



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 31, 2024

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



Dear Parents and Staff,

There will be two important meetings coming up in the next month that parents are encouraged to attend.

The first will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 6:00 pm (location to be determined) when we will initiate the discussion of the place of technology in our children's lives. If you read my message last week, you saw that I have been giving this a great deal of thought lately. Now I'd like the input of parents on its use in school, out of school, and in society. In order for us to formulate a sensible policy for the part technology will play in our educational program, parents and teachers alike need to talk about it. I have also reached out to a few local agencies-the Keene Police Department and the Computer Science Department at Keene State College on the possibility of doing a cybersafety training session for us. Knowing some of the pitfalls of technology and social media and how to avoid them for our children is a big topic of interest for most of us.

The second meeting will be on Monday, December 2 in the SJRS gym. This meeting will be a presentation about the financial situation of our schools. In my past experience in Catholic schools, we always shared the budget information and the 'State of the School' with parents, and it is time to do this for St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy. This presentation will provide relevant information about expenses, income, enrollment, and explain some of the new policies and procedures for our finances and accounting. In our continuing efforts to provide full transparency to our families, the financial picture is one that we want to now share as we work together to provide the best quality education we can for our students.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington  
Principal

## **HEBREWS 12:1-2**

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Friday 11/1** -- All-school Mass -- All Saints' Day -- 9:30am

**Friday 11/1** -- All Saints' Day assembly -- 12:45-

cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.



1:30pm

**Thursday 11/7** -- National French Week Dress Down Day/Costume Competition (see details below)

**Thursday 11/7** -- Apple cider sales at lunch (see details below)

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

**Friday 11/8** -- **Parent-Teacher Conferences -- HALF DAY**

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

**Tuesday 11/26** -- Picture re-take day

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

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

## REPORT CARDS - PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

All report cards will be emailed to parents via Renweb by the end of the day on Monday, November 4.

### PK - GRADE 4

Teachers will be contacting parents via email to offer conference scheduling. Please keep an eye out for those emails. If 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 is in the process of sending 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 is included with those emails.

Any parents of students who teachers are not requesting to meet with will have 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.



We had a wonderful visit to Cedarcrest last Thursday afternoon, singing songs and reading books with the children. Ms. Nelligan also presented President/CEO Jay Hayston with our donation from the recent OLMA Mercy Project car wash and SJRS dress down day. The funds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for the children!

## 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 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](mailto:jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org)).**





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## PRESS RELEASE

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Contact: Jeff King, Event Chairman, (603) 933-1971, [eagle172@hotmail.com](mailto:eagle172@hotmail.com)

### Monadnock Council #5790 Knights of Columbus Hosting 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hockey Challenge

All boys and girls ages 10 to 17 are invited to participate in this week's local level competition for the 2024 Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge, an ice hockey shooting contest. This free local competition will be held on Saturday November 2, 2024 starting at 4:10pm at Keene Ice, 380 Marlboro Street in Keene, NH.

This first annual Knights of Columbus Hockey Challenge is a free event sponsored by the Monadnock Council #5790, based in Peterborough at Divine Mercy Parish. The winners of this local competition may have an opportunity to compete with kids from other parts of NH as well. All boys and girls ages 10 to 17 are eligible to participate in this free event and will compete in their respective age divisions. All contestants at the local event will receive participation certificates, commemorative souvenir hockey pucks, street hockey balls, and the winners in each age division will receive a Champion certificate and plaque. Parents of participants will be required to complete an entry form prior to the event. This can be done in advance or at Keene Ice on the day of the event. All participants must have and wear full hockey gear on the ice. Players should plan to arrive at least 45 minutes early in order to register and put on their gear. For entry forms or additional information, contact the Event Chairman, Jeff King, at (603) 933-1971 or [eagle172@hotmail.com](mailto:eagle172@hotmail.com).

Monadnock Council #5790 in Peterborough, NH is one of 16,000 Knights of Columbus councils that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

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**★ 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!  
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**Middle School Youth Group (MSYG)** met this past Sunday with Mrs. Heeran. They made meatballs from scratch, cooked spaghetti and sauce, baked garlic bread, mixed up Caesar salad, and finished with brownie sundaes! They were able to discuss the Gospel, learning how to ask God for their needs, and prayed a decade of the Rosary together. They finished with a few rounds of M&M bingo! Thank you to all who attended!





🍷 Kick Off National French Week in Style with St. Joe's French Club! FR

Join us on **November 7th** for an exciting **dress-down day!** Show your French pride by wearing the colors of the French flag—bleu, blanc, and **rouge just** for just \$1.00.

But that's not all! Want to take it up a notch? Enter our thrilling **Costume Competition** and bring a famous French figure to life!

- **Pick Your French Icon:** From poets, writers, singers, aristocrats, and celebrities—who will you choose?
- **Know Your Character:** Wow the judges with cool facts about the person you're portraying!
- **Dress to Impress:** Get creative with the perfect outfit, accessories, and hairstyle!

**Rules:** Costumes must be school-appropriate, creative, and props must be safe.

**Don't miss this chance to shine, have fun, and celebrate all things French!**



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## HALLOWEEN!

THANK YOU to all of the families who joined us today for the parade and to all those who brought treats for the students! And THANK YOU also to everyone who sent in all of the delicious food and beverages for the class parties today!







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