



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



January 9, 2025

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

In the effort to get our parent group up and running, we will have monthly Home and School meetings every month through May.

Here are the dates:

January 22
February 19
March 26
April 30
May 21

The meetings will be held in the Parish Hall from 6-7 pm, with coffee and cookies served. All parents are welcome to come. We are working on providing child care, but no promises just yet.

At least one of these will include a presentation about the EFA and ETC scholarships as we want to encourage parents to apply for monies available from the state for covering tuition and fees.

PLEASE CHECK the LOST and FOUND. MANY LONELY STUDENT ITEMS WANT THEIR OWNERS.

A project we have talked about among staff is to create a family business directory to share with all parents so that we can support the livelihood of others in our school community. If you'd like to be included in this directory, please share your business card or business information with me directly or with Mrs. Jen Marshall who will compile the directory.

Finally, let us all pray for the communities and families and businesses devastated by the California wildfires. The images on the news reports are heartbreaking. Some updates have included how schools, public and non-public, have been burned to the ground. It is hard to imagine how these fires will upend the lives of children and parents, so we will be praying for everyone at school in the coming days.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

1 JOHN 4:16-19

We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him. In this is love brought to perfection among us, that

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 1/10 -- Alpine Club begins at Crotched Mountain! (see details below)
Mon-Fri 1/13-1/24 -- i-Ready testing (K-8)
Monday 1/13 -- Crepes sales at lunch (see details below)
Wednesday 1/15 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am
Thursday 1/16 -- Hot chocolate sales at lunch (see

we have confidence on the day of judgment because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment, and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love. We love because he first loved us.

details below)

Monday 1/20 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday 1/20 -- End of the second quarter

Mon-Fri 1/27-31 -- Catholic Schools Week

Friday 1/31 -- **HALF DAY** -- 11:45am dismissal. No Extended Day.

CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

*****PLEASE NOTE***** The calendar has been updated to reflect that the Talent Show will NOT be on Fri, Jan 31. It will be at a later date yet to be determined. Fri, Jan 31, will still be a half day (11:45am dismissal and no Extended Day).



On Monday as we returned to classes after our two-week break, we celebrated the **Epiphany** together with a short prayer service. After traveling throughout the SJRS classrooms during Advent, the Three Kings ended their journey, bringing gifts to Jesus, the newborn King. Kindergarten students led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance; Leadership Council president Brynn Bezio welcomed the student body back to school; and Miss Farrington shared special candy treats with the students in their classrooms.



SJRS/OLMA FAMILY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

This month, we would like to put together a directory of all of the businesses owned by SJRS and OLMA families, so that we can share that information to encourage the support of those businesses within our school communities. If you own a business, please send along to Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org) your business name and contact information that you would like to share. We will only include those businesses whose owners let us know that it is OK to do so. THANK YOU!





The 8th grade students demonstrated their **Rube Goldberg projects** in Science classes before the break!



SJRS FRENCH CLUB

OUR DELICIOUS CRÊPES MAISON AU NUTELLA OU À LA CONFITURE ARE BACK!

- MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024
- MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025
- MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025
- MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025



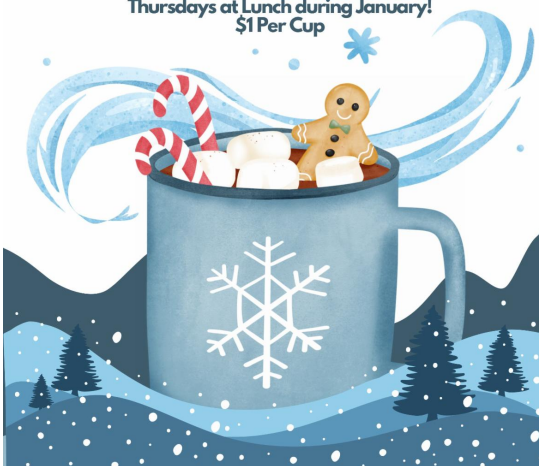
2 DOLLARS EACH

Leadership Council Presents

HOT CHOCOLATE

Hot Cocoa Candy Canes Whipped Cream

Thursdays at Lunch during January!
\$1 Per Cup






Some amazing cup stacking by the 4th grade students with Mrs. Hart in PE before the Christmas break!

Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, January 12, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Prepare and eat dinner, Prayer, Activity

St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Questions? dheeran@stjosephkeene.org

A religious painting depicting the Resurrection. Jesus, with long hair and a white robe, stands in the center, his arms outstretched. He is surrounded by other figures in white robes, some kneeling in prayer. The scene is set in a dark, cavernous space with light rays streaming down from above, illuminating the figures and creating a sense of divine presence.

Right before the break, the elementary Religion classes and middle school Chorus had a blast during our version of winter Olympic Games and Minute to Win It...Hungry Hungry Hippo, Candy Cane Fishing, Snowball Shovel, and Nativity Bingo. Thanks to some very helpful middle school students who assisted with running the games!



ALPINE CLUB STARTS **TOMORROW**, FRIDAY, JANUARY 10!

If you are signed up for the Alpine Club and put your child(ren)'s information on the sign up sheet ([click here to check](#)), you should have received a detailed email from Mrs. Petschik about the logistics of the program and your child(ren) are approved for a 2:25 PM early dismissal on Fridays. **Please note if you are not on the list, your child(ren) will not be dismissed early** with the rest of the group.



If you are not on the list, please make sure you add your child(ren) to the list by [clicking here](#).

Detailed Email from Mrs. Petschik for those signed up
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oSyS3ohrUHNqqD1p7haR22QdvIirBI5qTrEkzdpxCEo/edit?usp=sharing>

Riding in the Van

Van space is very limited and not open to students in Grade 4 and below. If your child(ren) are riding in the van you should have already received a confirmation email from Mrs. Petschik. If you need a ride to the mountain, use the sign up sheet to see if other parents are able to transport kids and contact them directly for carpooling options.

Registration may still be open, but you must call or email to register because the options are not on Crotched's web page: 603-842-7549 or email crotchedmtngroupsales@vailresorts.com and give them the **SJK25** school code:

Program Details & Pricing

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

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

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

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

Schedule:

- Fridays 1/10/25 – 2/14/25 with lessons at 5 PM
- Make up lessons have not yet been decided upon so be sure you make it to as many lessons as possible

A few other important items to remember...

Please note that all elementary students, 4th grade and below, must be accompanied by a parent or trusted adult at all times during the mountain time (except during lessons). While this is a school club, there are no chaperones on duty for watching your children. Mrs. Petschik is the only school personnel that will be on-site and will not be able to watch any of the children (aside from her own) as she will also coordinate ticket and rental pickups or other issues as they arise. This club allows us to access Crotched's discounted rates on lift tickets, lessons, and rentals and we're so happy that we have such a great turnout to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

LESSONS START AT 5:00 PM promptly and end at 6:00 PM . All children should get their rental equipment by 4:30 PM to ensure they have plenty of time to put it on and get to the lessons.

ALL PARENTS MUST PICK UP THEIR CHILD AFTER LESSONS unless prior arrangements have been made with another parent. Please be ready to meet your child at 6:00 PM in the lesson area. If your child is 4th grade or younger, you as the parent are responsible for your child even if they want to continue skiing or snowboarding after the lesson.

GRADES 5 and OLDER - While we don't have enough parents to ski/snowboard with all the groups of kids, there are usually 3-4 parents out there on the slopes with the kids including Mrs. Petschik. Depending on the skill level of the kids, some of the St. Joe's/OLMA kids ski/snowboard in small groups and/or the buddy system. Be sure to talk with your child(ren) ahead of time about who they are going to ski/snowboard with if it's not you. Please also be sure that you are comfortable with letting your child on the slope by themselves if they are not skiing with a group, although this is not advised. Never assume they will have ski/snowboard partners so be proactive to find out how this will work best for you and your child. The buddy system is always best ;o)

DINNER and/or SNACKS and drinks should be provided by the parent if the child needs them. The cafeteria has many food options for purchase in the upper part of the lodge (still credit card only as far as we know).

ALL PARENTS MUST PICK UP THEIR CHILD AT THE MOUNTAIN unless a prior arrangement has been made with another parent or they are riding back in the van. Cell service is very spotty at Crotched so **make the arrangements ahead of time** so you both know the time and place of pick up.

ABOVE ALL - HAVE FUN & THINK SNOW!!

Thanks,
Wendy Petschik
Middle School Science Teacher
Saint Joseph Regional School
Soccer Coach and Alpine Club Coordinator

