



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 10, 2024

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

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Thank you to all the students and families who gave so generously to our special dress down for the victims of Hurricane Helene. We collected \$956 and will be sending every penny to Immaculata Catholic School in Asheville, North Carolina. I heard back from the school, which had plenty of damage from the storm, nevertheless rallied to help others in the area. Here's the article that our own Diocese put in its newsletter yesterday:



St. Joseph Regional School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Keene had a special dress down at both our schools on Friday, and they raised almost \$1,000 for Immaculata Catholic School in Asheville, NC. Immaculata is located in Western North Carolina and has been established as a distribution point for relief supplies. Their drive-thru lines continue providing essential items to families in need. Meanwhile, volunteers restock and sort the outdoor loading station that has been vital to Western North Carolina. The school has been closed due to the Hurricane, and will resume classes on October 16th. After the donation from both Catholic schools in Keene, the leadership at Immaculata was "overwhelmed but grateful" for the support.

We do not personally know the students and families at Immaculata, but we are now connected by our understanding that we always need to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are helping Immaculata, and they in turn, are helping others in their own community who do not have the basics such as clean water and shelter.

Our Mercy Project students at OLMA did some extra fundraising last Saturday. Led by their teacher, Miss Morgan Howerton, the students ran a car wash for the benefit of Cedarcrest in Keene. They raised over \$500 which will be given to Cedarcrest when SJRS and OLMA students visit that school on October 24 at 3:30 pm. Our campus ministry is organizing this as part of October's Respect Life Month and will also run a dress down on October 18 for Cedarcrest as well. These are wonderful ways that neighbors can help neighbors as our students learn that all life is sacred.

I applaud our staff at both schools for how they are helping students understand Catholic social teaching. First, helping Immaculata is about the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, that we are called to put the needs of others first. Second, helping Cedarcrest is about Life and the Dignity of the Human Person, that all human life must be protected and that every person has God-given value and worth.

Thank you again to our generous and compassionate students and families.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

LUKE 11: 1-4

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10/10 -- Pumpkin carving -- 5-6:30pm
(see details below)

Friday 10/11 -- Delivering our pumpkins to downtown Keene (walking) -- 11am

Sunday 10/13 -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)

Monday 10/14 -- **Columbus Day** -- **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday 10/15 -- Picture Day (see details below)

Wednesday 10/16 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am

Friday 10/18 -- Dress Down Day (see details below)

Thursday 10/24 -- Visit to Cedarcrest -- 3:30pm
(see details below)

Thursday 10/31 -- Halloween Parade/Parties
(details coming soon!)

Friday 11/8 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences --

HALF DAY

Monday 11/11 -- Veterans Day -- **NO SCHOOL**

Wed-Fri 11/27-29 -- Thanksgiving Break -- **NO SCHOOL**

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The poster features a warm, autumn-themed background with various pumpkins and leaves. At the top left, there are two circular logos: one for the Diocese of Manchester and another for St. John of the Baptist Regional School. The main title "PUMPKIN CARVING" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the date "Thursday, October 10th" and time "5:00 - 6:30pm" are listed, followed by the location "SJRS Gym". The text "200+ PUMPKINS READY TO CARVE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CARVING TOOLS." is centered. At the bottom, it says "HOT DOGS, APPLE CIDER AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE!". The "Keene Pumpkin Fest" logo is in the bottom right corner.

PUMPKIN CARVING

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5:00 - 6:30pm
SJRS Gym

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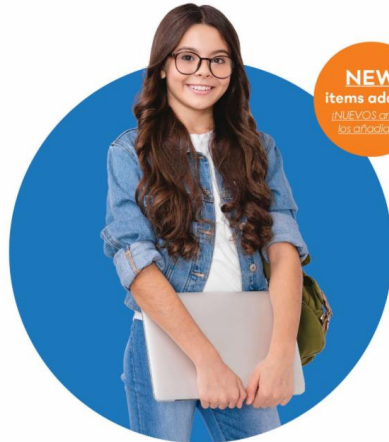
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FOR SALE!





PICTURE DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

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!! IMPORTANT REMINDERS !!

On Next Monday, October 14, there is **NO SCHOOL**.

Tuesday, October 15, is **PICTURE DAY**. Please see the information above and/or the information that your child brought home with them. Students may be out of uniform, but must be **dressed UP** ("Sunday best") for their photos. If preferred, students may have their photos taken in their uniforms.

The **NHDI Year-Long Program** will NOT meet on Tuesday next week. They will meet next week on Wednesday, October 16, at 7:30am in the gym.

!! DRESS CODE UPDATE !!

As the weather has now turned colder, shorts are no longer appropriate to be worn during the school day. Therefore, **no more shorts after tomorrow, Friday, October 11**. This includes no shorts on Physical Education days. On PE days, students must be in navy sweatpants.

2024 Knights of Columbus Saint Joseph Regional School **9/11 Poster Contest Winners:**

Giovanna Blanchard (Grade 4)
Augustus Houston (Grade 4)
Hannah Knight (Grade 6)

Helena Morrison (Grade 6)
Vy Nguyen (Grade 6)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL NEWS

The Middle School Leadership Council has elected their Lead Representatives for each grade. Congratulations to:

5th Grade - Lydia Pearson 7th Grade - Brooklyn Pymm
6th Grade - Gavin Sweeney 8th Grade - Aislinn White

Leadership Council has opened a new swag store! If any parents are interested in purchasing items for their student in Leadership Council, please check out the online store below. Many items are customizable (and would make great Christmas gifts!).

<https://zeigerandollie.shop/collections/leadership-council-sjrs>

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, October 13th, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Goose Pond Hike

BRING: Water Bottle, Backpack,

Snack to share,

Rosary

(if you have one!)



RSVP or questions to

dheeran@stjosephkeene.org

The 7th grade in their masquerade masks as they embark on their Shakespeare unit with Mrs. Bezio!



50/50 RAFFLE

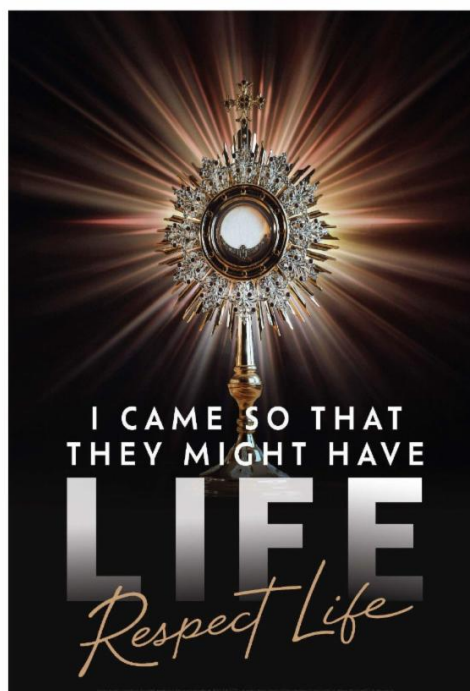
Once your tickets are sold, you may send the stubs/money back into school at any time. They can be given to your student's homeroom teacher or directly to Ashley Brown in the Main Office.

THANK YOU to all those who have already turned in their tickets! **If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).**



October is **RESPECT LIFE MONTH!** This year's theme is **"I came so that they might have life!"** To actively show respect for life, both schools are raising funds for individual Christmas gifts for the residents at **Cedarcrest**. OLMA had a very successful **CAR WASH!** SJRS will have a **DRESS DOWN DAY** on **Friday, Oct 18th** for a suggested donation of \$1.00.

On **Thursday, Oct 24th**, we will bring all our collected donations to Cedarcrest. We will be singing songs & reading picture books to the children. All students from both schools are invited and encouraged to attend. Please meet at Cedarcrest~91 Maple Ave in Keene~ from 3:30-4:30. Parents must bring and stay with their students during the visit. Any questions please reach out to Mary Grace Nelligan (mnelligan@stjosephkeene.org)



2024-25 MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

Thursday, October 10 -- Mountain Shadows @ 4:00 pm at Mountain Shadows in Dublin

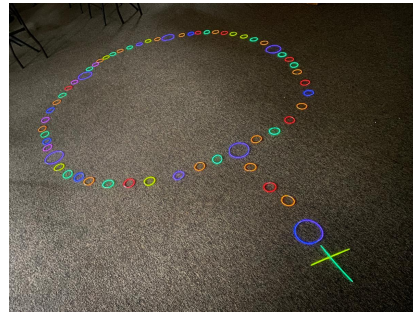
Tuesday, October 15 (rain date Thursday, October 17) -- Soccer Team vs Faculty/Parent game at SJRS soccer field (all parents welcome to play) -- Pizza party for kids after the game.

BRING WATER BOTTLES, SHIN GUARDS, TEAM SHIRT AND CLEATS (if you have them).**All practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00-5:00 PM. The season is from Sept 3 through Oct 17 with games and the final faculty/parent game included.**





Earlier this week in the Religion classroom, Ms. Nelligan shared the colorful glowing Rosary with the Kindergarten students as they prayed together in honor of the Feast of the Holy Rosary!



200+ pumpkins arrived on Monday morning! Ready to clean and carve TONIGHT!



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