



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



January 16, 2025

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

Don't forget the Home and School meeting on Wednesday, January 22 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall at St. Bernard. There will be a general update on school topics and a beginning list of ways that parents can become more active at the school. The current list includes help with our ever-popular Lost and Found supply, volunteering during lunch or in the Library, helping with certain events such as International Night, the Craft Fair, and some Catholic Schools Week activities (January 27-31.)

We had our annual visit from Blue U to do training required by the Diocese of Manchester. The security expert from Blue U visited classrooms and talked about the number one threat to schools, an active shooter. Most of us have heard about hiding and being quiet, or running away, but not as much about fighting against an intruder. The approach of Blue U is to give staff and students a 'fighting chance.' While this is an unusual approach for most of us, Blue U explains that preparing staff and students for anything else is not being honest about the intruder situation. The only change we have made at SJRS since this visit is keep doors closed and locked. Blue U recommends for all schools that they have a secure entry into the school, have a radio alert system and have ongoing training. I have told staff that I would like to create a safety committee going forward. If any parent has expertise in this area and would like to offer guidance, please let me know.

A final note is that our awesome 8th Graders visited OLMA on Friday and had a presentation about our high school. We will be offering a special incentive for any students who complete the OLMA application by January 31...something fun with Mr. Sully, the OLMA Dean of Students.

Note: for those looking forward to the annual Talent Show, it has been delayed from the end of January and is currently being planned to take place in conjunction with a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington  
Principal

## **1 JOHN 4:20-21**

If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Mon-Fri 1/13-1/24** -- i-Ready testing (K-8)

**Friday 1/17** -- Rock Paper Scissors Tournament  
(see details below)

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

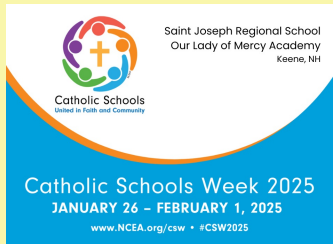
**Tuesday 1/21** -- End of the second quarter

**Wednesday 1/22** -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am

**Wednesday 1/22** -- Home and School Association meeting -- 6-7pm -- Parish Hall -- All parents welcome!

**Thursday 1/23** -- Hot chocolate sales at lunch (see

brother.



details below)

**Sunday 1/26** -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)

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

**Friday 1/31** -- **HALF DAY** -- **11:45am dismissal.**

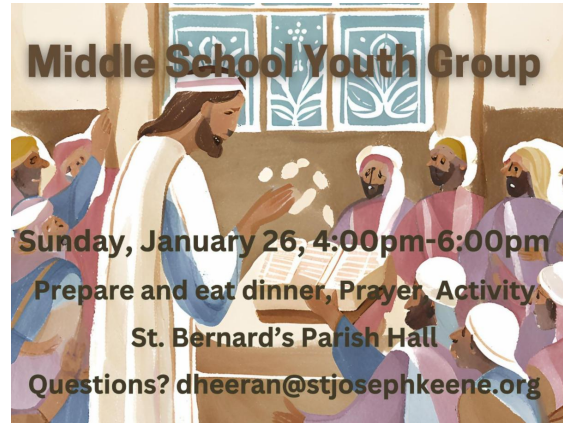
**No Extended Day.**

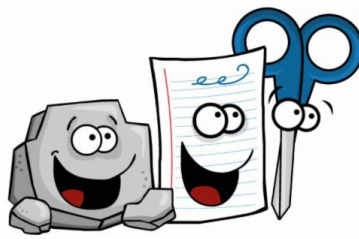
**CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

**\*\*\*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).

**SJRS/OLMA FAMILY BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

We are in the process of putting 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](mailto: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!





# Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament

## Grades 4-8

### Cost

\$1.00 per beaded necklace  
\$5.00 Maximum buy-in

Beads will be sold during homeroom on game day  
Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

### Rules

- Once you purchase your beads in the morning, you can begin to play
- Rock, Paper, Scissors duels can **ONLY** happen between classes or at lunch
  - If a teacher catches you playing during class, they can take All your beads
- If someone challenges you, you **HAVE** to play
- If you win a duel, you get one necklace from your opponent
- When you get TEN beads, you can challenge a faculty member
- Once you get a silver faculty bead, you forfeit your student beads and are in the tournament. No one can challenge you for your silver bead.
- When you get 15 student beads, you are entered into the tournament and can refuse matches
- Anyone with a faculty bead, or 15 student beads, will compete in a head-to-head tournament during lunch on Friday!



The Grade 2 French class celebrated **la Fête des Rois** (Feast of the Kings or l'Épiphanie), on Friday with Madame Dutton. Students shared two galettes. Elakkiyan and Faye each discovered a bean in their piece of galette, so they were crowned King and Queen of the celebration!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

1/27 vs Trinity





2/4 vs Mountain Shadows -- 4:45pm  
2/11 vs Mountain Shadows -- 4:45pm



**New year, new...water fountains!** Brand new water fountains and water bottle filling stations have been installed in the middle and elementary school hallways for the students and faculty to help everyone stay hydrated all day!



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**2025-2026**  
**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN**  
**ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN**

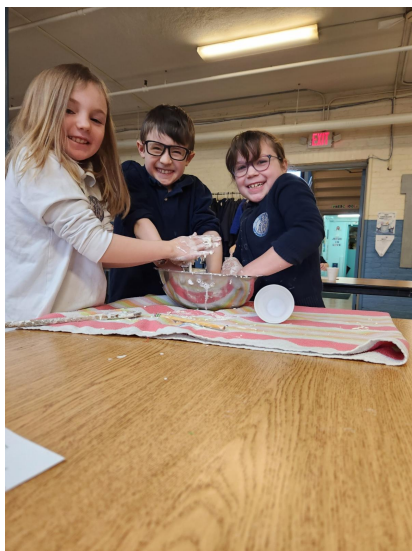
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Contact us: [admissions@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:admissions@stjosephkeene.org)

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The 2nd Grade and Kindergarten students worked together on a fun science experiment today -- making oobleck! Oobleck is a suspension of cornstarch and water that can behave like a solid or a liquid, depending on how much pressure you apply.



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