



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

May 20, 2021 Newsletter



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



Dear SJRS Families,

Yesterday was a great day as we were able to take the above photo all together. I believe that it reflects how we're all feeling right now...filled with hope!

On Monday, grades 3-8 will be traveling to St. Joseph Cemetery to have a brief ceremony and place flags for Memorial Day. Everyone will be traveling to the cemetery by school bus.

I will be traveling with the 8th grade on their field trip to Boston next week, which I am looking forward to. I will have access to phone calls and email, but will have limited time to respond 5/25-27. For any urgent matters while I am away, Liberty Ebright will be available to assist you (lebright@mercyacademykeene.org).

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

5/21 – School Mass – 9:30am (Grades 3-10 + Preschool)
5/21 – First Communion/Confirmation (Grade 3)
5/24 – Place flags at cemetery for Memorial Day – 10:00am
5/25-27 – 8th Grade Field Trip to Boston
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
6/9 – OLMA one-act play performance
6/10 – Last official 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 Center
6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School (**HALF DAY**)

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

The Mercy Academy students will be having a **BAKE SALE** tomorrow (Friday, 5/21). \$1.00 per item. The proceeds go towards the purchase of new outdoor equipment for Mercy.



BUILDERS CLUB NEWS

WIN a new Chromebook!!

The Builders Club is raffling off a brand new Lenovo Chromebook! **Raffle tickets are \$10 each, and available for sale on Fridays during the lunch period from Builders Club members.** The final drawing for the winner will be held on Friday, June 4.



All proceeds from the raffle will be going to AfriCAN Educate and our sister school, St. Charles Lwanga, in Bucundura, Uganda!



Details:

Lenovo Chromebook

CPU: 1.8 GHZ Storage: 64GB

Display: 11.6"HD OS: Chrome OS Retail price: \$229.99



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...we are going to be outdoors! Grandparents are invited to join us too, as are SJRS alumni and their families.

We will have cuisine from more than 15 different countries!

Admission: \$10/person with a maximum of \$40 per family
Advance purchase of tickets can be made online here:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/international-night>

UPCOMING DRESS DOWN DAYS

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



Thursday, May 27 -- \$1.00 in support of Mercy students' community service, raising money to help purchase new picnic tables for the Parish and School.

Thursday, June 3 -- \$1.00 in support of Mercy students' community service to purchase outdoor trash/recycling bins for the school's garden area.

Thursday, June 10 -- \$1.00 with proceeds to AfriCAN Educate, and our sister school, St. Charles Lwanga in Uganda.

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

2020-21 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are now available for purchase on our website at:

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

You may also purchase by sending in a 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!



The 4th grade on a Dewey Decimal System scavenger hunt in the library with Mrs. Mann!



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 near the exit.

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 **May 24**.
NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 28.

CLICK HERE to register for the week of **May 31**.
NO SCHOOL on Monday, May 31.

STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

The Student Council will be selling **popsicles** during the lunch period every **THURSDAY** during May. The cost is \$1.00.



MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

Sectionals Schedule from Mr. Thies

WEEK of 5/24

TUESDAY

10:00 - 10:30 - Trumpet

10:30 - 11:00 - Bass

WEDNESDAY

10:30 - 11:00 - Percussion

1:00 - 1:30 - Clarinet/Viola

THURSDAY

9:00 - 9:30 - Flute/Violin

9:30 - 10:00 - Saxophone



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



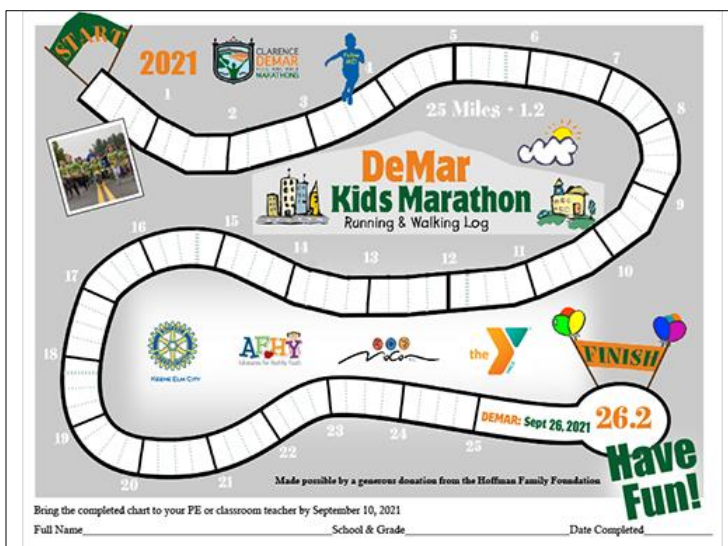
Last Friday, SJRS parent Matt Jobbins brought in an **electron microscope** for all of Mrs. Petschik's middle school science classes throughout the day.



Señora Otero (and Oliver!) made a special visit to the Kindergarten last week to help read *Señorita Mariposa*, a book in English and Spanish about butterfly migration!



Fr. Alan had some fun playing ball tag (a.k.a. dodgeball!) with the 2nd grade last week!



At the **DeMar Kids Marathon**, children from Kindergarten to Grade 5 log 25 miles of running and walking in the spring and summer before the race. Those who achieve this goal earn the chance to run the last 1.2 miles of the DeMar Marathon on race day in September. Tons of cheering and a huge sense of accomplishment are available for every kid finisher.

Step 1

Print and complete the [Sign-Up registration form](#) and either 1) email it to Kidsdemar2021@keene-ymca.org, 2) drop it off at the Keene Family YMCA, or 3) return it to your child's school before **June 11, 2021**.

Step 2

Print the [2021 Log Sheet](#). With the help of running/ walking clubs, PE classes, summer activities, and your parents, you will log 25 miles of walking or running (more miles is definitely okay!). Just remember to stay safe and socially distanced!

Step 3

Return your completed log sheet to your school or to the Keene Family YMCA by **September 10, 2021**. Kids DeMar Swag bags, race shirts, and running bibs will be delivered to the school one week prior to the race. This shirt is your admission to the race, where you are welcome to run the last 1.2 miles of the DeMar Marathon course. You'll receive a finishers' medal at the finish line at Keene State College.

Parents are welcome to run or walk the 1.2 miles with their youngsters, too. In fact, parents are encouraged to walk or run 25 miles this spring and summer, just like their children!



The 8th graders finished off their solar car projects this afternoon with Mrs. Petschik with races in the gym! The team of Ethan Amundson, Francis Cardine, and Morgan Murray won 1st place with the fastest car. Isabella Swingle and Rosie Nelligan finished 2nd; and Melkamu Visser, Connor Marshall, and Cameron Tuthill finished 3rd.



Yesterday the Keene Elm City Rotary members delivered brand new sneakers to our 2nd graders! This is part of the Rotary's ongoing Follow ME (Move Everyday) project as part of their childhood health and wellness initiatives. They deliver new sneakers to ALL 2nd graders in Cheshire County! A huge THANK YOU to the Rotarians!!



10th ANNUAL 2021 DeMar Kids Marathon Sign-up

For Kids currently in Grades K-5 (Grades 1-6 next fall)

Don't miss your chance to participate in a real marathon, become physically fit, and develop a lifetime of healthy habits. All you need to do is run or walk a total of 25 miles during the spring and summer (before Friday, September 10, 2021) and you will be ready to participate in the DeMar Kids Marathon. Use the attached log sheet to track your progress. Complete the log and return it by September 10, 2021 to get a cool t-shirt and other free goodies. Wear the t-shirt on race day to run the last 1.2 miles of the official Clarence DeMar Marathon course on **Sunday, September 26, 2021**. You'll receive a medal, too! Your parents can run or walk those 1.2 miles with you. Learn more at www.clarendedemar.com/race-information/race-descriptions#

If interested, talk with your parents or guardian, fill out the form below, and return it to your PE teacher by **Friday, June 11, 2021**. No late registrations can be accepted this year. Participation in this program is FREE and completely voluntary. If you have other questions, please ask your PE teacher. You will receive more details over the spring and summer. This is the 10th year of this program organized by the Keene Elm City Rotary Club, Keene Family YMCA and Advocates for Healthy Youth. Generous funding support continues to be provided by the Hoffman Family Foundation.

Cut on dotted line – keep the top portion and return the bottom to your teacher as soon as possible

STUDENT'S FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

AGE ON 9/26/21 _____ SEX M/F _____ T-SHIRT – KID'S SIZES S/M/L/XL _____

SCHOOL NOW _____ GRADE & SCHOOL in SEPT. 2021 _____

MAILING ADDRESS OR P.O. BOX _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

EMAIL for PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

Release and Waiver: I acknowledge that I am the parent or guardian of _____ and I give my permission for this child to participate in the DeMar Kids Marathon program and for photographs or video of participants to be used for event publicity. In consideration of the acceptance of participation, I, for myself, my child, my executors, my administrators and my trustees, waive and release any and all rights and claims for death, injuries, loss, damages or otherwise that we may have against the Rotary Club of Keene-Elm City, The Clarence DeMar Marathon, Inc., Keene State College, the City of Keene, the Town of Gilsum, the Village of Surry, Ted's™ Shoe & Sports, Advocates for Healthy Youth Coalition, Healthy Monadnock, The Timken Company, C&S Wholesale Grocers, Keene Family YMCA, volunteers, organizers & any approved affiliate or sponsor of the Clarence DeMar Marathon to be held on 9/26/2021. I understand that the race committee reserves the right to reject any race application and to shorten or cancel the event if environmental or other safety conditions so dictate. Finally, I understand that inline skates, roller blades, bicycles, baby joggers, animals, skateboards and headsets are prohibited from the race and I will abide by this guideline.

PRINT PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT /GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

This is not a school sponsored event.



DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

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,

KOOL WHEELS

Family Safety Day

SPONSORED BY THE KIWANIS CLUB OF KEENE

June 5, 2021 • 10 am -1 pm

Keene Parks & Recreation Center, Washington St., Keene



This event will follow Covid-19 guidelines, with social distancing and mandatory masks for all those who attend, both inside and outside while waiting in line.

VISIT FROM
RIBBY
OF THE KEENE
SWAMPBATS!

BRING
YOUR TEDDY
BEAR or DOLL
for a casting by
Orthopaedic
Staff

FREE Bike Helmets

(while they last)

for boys and girls ages 4-12 years

Boy's and Girl's Bicycle Raffle

(donated by Wal-Mart)

Raffle winners will be notified on June 6th

- **Bicycle Safety Inspections & Tune-ups**
- **Healthy Snack Bags To Go**
by Keene State College Dietetic Interns
- **Dental Information**
by Keene Orthodontic Specialists
- **Fingerprint Kits**
by Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.
- **Car Seat Safety Checks**
by Cheshire Medical Center
- **Visits by the Keene Police, Fire and Sheriff's Departments**

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