dinner at restaurants, despite the separation, bears a greater risk for contracting COVID.
- If possible have separate tables with separate serving utensils and serving bowls and platters for each table. Paper plates are a better idea than dishes, if possible. Individuals should be responsible for placing their utensils and plates into the dishwasher.
- Children love to hug and hang on to loved ones. If you’re not in regular contact with the children, consider a fist or elbow bump or a foot-to-foot shake instead.



Phillipians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/13 – School Mass (Grades 3-10) – 9:30am
- 11/25-12/1 – Thanksgiving Break – **NO SCHOOL**
- 12/21-1/1 – Christmas Break – **NO SCHOOL**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE FIRST QUARTER!

**SAINT JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL**



HIGH HONORS

8th Grade

Francis Cardine
Kiley Durrell
Connor Marshall
Morgan Murray

7th Grade

Edwin John
Sullivan Murray
Annelise Nicholas
Henry Ormont
Kyle Paolino
Ethan Petschik
Andreea Rusu
Sophie Saari
Alyvia Singleton
Ethan Young

6th Grade

Shannon Nelligan
Lexi Tuthill
Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni
Lilly Vitters

5th Grade

Oliver Kivisto
Eden LaPlume
Monica Lundin
Holden Sodders

HONORS

8th Grade

Mackenzie Ahern
Ethan Amundson
Lane Berg
Gracein Demers
Sadie Guardiano
Taylor Johnson
Liam Lynch
Rosey Nelligan
Emma Schriver
Elice Sodders
Melkamu Visser

7th Grade

Liam Crisman
Lily Fitzpatrick
Elisabeth Gornall
Turner Lang
Grace Lyons
Torin Regney
Elio Saba

6th Grade

Thomas Cardine
Ben Hockensmith
Wesley McWhirk
Caroline Miller
Colleen Nelligan
Ben Stoning
Keeghan White

5th Grade

Thomas Hanrahan
Jacquelin Heikkinen
Makayla Paolino
Raffi Podniesinski
Lily Sanderson
Gregory Swingle
Dylan Young

**OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
HONOR ROLL**

FIRST HONORS

9th Grade

James Crisman
Greta Fenn
Ethan Lewis
Tessa Pearson

10th Grade

Sean Nelligan

SECOND HONORS

9th Grade

Aiva Bailey
Caden Nicholas
Owen Sanderson
Alexander Shield

10th Grade

Fitsum Visser



The OLMA PE class took advantage of the beautiful weather and took a quick bike up Sunset Rock in Keene last Friday!



The 4th grade successfully built triple decker hula buts in PE with Mrs. Hart. They all showed great teamwork and persistence!

SJRS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND Sectionals Schedule from Mr. Thies

Week of November 16

TUESDAY

8:30 - 9:15 - Flute
10:00 - 10:45 - Sax

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:15 - Trombone/Baritone
12:30 - 1:15 - Trumpet

THURSDAY

8:30 - 9:15 - Electric Bass
9:30 - 10:15 - Percussion

FRIDAY

10:30 - 11:15 - Clarinet

Please be sure that your child has their instrument in school on the day of their sectional. Thank you!



Mr. Smith reading to the Kindergarten earlier this week.

SANDWICHES START NEXT WEEK!

Beginning on **Wednesday, November 18**, and on every Wednesday thereafter, we will have **sandwiches** (ham, turkey, bologna, or veggie) and a bag of chips available to order for lunch from Gomarlo's. You may order through Renweb, just like ordering pizza. Please note that you must always have your order in by Tuesday mornings. The price for a 6" sandwich and a bag of chips is \$4.50.

SJRS CHILDCARE NEWS

Please be sure to register your student for Childcare at least 10 days in advance.



[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the week of **November 16**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the week of **November 23**.

In the future, Childcare invoices will be emailed to parents. Please let Miss Hoye know the email to which you would like to receive your invoice. Prompt payment is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

GET YOUR GEAR!

We now have our own SJRS and OLMA online stores through Bulldog Design in Keene! All orders are produced on demand as they come in. Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. Lots of fun gear to choose from! These stores serve as fundraisers for SJRS and OLMA, so a portion of the sales come back to our schools.



<https://sjrsapparel.itemorder.com/sale>
<https://mercyacademy.itemorder.com/>

SJRS BUILDERS CLUB NEWS

Builders Club will be selling **apple cider** every Friday at lunch throughout the month of November. Prices are \$1.00 for large, and 50¢ for small.



SJRS SPORTS PROGRAMS

Middle School Basketball

Because of COVID concerns, we will NOT be having Middle School basketball this winter.

Middle School Volleyball

Because we will not have basketball, we would like to perhaps have a Middle School volleyball program this winter instead. If you are interested in helping with volleyball after school (for your fundraising buyout job), please contact Kate (kate@stjosephkeene.org). We would like to have the program one or two days per week immediately after school in the gym.





LEARNING ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL!

The SJRS 8th grade made a special visit to Our Lady of Mercy Academy last week to see the new building, meet all of the teachers, and check out high school life.

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@mercyacademykeene



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PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Geskus will be having a picture retake day on **Saturday, November 14**, at the Best Western in Keene (401 Winchester Street) by appointment only.

Time: 9am-3pm

To book your five-minute appointment go to:
<https://www.bookeo.com/geskustudios>

Questions – (800) 948-1120 wearegeskus.com



OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATION

If you have not already done so, please be sure to complete the Over-the-Counter Medication Permission Form as soon as possible for each of the students in your household. THANK YOU!

[CLICK HERE to complete the form.](#)

INTERESTED IN SUBBING?

Have you ever thought about substitute teaching? We would very much like to keep our substitutes within the SJRS/OLMA community, particularly this year. If any parents or grandparents are interested in being a substitute teacher for us over the next several months, we would love to hear from you. Please send an email along with your resume and general availability to Mr. Smith (csmith@stjosephkeene.org). There is a specific interview and prep process that all substitutes would need to complete. You do not necessarily need specific teaching experience to help out in this way.

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REMINDER: NEW DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

Rides Line will be 2:50-3:00.

Walk over pick up will be 3:00-3:10.

You may not walk over and pick up your student until after Rides Line is over. Anyone in Rides Line must remain in their cars and wait for their students to come to them. No parents should be approaching the Rides Line area until after all of the cars are gone.

All parents must wear a mask when walking over and picking up, and when exiting their cars to help their smaller child get in their car at Rides Line. No students will be able to leave Rides Line and walk over to the parking area until after Rides Line has ended. No one may park along Wilson Street, and walk over and pick up from Rides Line. Uniformity is key here, so I appreciate everyone following the rules and listening to the staff and faculty who are there to keep everyone safe during dismissal.