



## Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



April 4, 2025

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

Dear SJRS and OLMA Faculty, Staff, and Families,

I hope you are all enjoying these first signs of spring and this Lenten season has inspired in you a desire for the “new life” which comes at Easter. In a similar spirit, I am very excited to inform you that after much prayer, collaboration, and work throughout the school year, we are ready to present a beautiful new Mission and Vision for our schools. This Mission and Vision will help to speak not only to our roots but also to our future, to where we are going. I would like to personally invite you to join us on Tuesday, April 8th at 6pm at St. Bernard Parish Hall as we present this to our whole school community. The event will also be livestreamed and recorded for those who can’t make it. I hope to see many of you there and I look forward to continuing our work together, for the education and formation of your children and the building up of our school community.

God bless,

Fr. Alan

*\*\*\*Please note: A link to attend the April 8 meeting virtually will be sent out via email next week. Also, the April 8 meeting will be for adults only. We apologize that we are unable to provide babysitting that night.*

### JOHN 5:24-25

Amen, amen, I say to you,  
whoever hears my word  
and believes in the one  
who sent me has eternal  
life and will not come to  
condemnation, but has  
passed from death to life.  
Amen, amen, I say to you,  
the hour is coming and is  
now here when the dead  
will hear the voice of the  
Son of God, and those  
who hear will live.



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Wednesday 4/9** -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am  
**Fri 4/11** -- Lenten Almsgiving Easter Basket  
donations due (see details below)  
**Wed-Sat 4/9-12** -- 8th Grade trip to NYC  
**Sun 4/13** -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm  
(see details below)  
**Thursday 4/17** -- Holy Thursday -- **HALF DAY** --  
Dismissal 11:45am. No Extended Day.  
**Friday 4/18** -- Good Friday -- **NO SCHOOL**  
**Mon-Fri 4/21-25** -- Spring Break -- **NO SCHOOL**  
**Wed 4/30** -- Home & School Assoc. meeting -- 6-  
7pm  
**Sat 5/10** -- Spring Craft Fair -- 9am-2pm  
**Mon 5/12** -- Spring Arts Showcase (Grades 5-8)  
**Tues 5/13** -- Spring Arts Showcase (Grades PK-4)

### [CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*** The calendar has been  
updated to reflect that the Spring Concert will be  
two nights: May 12 (Grades 5-8) and May 13  
(Grades PK-4).

## STAFF UPDATES FROM MISS FARRINGTON

Mrs. Caitlin Dubois will not be returning as our Kindergarten teacher for 2025-2026. We thank her for her work this year and wish her God's blessing as she moves on to new adventures.

We also have a new Extended Day staff member joining us in mid-May, Miss Brooke Muchmore, a 2020 SJRS/2024 OLMA graduate who is attending St. Anselm College. Welcome aboard, Brooke!

## HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

Notes from the recent HSA meeting will be shared next week.

At last week's HSA meeting, Ms. Wilson and Mrs. Petschik gave a helpful **presentation on managing technology use** for kids and teens. **CLICK HERE to view their presentation.**



The **Diocese curriculum standards** were mentioned at a previous HSA meeting, and parents expressed interest in viewing those. The standards have been added to our school website and can be found here:

**<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/diocesan-curriculum>**

**Elementary Running Club** -- Assistance is needed for a few parents to manage the Elementary Running Club this spring. This club meets once per week after school for 4-6 weeks, depending on the weather. The day of the week offered can be determined based on parent volunteer availability.

**Destination Imagination** -- Assistance is needed for a few parents to manage our Destination Imagination program for the 2025-26 school year.

If you are interested or would like more details about the above volunteer opportunities, please contact Kate in the Main Office (**[kate@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:kate@stjosephkeene.org)**).

## AMERICAN RED CROSS BABYSITTING/CPR CLASSES



**American  
Red Cross**

This spring we are once again offering the Red Cross Babysitting class and CPR class with the help of SJRS parent Ida Daley. This is a great way for students to prepare for summer jobs and to enhance their learning and marketability! For questions, please contact Mrs. Hart (**[chart@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:chart@stjosephkeene.org)**).

### **Babysitting class**

Wednesday, May 7th -- Immediately after school at SJRS (Religion Room) until 6pm

Open to students in grades 6-8.

Cost: \$50

### **CPR class**

Saturdays: April 5th, May 3, or June 21 -- 10am-2pm

Location: Hannah Grimes Center, 25 Roxbury St, Keene

Cost: \$65

## READING WITH RIBBY UPDATE

SIGNED bookmarks are due back by **next Friday, April 11**. The complimentary t-shirts and tickets to a game in June to follow.



## 2025-2026 ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR ALL GRADES

The 2025-2026 re-enrollment deadline was last Friday, March 7. **If you have not re-enrolled your child yet, please do so ASAP.**

Admissions for next school year are now open for all grades. Please feel free to share this with friends and family in the community. In the past, we have always found that word of mouth is the most important way that new families discover our schools. We also have flyers available in the front office. Parents are welcome to pick up copies if you would like to distribute/hang them locally in places you frequent. Thank you!

## SJRS/OLMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have compiled all information sent by parents for our new SJRS/OLMA Business Directory. We encourage the support of the businesses within our school communities! If you have questions or would like your business to be added to the directory, please email Jen Marshall ([jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)). **Please Please CLICK HERE for the Business Directory.**



### Track and Field Practice and Meet Schedule



The following dates will be our outdoor practice times and Meet days. Each practice will be held from 3-4:00 outside in the soccer field.

April	May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tuesday, 4/1</li><li>Thursday, 4/3</li><li>Tuesday 4/8</li><li>Thursday, 4/10- NO PRACTICE</li><li>Monday, 4/14</li><li>Tuesday, 4/15- Meet @Monadnock, 4:00</li><li>Thursday, 4/17</li><li>Tuesday, 4/29</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thursday, 5/1</li><li>Monday, 5/5</li><li>Tuesday, 5/6- Meet @Monadnock, 4:00</li><li>Wednesday, 5/7- Meet @Keene, 4:00</li><li>Thursday, 5/8- NO PRACTICE</li><li>Tuesday, 5/13- NO PRACTICE (elem. Spring concert)</li><li>Thursday, 5/15- End of the year Party!</li></ul>

#### What does my athlete need in order to participate?

Your athlete needs sneakers and athletic clothes to participate in Track.

#### Attendance

If your athlete misses the practice directly before a meet, they will likely be ineligible to compete. If an athlete is not in school the same day as a meet, they are **not** eligible to compete.

#### Track Meets

We are currently working with both Keene and Monadnock to get signed up for meets. We will send a separate schedule with those dates when the season begins. I will have access to the school van. There are a limited number of seats and it will be a first come, first served basis as the meets get closer.

You **MUST** pick your child up from the meet; I can NOT transport them back to SJRS.

#### Events

At the middle school level, athletes are able to sign up and compete in the following events:

Running	Throwing	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>100-meter sprint</li><li>200-meter sprint</li><li>400-meter dash</li><li>800-meter dash</li><li>1200 meter</li><li>1600 meter</li><li>4X1 relay</li><li>4X4 relay</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Discus</li><li>* Shot Put</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Long Jump</li><li>* Triple Jump</li><li>* 100-meter hurdle</li><li>* 200-meter hurdle</li></ul>

**MEET SCHEDULE**  
**TRACK + FIELD**

APRIL 15	@ MONADNOCK	AWAY	4:00
MAY 6	@ MONADNOCK	AWAY	4:00
MAY 7	@ KEENE MIDDLE	AWAY	4:00

**SJRS**

## Lenten Almsgiving~Easter Baskets for Cedarcrest Kids

As we finish out our Lenten observance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this year, we will be participating in a Corporal Work of Mercy by creating Easter baskets of craft supplies for the residents of our local Cedarcrest School. Each class is invited to bring in *new items* to their *homerooms* by *Friday, April 11th*. The Leadership Council will be assembling the baskets, and they will be delivered to Cedarcrest on Holy Thursday afternoon. The needed items are as follows:

Preschool = Crayons  
Kindergarten = Markers (washable)  
1st grade = Bubbles  
2nd grade = Play-doh  
3rd grade = Play-doh toys/accessories  
4th grade = Stamps  
5th grade = Stamp pads  
6th grade = Stickers  
7th grade = Construction paper  
8th grade boys = Paint (washable)  
8th Grade Girls = Coloring Books (thick lines)



**“Through the evidence of this service, you are glorifying God for your obedient confession of the Gospel of Christ and the generosity of your contribution to them and to all others.”**

**2 Corinthians 9:13**

## DEMAR KIDS MARATHON

Keep an eye out for information about the DeMar Kids Marathon coming home from Mrs. Hart with your students in grades K-5! The paper registration form is the only way to register for this event. No online registration!

Please send completed registration forms back to school to your child's classroom teacher. No late registrations will be accepted! **Deadline: May 9.**

**Kids DEMAR** RUN, walk or dance 26.2 miles WITH US! **FREE** For Kids in Grades K-5 (Grades 1-6 Fall, 2025)

**14th ANNUAL Kids DeMar Marathon**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
Race Start: 8:30am | Location: Optical Ave, Keene  
**START TODAY! Log 25 miles on the Kids DeMar tracker.**  
Then join us in running the last 1.2 miles of the **Clarence DeMar Marathon!**  
Participation in this fun community program is **100% FREE!**  
Family members are encouraged to run or walk alongside their child during the race.

1) **REGISTER** by filling out the **form on the back** of this page and return to your school by **May 9th**.  
2) **TRACK** Start logging your miles! Use the **Kids DeMar tracker** that you received at your school.  
3) **COMPLETE** your tracker before race day.

Upon crossing the finish line on Applian Way at Keene State College, participants will be awarded an official finisher's medal to celebrate their big accomplishment!

**Contact Us**  
For questions, please reach out to **Kids DeMar Race Director**,  
Kristen Leach, at [kidsdemar1@gmail.com](mailto:kidsdemar1@gmail.com),  
or your school's Kids DeMar coordinator.

Keene Elm City **Rotary**

Join us Wednesday, June 18 for Kids DeMar night at SwampBats!

The Kids DeMar Marathon is organized by the Keene Elm City Rotary Club.  
This is not a school sponsored event.

## INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!

**THANK YOU** to all of the families who participated and to all those who attended!









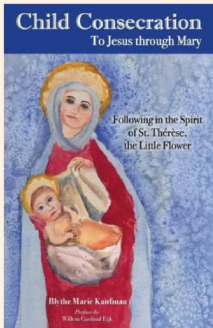
# Middle School Youth Group



Sunday, April 13,  
4:00pm-6:00pm  
Prepare and eat dinner,  
Prayer, Activity  
St. Bernard's Parish Hall  
Questions?  
dheeran@stjosephkeene.org

## OPEN THE DOOR TO THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

JOIN THE CHILDREN'S CONSECRATION  
TO JESUS THROUGH MARY!



Find daily readings at:  
[www.childconsecration.com/manchester](http://www.childconsecration.com/manchester)

START A PERSONAL ROSARY DEVOTION

- **For Beginners:** form a children's rosary group in your parish or school (see how at [www.childrensrosary.org](http://www.childrensrosary.org))
- **For Families and Adults:** pray the rosary at home for personal and private prayer. Form a rosary group at work.
- Remember that the praying of the rosary is among the most powerful prayers in history. Pray it often - daily if possible - and especially when:
  - preparing for marriage
  - expecting the birth of a child
  - in the hospital
  - at the bedside of the sick
  - expecting the death of a loved one
  - praying for a special intention



Watch and Hear  
"We Are Rosary Children"  
On YouTube!

### Schedule for April 10 to May 12 Consecration Preparation

Day 1	Thursday	4/10	Day 12	Monday	4/21	Day 23	Friday	5/2
Day 2	Friday	4/11	Day 13	Tuesday	4/24	Day 24	Saturday	5/3
Day 3	Saturday	4/12	Day 14	Wednesday	4/23	Day 25	Sunday	5/4
Day 4	Sunday	4/13	Day 15	Thursday	4/24	Day 26	Monday	5/5
Day 5	Monday	4/14	Day 16	Friday	4/25	Day 27	Tuesday	5/6
Day 6	Tuesday	4/15	Day 17	Saturday	4/26	Day 28	Wednesday	5/7
Day 7	Wednesday	4/16	Day 18	Sunday	4/27	Day 29	Thursday	5/8
Day 8	Thursday	4/17	Day 19	Monday	4/28	Day 30	Friday	5/9
Day 9	Friday	4/18	Day 20	Tuesday	4/29	Day 31	Saturday	5/10
Day 10	Saturday	4/19	Day 21	Wednesday	4/30	Day 32	Sunday	5/11
Day 11	Sunday	4/20	Day 22	Thursday	5/1	Day 33	Monday	5/12

Bishop Libasci will lead the daily instruction as found in the Child Consecration book and Rosary from April 10 through May 12 at 7 pm from St. Joseph Cathedral via livestream – [www.stjosephcathedralnh.org](http://www.stjosephcathedralnh.org) – except for Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, April 13-20, when it will be prayed at 4:30 pm.



Bishop Libasci will also offer Mass and lead the prayer of consecration at St. Joseph Cathedral at 12:10 pm on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13. Please join in person or by livestream!

[www.catholicnh.org/rosary](http://www.catholicnh.org/rosary)





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