

Saint Joseph Regional School

Website: stjosephkeene.org

December 3, 2009

Calendar of Events

<u>Sun., Dec. 6</u>	Second Week of Advent Feast of St. Nicholas
<u>Fri., Dec. 4</u>	No Bus Service – SAU 29 Closed
<u>Sat., Dec. 5</u>	Elks “Hoop Shoot”–See attached flyer
<u>Tues., Dec. 8</u>	Feast of the Immaculate Conception SJRS/Parish Mass at 9:15 a.m. at Saint Bernard Church
<u>Tues., Dec. 15</u>	Christmas Pageant - 6:30 p.m.
<u>Dec. 23-Jan. 1</u>	Christmas Break – NO SCHOOL
<u>Sat., Mar. 20</u>	21 st Annual SJRS Spring Auction
<u>Sat., May 1st</u>	First Holy Communion-4:00 p.m.

Saint Joseph Regional School
invites you and your family and friends to
our Christmas Pageant and Concert
Pre K – Grade 8 on Tuesday, December 15th
6:30 p.m. at Saint Bernard Church

All students are to meet in the basement of Saint Bernard Church at 6:00 p.m. Parents and relatives are invited to sit in the middle pews of the church. The children will proceed up with their class and sit in the reserved pews on either side of the church. (At the end of the concert: Please allow all the children to go downstairs and then pick them up, letting their teacher know that you have your child. After you have gathered your children, join us for a Cookie Social.)

Concert Dress Code

Pre-K-Grade 4: Dress-up clothes

Girls, Grades 5-8: Black skirt or black slacks; red, green or white top.

Boys, Grades 5-8: Black pants; red, green or white Oxford shirt, tie.

All classes: Shoes **please**. (Not sneakers-Thank You!)

If your child plays in either the third grade recorder ensemble, the Beginning Band or the Advanced Band, it is imperative that they bring their instruments to school with them on Monday, December 14th and Tuesday, December 15th, as we will be having a full rehearsal that week.

Cookies and Milk Social following the Concert at Saint Bernard Hall. We are **requesting** each **family** bring in a **dozen** Christmas Cookies to be brought in on Tuesday a.m. to be shared and enjoyed after our concert. Thank You!

ADVENT PRAYER

On this winter day, O God, I realize that while I have risen from sleep, I must also be awakened in my heart. Open the eyes of my heart, stir the seat of my soul and awaken it to the mystery of your presence in every corner of this day. Send forth your Spirit, and ignite the embers of my heart that it may come alive with compassion, devotion and zeal.

*With prayerful pleas and Advent songs of longing,
I await the birth of God's Anointed One.*

*Come, O gift of heaven's harmony, and attune my third ear,
the ear of my heart, so that I may hear, just as
Mary, faithful woman of Israel, heard.*

Praying and wishing each of you a peace-filled,
hope-filled *Advent Season*.

With prayers and gratitude,
Sister Laura

School Cancellations

When SAU #29 (Keene) closes or cancels school, Saint Joseph Regional School may also be closed or delayed. In the event of an emergency, cancellations or delayed school openings, any information will be broadcast on these local radio stations:

TV Channel 9, Radio Stations: BOB Country 95.3 & 107.1, OLDIES 104.3 & 96.3, Q106WHDQ, 104.9 Hot Country WYRY, WMUR NH Public Radio, on our school website and on the office telephone answering machine. During any inclement weather, please stay tuned for possible cancellations. It will state **Saint Joseph Regional School in Keene. (Pre- School is included within our school and is not stated separately – that is another Preschool outside of our area.)**

On days that school is cancelled or delayed due to weather, Child Care is available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise announced. If Child Care feels the need to close early, you will be telephoned with the appropriate closing time.

Please see '6 Ways to sneak in a lesson' article attached from Mrs. Newman, Kindergarten Teacher.

Box Tops for Education

Kindergarten Class won the Ice Cream Social contest with the school being the biggest winner.

Thank you, Mrs. Sutton & All!

Please see Elks' Flyer Attached

"Toys for Tots"

We are happy to announce again this year we will be taking orders for the "Toys for Tots" Christmas Gift assistance program. The U. S. Marines will be collecting toys for underprivileged children throughout the State of NH and working with NH Catholic Charities for distribution. Persons interested in signing up their children need to contact, Sr. Kathleen at the NHCC District Office, 161 Main St., Suite 200, Keene to fill out the appropriate form. We will be taking names of families who have children (0-12 years old) who will need Christmas gifts this year. **The last date to sign up for this program is Tuesday, Dec., 8, 2009.** If you have any families in your parish/school that could benefit from this program, please have them contact Sr. Kathleen at the NHCC District Office, 357-3093 ext. #13. Also, if you would like to "adopt" a family for Christmas gifts, also contact Sr. Kathleen at the above office telephone number.

Sacrament of Reconciliation was received by students in SJRS in Grades 3-8 on Tuesday, Dec. 1st.

THERE WILL BE NO BUSES ON FRI., DEC. 4TH.

Michael Card will perform 'The Promise' on December 6, 2009, 7pm, at the United Church of Christ in Keene. He will be accompanied by an orchestra and choir and the proceeds will benefit the Keene food pantries (Community Kitchen, St. Vincent DePaul and Salvation Army). Doors open at 6:15 pm and tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children ages 12 and under. Come hear our own Vicki Moore play trombone in this awesome musical celebration of the incarnation! There are 10 local churches sponsoring this ecumenical event and 28 members in the choir representing at least five churches. Michael has received three Dove awards (Gospel Music Association) for album of the year and numerous other awards for his books on faith. Tickets can be purchased at Hannah Grimes Marketplace, 46 Main St., Keene, N.H., at iTickets.com or by calling Linda Griesbach at: (603) 357-0899.

If any student wants to be an Altar Server, please see Sister Laura. If a student would like to do a reading during Sunday Mass, please see Sister Laura.
Thank You!

Preschool News

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Preschool thanksgiving Feast! It was great to see you all there! The preschoolers recently sewed and donated 27 warm winter fleece hats to Catholic Charities to celebrate the letter "H" and to experience generosity by helping people who may need assistance.

Our Wish List: Empty plastic jars (like mayonnaise jars) and lids, too, please!

Mrs. Cindy Hoye
Preschool Teacher