



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

April 15, 2021 Newsletter



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

Dear SJRS Families,

So, it seems that we're going to get a Spring **snowfall** tonight. Please keep an eye out for what's happening tomorrow. My plan is to wait to see what the situation looks like very early tomorrow morning, and make a decision then.

Report cards are ready to go. You will receive them by the end of the day tomorrow at the latest via email.

I want to call your attention to our **upcoming events**. We need lots of help for these to run smoothly for all, so I strongly encourage you to take a look at your schedules and please volunteer your time. Even if you can only help for one hour or bake for the bake sale, that makes a huge difference! **THANK YOU!**

A reminder that next week is a short week. There is **NO SCHOOL** next Friday, April 23, and then we go into the Spring Break with **NO SCHOOL** for the full week of April 26-30.

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



Peppers the guinea pig visits Mrs. Konopka's 1st grade!



The Running Club got started this week!

IMPORTANT DATES

4/12-16 – Toadstool Book Fair
4/16 – School Mass – 9:30am (Grades 3-10)
4/22 – Ashuelot Concerts performances
4/23-4/30 – Spring Break (**NO SCHOOL**)
5/8 – Spring Craft Fair/Art Day – 9:00am-2:00pm
5/10-16 – NWEA testing (Grades 2-10)
5/21 – First Communion/Confirmation (Grade 3)
5/28 – Memorial Day weekend (**NO SCHOOL**)
5/31 – Memorial Day weekend (**NO SCHOOL**)
6/2 – International Night – 5:30-7:30pm
6/6 – AfriCAN Educate Festival & Silent Auction – 1:00pm
6/11 – Last day of school for 8th grade
6/11 – Baccalaureate Mass – 9:30am
6/11 – 8th Grade Graduation – 6:00pm
6/12 – NHDI performances at Redfern Arts Centre
6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School (**HALF DAY**)

2021-2022 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All families who would like to be considered for any amount of financial aid for next year must complete the **FACTS application** for the 2021-2022 school year.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Also, the **NH Children's Scholarship Fund** has assistance available for students entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade, or for students entering 2nd-12th grades transferring from a public school. <https://nh.scholarshipfund.org>

If you have any questions about the above, please contact Mr. Smith.

The Preschool learning the letter "T" – for teeth! – with a special project with Miss Fletcher!



Acts 4:33

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We need lots of help from volunteers for the below events to be successful!

*For the Spring Craft Fair/Art Day, we need volunteers to work shifts at the bake sale and raffle tables.
We will also need lots of baked goods donated for the bake sale table.*

For International Night, we need volunteers to bring food and share their culture in some way.

Please complete this quick form to indicate your interest in participating: <https://forms.gle/8YHbgtWChNMr815Q6>



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Back by popular demand -- International Night -- Wednesday, June 2 (5:30-7:30pm)! It will of course look a little bit different this year because of Covid, but we will have food and various cultural activities throughout the evening. We are going to be outdoors for most of the event this year. We believe that if we all work together, we can make this a fun evening for all!

We need your help! Would you and your family like to be a part of International Night? Would you like to share some of your family's heritage?

FOOD/DRINKS

Is there a special recipe that you make at home with your family that is unique to your heritage? We would love to have as many different cuisines from around the world as possible for everyone to try.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

We would love to include some entertainment as part of the evening. In past years, we have had dancers, musicians, and drummers. Are you part of a group that could perform or do you know someone who could perform?



SPRING CRAFT FAIR/ART DAY

Join us on Mother's Day weekend to shop outdoors from an array of great local New England craft vendors. We will also have **lunch** (hot dogs, burgers, chips, drinks) and **baked goods** for sale, and a **raffle** of items from all vendors. It will be a fun way to spend time *with* Mom on her special weekend, and you can shop *for* Mom too!

If you are interested in being a vendor and would like more details, please contact Theresa Adams at craftfair@stjosephkeene.org. Or go to: <https://www.stjosephkeene.org/spring-craft-fair>

On this same day it will also be **ART DAY**. All families are invited to walk through the school and view the students' artwork that they have been working on throughout the year. The school doors and windows will be wide open, and there will be a one-way path for everyone to follow. We ask that you attend at the below indicated time based on last names, just to spread out attendees. But if for some reason you can not make it to your specified time block, it's OK. You may come at a different time. Masks required.

ART DAY

10:00-11:00am
11:00am-12:00pm
12:00-1:00pm
1:00-2:00pm

Families with last names starting with...

A - F
G - L
M - R
S - Z



Shop Hannaford from now until May 29 and earn \$\$\$ for SJRS! Shop in-store or shop online! For details about School Dollars: <https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/schools>
PLEASE NOTE that the tower for SJRS in the Hannaford store on West Street is closer to the exit.

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 **April 19**.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the week of **May 3**.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Mr. Rafail will have an informal meeting **tomorrow (Friday), April 16**, immediately after school to discuss Middle School track and field.



Practices will start next **Tuesday, April 20**, and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday going forward. Tentative plans include attending meets at Keene and Monadnock Middle Schools. No previous experience is necessary to participate!

CHESS CLUB

Our Elementary (grades 3-4) and Middle School Chess Club will start on **Thursday,**



May 6! They will meet each Thursday for six weeks until June 10. Martin Roberts (dad of David, grade 4) will be working with the club. They will meet immediately after school 3:00-4:30pm. Students who are new to chess are welcome to attend! No previous experience is necessary, just a genuine interest in learning the game.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RUNNING CLUB

Elementary School Running Club (grades 1-4) has begun!



They will meet in the gym immediately after school 3:00-4:00pm every Wednesday. Erica Lake (mom of Gideon, K) is working with the group along with a few students from Mercy Academy. Please contact Kate (kate@stjosephkeene.org) if your child is interested. They should wear comfortable clothes and sneakers, bring a water bottle, and be prepared to be outdoors.

SJRS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND Sectionals Schedule from Mr. Thies

WEEK of 4/19

TUESDAY

10:00 - 10:30 - Flute/Violin

10:30 - 11:00 - Sax

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:00 - Trombone/Baritone

1:00 - 1:30 - Trumpet

THURSDAY

9:00 - 9:30 - Bass

9:30 - 10:00 - Percussion



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

MATHCOUNTS, NH HONORS BAND

CONGRATULATIONS to Connor Marshall (grade 8) on being recognized by the NH Band Directors Association as part of the NH Middle Level Honors Band Festival. This year, they did not hold a festival day, but invited students to submit audition recordings to be individually adjudicated. Connor is among only 17 middle school students in the entire state who will receive a special plaque in recognition of his outstanding performance for his trumpet audition. He is the only middle school student receiving this level of acknowledgement in the Monadnock Region.



Also, Connor competed in the virtual MATHCOUNTS program this year. The Chapter Competition was in early February, after which he advanced to the Chapter Invitational. He then successfully advanced from there to the State Competition on March 25. In each competition, students work on a series of math problems of increasing level of difficulty. The State Competition pitted him against the best math students in the state. It was exciting to have someone from SJRS qualify and compete at that level!

And a special thank you to Mr. Theis in assisting with the NHBDA audition submission and to Mr. Cardine for taking the time to work with our after-school MATHCOUNTS program throughout this year!



DESTINATION IMAGINATION

We have great news to share from our Destination Imagination teams! The elementary team, managed by Justin Wright and consisting of team members Xavier Fox (grade 2), Brooklyn Pymm (grade 3), Shayla Swett (grade 1), Camilla Wright (grade 1), and Gabriel Beckwith (kindergarten) won 1st place in Instant Challenge and 2nd place overall in their division.

The middle school team ("The Pixel Chickens"), managed by Elizabeth Cardine and consisting of team members Francis Cardine (grade 8), Thomas Cardine (grade 6), Gracein Demers (grade 8), and Taylor Johnson (grade 8) won 2nd place overall in their division, and have been invited to take part in the virtual Global Finals in July. GOOD LUCK in the GLOBAL FINALS!

CONGRATULATIONS to both teams for a fantastic year!



Everyone has enjoyed the Book Fair all this week as each of the classes walked to Toadstool Book Shop on Emerald Street!



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 24th 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 24th

***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!