



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 7, 2024

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

It's time to share more positive news about our school, so first let me begin with Ms. Stephanie Johnson's Grade 2 Lantern Walk. Parents, staff, and students gathered last night to hear the story of St. Martin of Tours who tore his cloak in half and shared it with a beggar. Later that night, Martin had a vision of the Child Jesus wearing half a cloak. St. Martin is called a friend of children and patron for the poor. After the story, families wrote prayers of petition, processed through the first floor of school and out to the Marian Garden to offer their prayers up to God and to sing some Lantern Walking songs. The SJRS night ended with juice and cookies and fellowship.

Thank you to Ms. Johnson and her team for organizing this sweet and enjoyable activity.

Next, we celebrated some students who are imitating St. Martin and the Good Samaritan in the Gospel of Luke when we presented the first quarter Good Samaritan Awards after Mass on Wednesday. Students are recognized by the staff for demonstrating the traits of the Biblical Good Samaritan by being kind, helpful, and respectful.

Winners: Zoey Pipp, Grade 1, who consistently shows kindness to all.

Gabriel Beckwith, Grade 4, who is always happy to help his peers.

Karter Young, Grade 5, who is always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Vivian Saba, Grade 8, who enjoys helping others.

Congratulations to these wonderful students!

Last, at Mass on Wednesday, we read the names of the students who have excelled in studies and studentship for the first marking period and who achieved Honors or High Honors on our Honor Roll. See the complete list below. Keep up the good work, and we hope to see more names added for the next marking period.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

PSALMS 27:13-14

I believe I shall see the
LORD's goodness in the
land of the living. Wait
for the LORD, take
courage; be stouthearted,
wait for the LORD!

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11/8 -- 50/50 Raffle stubs/money due (see details below)

Friday 11/8 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences -- HALF DAY (NO EXTENDED DAY)

Sunday 11/10 -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)

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

Wednesday 11/13 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am

Thursday 11/14 -- Apple cider sales at lunch (see details below)

Tuesday 11/19 -- Parent Meeting about technology use -- 6pm

Tuesday 11/26 -- Picture re-take day (see details below)

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

Monday 12/2 -- State of the Schools Parent Meeting -- 6pm

CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

!!! IMPORTANT REMINDER: Fri, Nov 8 and Mon, Nov 11 !!!

TOMORROW, Friday, November 8, is a **HALF DAY**. Dismissal will begin at 11:45am. There is **NO EXTENDED DAY** after school tomorrow. Please arrive promptly for pick up. Teachers will be immediately starting parent-teacher conferences following dismissal.

There is **NO SCHOOL** on MONDAY, November 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

Enjoy the long weekend!

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.



ALL STUBS/MONEY DUE BACK BY TOMORROW, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8!

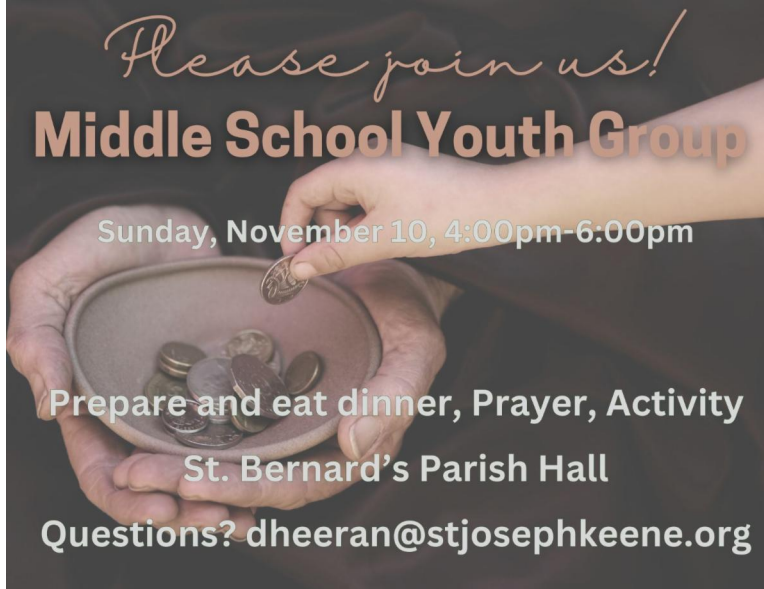
THANK YOU to all those who have already turned everything in! **If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).**

!!! IMPORTANT REMINDER: MORNING DROP-OFF !!!

Recently it has been brought to our attention that multiple lines of cars are forming outside the main doors during morning drop-off. These lines create an unsafe situation for the students as they are exiting vehicles and entering the building.

Per the SJRS Family Handbook: *For the safety of all students, parents who drive children to school in the morning are asked to not drive up directly to the main school entrance area. Please park in parking spaces to refrain from blocking the main entrance. All students must be dropped off and enter at the main entrance of the school (not at the playground).*

We do not have any staff members outside during arrival to manage the traffic, so it is up to all families to work together to keep everyone safe during this very busy time of the morning. We appreciate your patience as you are dropping off your children.



REPORT CARDS - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

All report cards were emailed to parents via Renweb on Monday, November 4.

PK - GRADE 4

Teachers have contacted parents via email to offer conference scheduling. If for some reason you have not yet heard from your child's teacher, please feel free to reach out to them directly.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5 - 8)

Miss Wilson has sent emails out to the parents of any Middle School students with whom any of the Middle School teachers are requesting conferences. A Google Form signup link was included with those emails.

Any parents of students who teachers are not requesting to meet with had a specific comment on their report card indicating that there is no conference necessary at this time.

As always, parents are also welcome to contact the teachers via email to schedule conferences at their convenience anytime.



After our all-school Mass yesterday, Miss Farrington and Father Peter presented the **Good Samaritan Awards** for the first quarter to Vivian Saba (Grade 8), Karter Young (Grade 5), Zoey Pipp (Grade 1), and Gabriel Beckwith (Grade 4). This award recognizes students who consistently show kindness, respect, compassion, empathy and helpfulness to their fellow classmates and

HONOR ROLL -- FIRST QUARTER

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter! These students were specially recognized yesterday after our all-school Mass.

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

Grade 5

Nathaniel Burns
Rosie Jobbins
Lizzie Johnson
Hailey Kwon
Lydia Pearson
Dee Saunders
Jackson Stephens
Acacia Stoutzenberger
Camilla Wright
Karter Young

Grade 6

Helena Morrison
Madelyn Paolino
Jackson Royce
Tiger Lily Stoutzenberger

Grade 7

Aoife Bailey
Lucia Blanchard
Cian Daniels
Zac Lucena
Baylen Raynor
Nola Raynor
Lilith Stephens

Grade 8

Sharon Adams
Addison Chaput
Francesca Crisman
Everett Fenn
Anna Rafail
Luca Rafail
Mackenzie Ryan
Marcus Sementa
Willa Sickles
Keagan Sweeney
Caleb Tarnowski
Sophie Tarnowski
Sole Vicente-DiGiovanni
Aislinn White



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

Grade 5

Elisabeth Drugg
Lucas Wyatt

Grade 6

Sienna Gardner
Jack Kangas
Eva Kimber
Ezra Lewis
Carrie Lundin
Gavin Sweeney

Grade 7

Paisley Brown
Eli LeQuire
Brooklyn Pymm
Ethan Shultz

Grade 8

Philip Benitez
Brynn Bezio
Axel Kangas
Rylee Tosto

ORIGINAL WORKS

Students in grades K-8 should have received their personalized order forms from Original Works, showing their own artwork. There are lots of fun items that you can purchase with your child's artwork!

[CLICK HERE to access the SJRS Gallery](#)



Each student received a unique access code, but you can also access the shop by school (we are listed as St. Joseph's School) and student name.

DEADLINE to order: Tuesday, November 19

All orders will be delivered to school in time for the holidays, so they make great Christmas gifts for grandparents and other family members!

If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).

GIRLS SCOUTS NEWS

Our Girl Scout Troop will be heading to the Dublin School this weekend to learn about the constellations and astronomy with their professors!

If anyone would like to join Girl Scouts and our Troop, please reach out to SJRS parent Serena Shomody ASAP! (sshomody@yahoo.com)



On **All Saints' Day** last Friday, we had a special assembly in the afternoon organized by the SJRS Religion teachers. Several middle school students dressed up as saints and shared some details with

everyone about their lives. Represented were: Saint Kateri Tekawitha, Saint Rose of Lima, Saint Perpetua, Saint Felicity, Saint Daniel, Saint Philomena, Saint Benjamin, and Saint Anne. The costume contest was won by Tiger Lily Stoutzenberger (Saint Kateri Tekawitha); Helena Morrison (Saint Rose of Lima); and Caleb Tarnowski (Saint Benjamin).

Also, a wonderful surprise was announced...each space in the SJRS building will now have a specific saint designated to it. Each classroom teacher was gifted with a beautiful new portrait of their saint to be hung over each doorway. The pictures were a special donation by a parishioner to the school. We are so grateful for this meaningful gift!



★ CLICK TO SIGN UP! ★

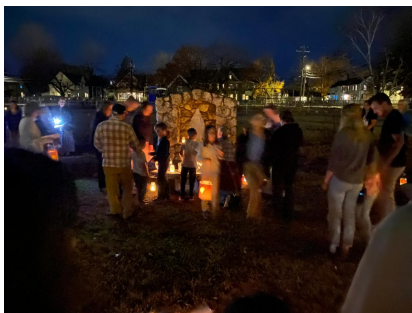
5TH-8TH BASKETBALL
MONDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S
3:00-4:30PM

Ready to take your basketball game to the next level? Our middle school basketball season is approaching, and we're looking for dedicated students who are eager to make a commitment, work hard, and enhance their skills on the court. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, this is your opportunity to be part of a team that values effort, sportsmanship, and growth. We plan on including more games this year and are looking for committed players to join the team!

Practices will begin on 11/18, so sign up now! If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Coach Justin Wright and Matt Kimber!
justwright34@gmail.com mkimber81@hotmail.com



Last night as the sun was setting, our 2nd grade students gathered at school with their families for a traditional **Lantern Walk**. It began in the classroom with everyone writing down on a special small piece of paper one intention, prayer or problem that they had on their minds. Then Ms. Johnson read the book *Snow on Martinmas* about St. Martin of Tours, an important leader of the Church in the 4th century. Then everyone moved outdoors to light their handmade lanterns. Ms. Johnson led a solemn procession while everyone sang, slowly walking through the play area over to the Mary Garden. Then everyone placed their piece of paper with their intention into the bowls of water. The papers quickly dissolved. The beautiful, peaceful event ended with everyone singing "This Little Light of Mine," and enjoying cookies and apple cider together in the school!



SJRS ALPINE CLUB NEWS **from Club Coordinator Wendy Petschik**

The SJRS/OLMA Alpine Club is excited for another fun season of skiing and riding with the Slope Days Program at Crotched Mountain! All SJRS and OLMA students ages 7-18 are welcome—there are no capacity limits so we can accommodate anyone who wants to join us.



On **Wednesday, November 13th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**, Crotched will host a meet-and-greet to get fitted for rentals, sign up for the program, and explore the base lodge if you've never been there. This is a great opportunity to get signed up and rental fittings all in one shot! I'm creating a contact list, so if you're interested, please add your details using the Google Sheet link below to be included in our master email list.

Crotched Mountain is asking that families **sign up by Friday, December 13th** to secure a spot in the program and to help them plan for the hiring of lesson instructors.

If you already have a season pass and don't need lessons, you don't need to register through Crotched Mountain—but please still sign up on the Google Doc to receive club updates. For equipment needs, check out the Keene High School Alpine Ski Swap (details below). I am so excited for snow and the slope-side fun to begin!!

If you have any questions, please email Wendy Petschik at wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org.

***** Master Email List - use this link for Alpine Club email list:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18BJltsZusqbVvfnFtsDJXnGRQGk1COe0G0d6ODXyJwU/edit?usp=sharing>

Crotched Mountain Slope Days Program details – USE SCHOOL CODE SJK25 to sign up

Our scheduled mountain time is Fridays with lessons starting promptly at 5:00 PM from Friday, January 10th – Friday, February 14th

New this year – two session lengths (3 & 6 weeks) and a la carte for season pass holders

3 Week (lift/lesson/rental) \$209

6 Week (lift/lesson/rental) \$408

***** Use this link to sign up for the products above and enter the school code SJK25:**

<https://www.crotchedmtn.com/plan-your-trip/ski-and-ride-lessons/products/slope-days>

A la cart option for season pass holders (Epic/Epic Local/Northeast Value)

3-week option, lesson: \$95

6-week option, lesson: \$189

3-week option, rental: \$79

6-week option, rental: \$158

***** You must call or email to register for any a la cart options at 603-842-7549 or**

email crotchedmtngroupsales@vailresorts.com and give them the SJK25 school code.

Detailed Instructions for How to Sign Up

To help streamline the distribution of information, I have also provided a detailed document with all the information repeated from above and instructions for signing up for the Slope Days at Crotched which can be found by clicking the link below.

***** Link with detailed information and sign-up instructions:**

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7lkV9BmoEGGo4sgbuH2tl6Jl5zsWk87E5wk_U7pPkA/edit?usp=sharing

Keene High School 2024 Alpine Ski Sale and Swap

Saturday, November 23rd 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

If you would like to donate items for sales or consignment you can do that on Friday, November 22nd from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the KHS Alpine Ski Team and is a great place to get used (and sometimes new) equipment for skiing or snowboarding. The entrance lines get really long, so it is strongly suggested to get there early before the doors open to get a good place in line and, hopefully, first pick of all the items.

For the French costume contest today, our winners were:

First Place - Ila Cabrera (Grade 1) -- dressed as Marie Curie

Second Place -- Rocco LaQuerre (Grade 5) --



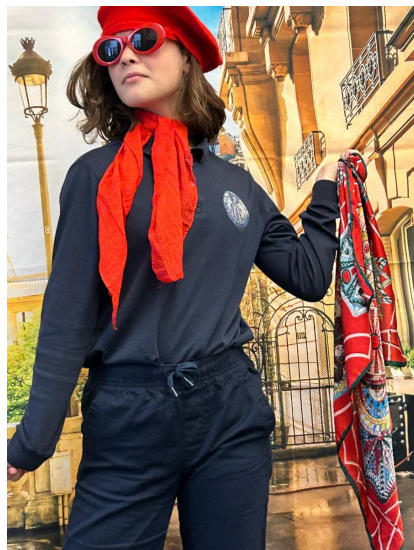
dressed as Jacques de Molay

Third Place -- Lily Stephens (Grade 7) --
dressed as Coco Chanel

CONGRATULATIONS all!



This week, we have been celebrating all things French during **National French Week!** There was a Paris Photo Booth, our dress down day today, and along with a French costume contest!





RETAKE DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

¡El día de la foto llegará pronto!



Remember to bring in your original picture proof and photos for replacement.



Picture Day
Día de la foto:
11-26-24

Absent Students *Estudiantes ausentes*

If you are having your picture taken for the first time because you were absent on Picture Day, have your photo taken on Retake Day and you will receive your photo proof after the event! This proof sheet will also have information on how to order!

Retake Students *Retomas*

If you received your picture package and are unsatisfied, just return your package & proof sheet to the photographers on Retake Day and have your photo retaken. We will replenish your package at no cost!

ESTUDIANTES AUSENTES

El día de retoma de fotos es la oportunidad para aquellos estudiantes que estuvieron ausentes el día de fotos original. Recibirá su prueba de foto después del evento. Su prueba también tendrá información sobre cómo completar su pedido.

RETOMAS

Si recibe su paquete de fotos y no está satisfecho, sólo tienes que devolver su paquete y la hoja de pruebas a los fotógrafos el día de retoma y le tomamos su foto de nuevo. Repondremos su paquete sin coste alguno. Acuérdese de traer su prueba de imagen original y las fotos para la sustitución.

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