



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



February 6, 2025

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

Let's get ready for the fantastic NHDI performance from our PK-Grade 4 students that will take place on Friday, February 21 at 2:00 pm in our gym. NHDI (New Hampshire Dance Institute) will be in residence this whole week before winter break, teaching our younger students dance and coordination and other skills. This is an event the students love, and the first step to moving on to more structured dance activities in the older grades.

All parents are welcome to come and join in the fun!

Our next Home and School meeting is on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. We plan to Zoom the meeting and are hoping to provide babysitting. From the last meeting, we now have a parent who will help regularly with Lost and Found and with overseeing an inventory of gently used uniform items that can be purchased at reduced prices. We are hoping to start this in early March.

Also from that meeting, some parents indicated interest in helping with fundraising, so we will be scheduling a time to gather and talk about working on the International Night, which is March 27. If you are reading this newsletter and want to help with the Night (and didn't already email me), please do so, and I can add you to the meeting list.

Please stay safe during this very snowy snow day!

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

HEBREWS 12:14-15

Strive for peace with everyone, and for that holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one be deprived of the grace of God, that no bitter root spring up and cause trouble, through which many may become defiled...

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 2/12 -- All-School Mass -- 9:30am

Wednesday 2/12 -- Deadline for Soup-er Bowl donations (see details below)

Friday 2/14 -- Middle School Valentine's Dance -- Grades 6-8 -- 6-8pm (see details below)

Sunday 2/16 -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)

Mon-Fri 2/17-21 -- NHDI Residency

Wednesday 2/19 -- Home & School Association meeting -- 6pm -- Parish Hall (All parents welcome!)

Friday 2/21 -- NHDI Residency Performance -- Grades PK-4 -- 2pm (PK-4 parents welcome!)

Mon-Fri 2/24-28 -- Winter Break -- **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday 3/4 -- Chess Club begins -- 3-4pm --

CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

*****PLEASE NOTE***** The calendar has been updated to reflect that there will be NO SCHOOL on Thursday, March 20, AND Friday, March 21.



We ended Catholic Schools Week last Friday with our school qualification for the Scripps National **Spelling Bee** (which is celebrating 100 years!). It was a tough competition, and Sole Vicente-DiGiovanni (8th grade) was the winner! Big CONGRATULATIONS to all of the students!

CHESS CLUB

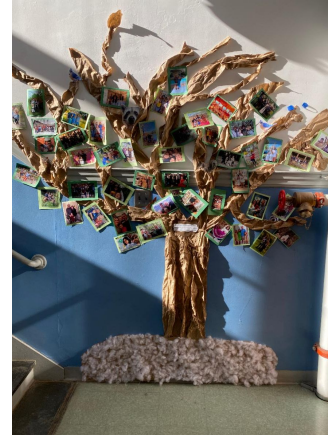
Chess Club will meet on Tuesdays immediately after school starting on Tuesday, March 4. All students in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate. The club will meet 3:00-4:00pm in the elementary cafeteria. Participation is free of charge, and there is no need to bring any supplies.

Students who are new to chess are welcome to attend! No previous experience is necessary; just a genuine interest in learning the game.

OUR FAMILY TREE

Be sure to stop by to see our new Family Tree in the main stairwell! Anyone can still send a family picture in at any time, and it will be added to our tree. We would love to see as many SJRS families as possible!

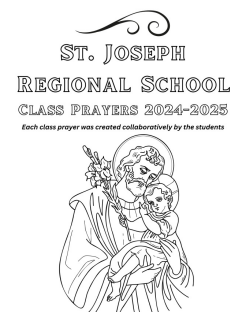
You may send in a hard copy family photo with your student or email a photo to Ms. Nelligan at: mnelligan@stjosephkeene.org.



CLASS PRAYERS

Mrs. Heeran and Ms. Nelligan have been working with each of their Religion classes on special class prayers that have been composed collaboratively by the students. All of the prayers have been compiled into one document that is attached. We hope that you enjoy these beautiful prayers and share them at home.

[CLICK HERE for the Class Prayers!](#)



LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PRESENTS

SOUP-ER BOWL

DUE BY
WEDNESDAY FEB 12

SOUP FOOD DRIVE

This is an optional event

+Donate a can of soup
as a community
service act

To go toward St
Vincent de Paul
Food Kitchen

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PRESENTS

Valentine's DANCE

Feb 14th

6-8 PM GRADE 6-8

\$10 AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE 8TH
GRADE NYC TRIP! DONATIONS MUCH
APPRECIATED



Dear St. Joe's Family,



Send a thoughtful Valentine's message with a chocolate or a rose .

Messages are written by the French Club and delivered on Valentine's Day.

Orders start Tuesday, **February 4th!**

A rose and a message: \$3

Chocolates and a message: \$3

A rose, chocolates, and a message: \$5

Deadline: **February 13**

Who Can Participate?

Students to BFFs & friends

Students to teachers

Parents to children

Children to parents

Open to students, teachers, and parents from **Grade 3 to 8!**

Don't miss the chance to share love and appreciation—the French way!

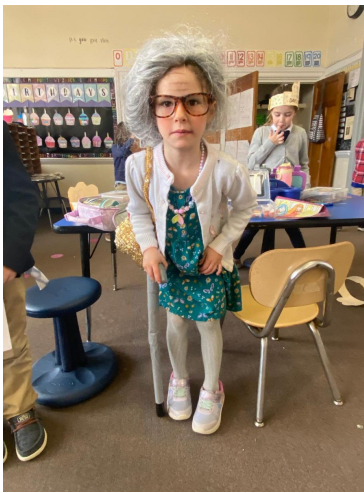
Questions?

See Madame Winterbottom for more info.

Let's make Valentine's extra special!



The elementary students celebrated **100 days of schools** earlier this week! Grades K and 1 dressed up like they were 100 years old, and Grade 2 brought in collections of 100 items to share with the class! And Grade 2 had 100 streamers hanging in their classroom doorway!



SUPER BOWL SQUARES

ONLY 9 SQUARES LEFT!

Super Bowl Squares are back! It's a fun, popular game of chance that makes watching the Super Bowl a little more interesting. This is a traditional squares fundraiser with a 50/50 split -- half to SJRS/OLMA and half to the winners.

Get your squares before they're gone! And please share this with your family and friends. All are welcome to play!

\$25 per square

PRIZES (assuming all squares sell out)

1st quarter - \$150

Halftime - \$325

3rd quarter - \$150

Final score - \$625

Go here for all of the details and to pay for your squares...

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/squares>

Choose your squares here...

<https://www.superbowlsquares.org/sjrsolma2025/enter-picks>



HONOR ROLL – QUARTER 2

CONGRATULATIONS to all those who made the Honor Roll for the 2nd Quarter! The students will be specially recognized immediately after Mass on Wednesday, February 12 (9:30am). Parents are welcome to join us.

HIGH HONORS -- 95 (A) average with no grade lower than an 89 (B+) in all subjects.

Grade 5

Nathaniel Burns
Graydon Caraballo
Elisabeth Drugg
Rosie Jobbins
Lizzie Johnson
Hailey Kwon
Lydia Pearson
Dee Saunders
Niralya Srinivassn
Jackson Stephens
Acacia Stoutzenberger
Camilla Wright
Lucas Wyatt

Grade 6

Jack Kangas
Evangeline Kimber
Carrie Lundin
Madelyn Paolino
Tiger Lily Stoutzenberger



HONORS -- 92 (A-) average with no grade lower than an 86 (B) in all subjects.

Grade 5

Savannah Smith
Kenley Stromgren
Karter Young

Grade 6

Sienna Gardner
Ezra Lewis
Helena Morrison
Jackson Royce
Gavin Sweeney

Grade 7

none

Grade 8

Brynn Bezio
Everett Fenn
Axel Kangas
Eva Morrison

Grade 7

Aoife Bailey
Lucia Blanchard
Paisley Brown
Cian Daniels
Zac Lucena
Brooklyn Pymm
Baylen Raynor
Nola Raynor
Ethan Schultz
Lilith Stephens

Reid Pearson
Luca Rafail
David Roberts
Zsafia Shomody
Caleb Tarnowski
Rylee Tosto

Grade 8

Sharon Adams
Francesca Crisman
Anna Rafail
Marcus Sementa
Willa Sickles
Keagan Sweeney
Sole Vicente-DiGiovanni
Aislinn White



Miss Farrington, Ms. Nelligan, and Sr. Mary Rose Reddy from the Diocese Catholic Schools Office recognized the elementary students yesterday after Mass for their winning Catholic Schools Week projects!

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, February 16, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Prepare and eat dinner, Prayer, Activity

St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Questions? dheeran@stjosephkeene.org

NOW OPEN!

2025-2026

OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

Admissions

GRADES 9-12

Schedule a
tour today!



OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY

161 Main Street | Keene NH | 603-352-2720

www.mercyacademykeene.org/admissions

SCHOLARSHIP | SERVICE | FAITH | FAMILY

POWER, PURPOSE, AND POTENTIAL

For Girls in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade



Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 3:45pm-5:15pm

Starts: March 27 (Thursday)

Ends: May 31



Registration Opens February 10

Location: Keene Family YMCA

5K Celebration Event: May 31

New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH

Girls on the Run is a girl-empowerment organization that inspires participants to be joyful, healthy, and confident using evidence-based lessons that combine relationship building, community strengthening, and goal setting with physical movement.

To learn more about Girls on the Run, registration or financial assistance, please visit our website: www.girlsontherunnh.org



Girls on the Run is for EVERY girl!



For your reference, all newsletters from previous weeks can be found on our website here:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/newsletters>



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