



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

June 10, 2021 Newsletter



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

Dear SJRS Families,

It has been an incredibly busy week with tons of special activities, projects, and presentations finishing up. I have enjoyed coming around to visit and see everyone's work as we close out the year. We have also done our very best to stay cool this week with the heatwave that we had. I know it was tough on the students and teachers with the high temperatures. I appreciated everyone doing their best with the situation. Hopefully the popsicles helped a little bit!

I am finally finished with all of the tuition letters! If you would like to be considered for a tuition discount job for next year, now is the time to indicate your interest. We will be reviewing the list of interested families and assigning jobs before the end of this month. Once again, if you have any questions or concerns at all related to your tuition letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

THANK YOU to all those who have offered to assist us for set up and tear down for the 8th grade activities this week. I appreciate your help very much!

We are looking forward to a wonderful 8th grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation tomorrow! We kick off our celebration this afternoon with the 8th graders receiving their yearbooks, and then processing out of the building all together one last time in front of the entire school community (with thunderous applause!). This is a special tradition for our school that I am so happy to continue each year. We had a great ceremony on the first day of school welcoming the 8th grade for their final year, and now we salute them as they exit. I am so proud of every one of them at this exciting time as they move on to their new adventures in high school! **CONGRATULATIONS and may God's love and light be with you and your families!**

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



2020-21 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are available for purchase on our website at:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/2021-yearbook>

You may also purchase by sending in cash/check to Kate in the Main Office. Yearbooks are \$20 each, and will be distributed to students before the end of the school year.

PLEASE NOTE: 8th graders receive their yearbooks for free!

DO YOU HAVE A DRONE???

Do you have a drone with a camera on it? We're looking to take some aerial photos and/or videos of the schools, and wondered if anyone had a drone. Please contact Kate (kate@stjosephkeene.org) if you can help. Thank you!

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

IMPORTANT DATES

6/11 – Baccalaureate Mass – 9:30am

6/11 – 8th Grade Graduation – 6:00pm

6/12 – NHDI performances at Redfern Arts Center

6/14 – Dress down day

6/14 – Step-Up Day (4th grade)

6/16 – Dress down day

**6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School
(HALF DAY)**

BUILDERS CLUB NEWS

The Builders Club finished the year by raffling off a brand new Lenovo Chromebook! The winner of the raffle: **Bob DuGray**

The club made **\$570** with all proceeds going to AfriCAN Educate and our sister school, St. Charles Lwanga, in Bucundura, Uganda!



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 **June 14**.

PLEASE NOTE: If your child will be at Childcare after school on 6/16 (the last day of school), please be sure to pack a lunch.



Mrs. Konopka's 1st Grade is ready to move up to...2nd Grade!!

BINGO

We will be holding one last bingo night on Thursday, July 15! We will no longer be having bingo in the future, but are having one final night to give our regular players one last opportunity, since we had to close so abruptly last year because of COVID. We will need a few volunteers to help setup, work the evening, and then teardown. Please reach out to Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org) if you would like to help out on July 15. Thank you!



Miss Foder headed outdoors to try to stay cool with the 5th grade earlier this week as they were studying ancient Greece.

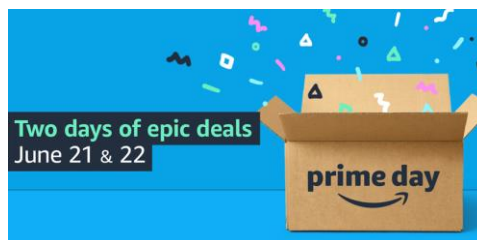
UPCOMING DRESS DOWN DAYS

We wanted to make you aware of our upcoming dress down days to help everyone plan accordingly.



Monday, June 14 -- \$1.00 OR arts/crafts supplies to go to the Crotched Mountain School in Bennington, NH, which specializes in special education for children.

Wednesday, June 16 – Last day of school!



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SJRS 3rd grader Cian Daniels is donating his hair! Cian has been growing it out for a long time to help a child in need. When a child's hair is lost due to cancer treatments, alopecia, trichotillomania, burns, etc., the painful effects are far deeper than just cosmetic. On June 15, Cian will donate a minimum of 10 inches to Children with Hair Loss: <https://www.childrenwithhairloss.us/>. Cian is also raising and donating money to the organization to help cover the expensive cost of creating the hair replacement.

Children With Hair Loss is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that provides human hair replacements at **no cost** to children and young adults facing medically-related hair loss. You can help out as well! If you want to make a monetary donation to this organization, send a check to:

Children With Hair Loss
12776 Dixie Hwy
South Rockwood, MI 48179

Or visit the website above and make an online donation.



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Last Friday was our final Mass of the school year that we celebrated all together. The Mercy Academy students took on all of the roles as altar servers, singers, readers, and ushers!

Hi St. Joe's Families,

For those who don't know me, my name is Sara Mann and I am the St. Joe's librarian, Remote Learning



Liaison and a sub at our schools. I am also a private tutor. I work with students on everything from basic reading, writing, and math to High School math and Study Skills. I owned and operated the Sylvan Learning Center in Keene until 2014 and worked with students from 4 years old to adult. I work with students year round.

As we approach the end of the school year, I am setting up my summer session schedule. Each session is an hour long and will be conducted via Google Meets. My session rate is \$35 each and your student will have one - on - one attention and direct instruction, as well as having independent work between sessions throughout the summer. For more information or to schedule your student(s)'s sessions for this summer, please contact me at Sara.manntutor@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with your family this summer.

Sincerely,
Sara Mann

Summer Session Schedule (available sessions)

Tuesdays

10:15 - 11:15am

11:30am - 12:30pm

12:45pm - 1:45pm

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Thursdays

11:30am - 12:30pm

12:45pm - 1:45pm

3:15pm - 4:15pm





*Our **Good Samaritan Award** winners had a special lunch with Mr. Smith on Tuesday to celebrate! Honorees from the Elementary School are: Francesca Crisman (Grade 4) and Neil Kini (Grade 1). From the Middle School: Henry Ormont (Grade 7) and Caroline Miller (Grade 6). Our Good Samaritan Award recognizes creativity, honesty, helpfulness, perseverance, kindness, respect, courtesy, altruism, and empathy. **CONGRATULATIONS to all!***



*Miss Reekie's Kindergarten class would like to give a **HUGE** thank you to **The Caterpillar Lab** in Marlborough for donating six caterpillars and a tent to our budding entomologists! They had so much fun learning about the butterfly/moth life cycle and raising these caterpillars into moths!*



***THANK YOU** to the Paolino Family for bringing their chicks into school for the Kindergarten to see!*



*The **7th Grade** students shared their final Social Studies presentations in the gym yesterday afternoon!*



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Director of Academics, Mission, and Professional Development



Hello families,

We are pleased to announce registration is open for the Diocesan Virtual Summer Institute. The program will run for four consecutive weeks from **July 5 – July 30**. Our summer program includes **remediation** for Math, Language Arts - Writing and Mechanics, and Phonics/Reading; and **enrichment** in Art, Science, French, and Spanish. These virtual classes will be robust and will include resources to help our students to more easily make the transition back to traditional classrooms in the fall. There will be **no summative testing or grades** for this program, though daily formative assessments will be necessary to provide necessary instructor feedback to determine where differentiated instruction could be fruitful.

We received a wonderful response from our recent Remote Instruction survey, and due to the interest in this program, we can only offer 2 classes per student at this time. Classes can be reserved for remediation, enrichment, or a blending of the two. If you have multiple children in your household who wish to participate in this program, please sign each child up separately and choose their grade accordingly - by the grade they completed during the 2020-2021 school year.

The Catholic Schools Office is offering this program **free of charge** for families. Registration does not guarantee placement in a class; your child(ren) spot will be guaranteed on or before **June 1** when you will be notified by your child(ren)'s teacher(s) with the link(s), sign-in information, and instructions on how to begin classes via the email address you supply during registration.

Morning Remediation Schedule – offered daily **Monday thru Friday** for Grades **K-8**

8:30 - 9:15 Phonics/Reading
9:30 - 10:15 Language Arts (Writing & Mechanics)
10:30 - 11:15 Mathematics

Afternoon Enrichment Schedule:

Art: Monday (once a week)
Science: Tuesday & Thursday (twice a week)
Spanish: Wednesday (once a week)
French: Wednesday (once a week)

11:30 – 12:00 Kindergarten & Grade 2
12:00 – 1:00 LUNCH BREAK
1:00 – 1:30 Grade 2 & Grade 3
1:45 – 2:15 Grade 4 - 6
2:30 – 3:00 Grade 7 & Grade 8

Classes are available on a first come, first serve basis... if interested, kindly register at:

<https://form.jotform.com/RCBM/2021-summer-program>

Please contact Lisa Zolkos at lzolkos@rcbm.org if you have further questions.

Yours in Christ,