



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 22, 2024

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

We had a good turnout for the discussion on technology this past Tuesday night. Parents voiced their opinions about the use of technology in our schools and some shared recent studies and research about its impact on learners, especially younger children. While the consensus seems to be that technology is part of our current lives, we need to be intentional in how we incorporate it into the school day and clearly communicate our instructions to students when technology is included in any academic assignment.

We will certainly continue this conversation, and the teachers and I will be reviewing the questions and concerns that were brought up by parents. As this was the first listening session about technology, we are not yet at the point where we have any sort of an action plan, but that will happen this year.

For any parent who did not get to attend and who would like to complete the survey, please **CLICK HERE for the Google Forms version of the survey**. A resource sheet was also handed out, and **this is available as well. CLICK HERE**

Parents who attended the meeting, and any parents who have been in the cafeteria this week noticed that we now have a Lost and Found 'store'. Thanks to the gift of a clothing rack by Mrs. Cayla Groeber and the organization and sorting by Mrs. Miranda Tarnowski, and a few other mothers, the unclaimed items are now easier for students and parents to inspect. PLEASE try and take a look at the items if your child is missing anything...there are many decent sweatshirts, sweaters, and coats that belong to someone and are looking for a home. See below for more details.

One good use of technology: We will livestream our raffle drawing at 1:00 pm so that parents can see the excitement as the winning names are drawn for this annual fundraiser. Thanks to Mrs. Jen Marshall for overseeing the raffle and to Mrs. Ashley Brown for counting the many, many tickets. Good Luck!!

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

REVELATION 4:11

Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; Because of your will they came to be and were created.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 11/22 -- 50/50 Raffle drawing -- 1pm
Sunday 11/24 -- Middle School Youth Group -- 4-6pm (see details below)
Tuesday 11/26 -- Picture re-take day (see details below)
Tuesday 11/26 -- Thanksgiving Adoration -- 1:15pm
Wed-Fri 11/27-29 -- Thanksgiving Break -- **NO SCHOOL**



Friday 11/29 -- Kiwanis Club Tree Lighting -- 5pm
-- Keene Central Square (with SJRS Leadership Council hot chocolate and cookies!)
Sunday 12/1 -- Advent begins
Monday 12/2 -- State of the Schools Parent Meeting -- 6pm
Tuesday 12/3 -- Ashuelot Concerts -- 11am
Wednesday 12/4 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am
Friday 12/6 -- Parents Night Out Movie Night -- 5:30-8pm (Grades PK-5) (see details below)
Monday 12/9 -- All-school Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) -- 9:30am
Friday 12/13 -- Middle School Christmas Dance -- 6-8pm (Grades 6-8)
Tuesday 12/17 -- Christmas Concert -- Doors open 6pm -- The Colonial Theatre (details coming soon!)
Mon-Fri 12/23-1/3/25 -- **Christmas Break -- NO SCHOOL**

CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

50/50 RAFFLE

Tune in to **our Facebook page TODAY, Friday, November 22, at 1:00pm**, when we will go **LIVE** to pick the winners of our 50/50 raffle!



IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Currently we are missing updated immunization records for many students. If you have not submitted your child's most up-to-date immunization records for this school year, **please get them to the Main Office by Wednesday, December 4th.**

If you would like to have the records faxed to the office directly from your child's doctor, the fax number is 603-358-5465. Many physician offices will be happy to do this for you. You may also drop off the records in the office or email them to Ashley Brown (ashleybrown@stjosephkeene.org). Thank you for your cooperation!

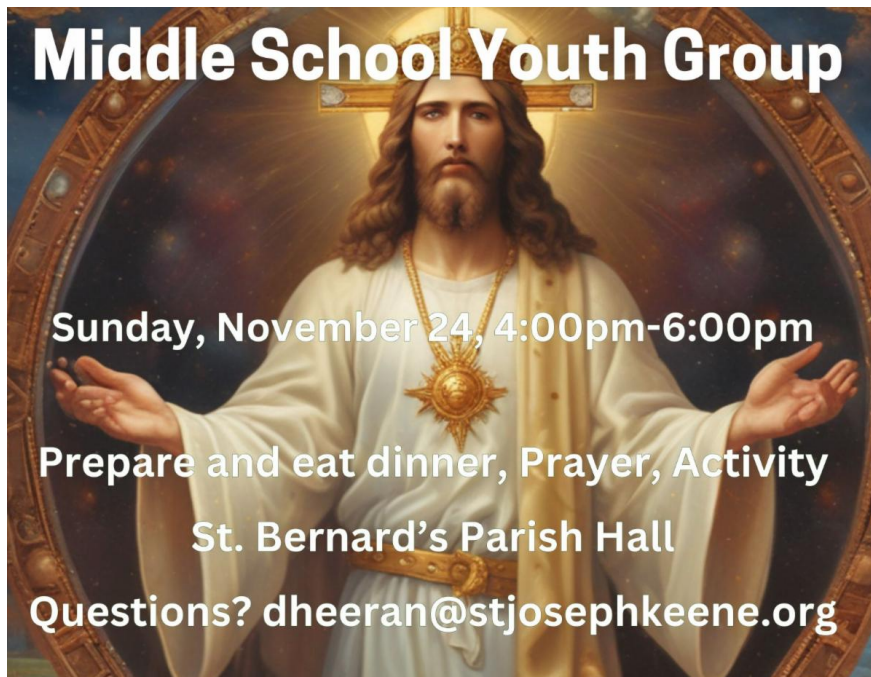
Middle School Youth Group

Sunday, November 24, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Prepare and eat dinner, Prayer, Activity

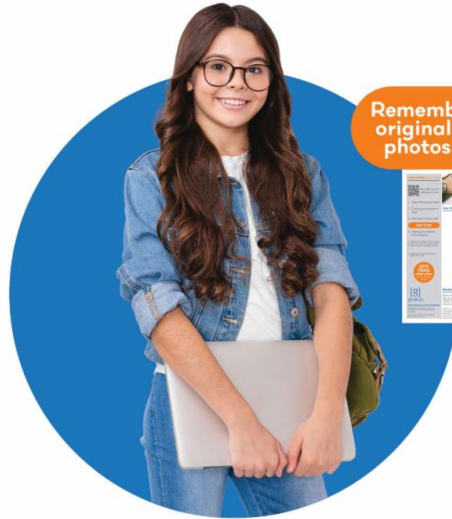
St. Bernard's Parish Hall

Questions? dheeran@stjosephkeene.org



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 costo alguno. Acuértese de traer su prueba de imagen original y las fotos para la sustitución.

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Christmas
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Christmas Children's Choir will be rehearsing for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass every Sunday until Christmas, at 1:00 PM in the St. Joseph's Music Room in the basement of St. Joseph's School. All school-aged children are welcome to participate. Contact Chris Dube to sign up or for any questions (603)499-1233 or Christopher_J_Dube@hotmail.com



SJRS students made over 200 thoughtful cards for the **Holiday Cards for Our Military Challenge** program in cooperation with the NH Department of Education! These cards are a simple but meaningful way of supporting our military personnel throughout the world, bringing smiles to our soldiers as many are away from home and their families during the Christmas season.

LOST AND FOUND

You can now search through the lost and found from the comfort of your own home! You will find all the lost and found items in the below album called "ALL lost and found," and you will also be able to search for specific items by category. Please take a look even if you think your child is not missing anything--you never know! If you recognize an item, you or your child may pick it up anytime in the Middle School cafeteria next to the Extended Day room. Lost and found items that have been uploaded will be kept for two weeks before they are donated.

ALL LOST & FOUND

Jackets

Lunchboxes

Hats/mittens

Hoodies (zip & pullover)

Miscellaneous

Sweaters

Pants/shorts

Boots/shoes

Crewneck sweatshirts

Water bottles

A big THANK YOU to Miranda Tarnowski for organizing and photographing our lost and found, and to Cayla Groeber for donating a rack for hanging the items!

ORIGINAL WORKS -- LATE ORDERS

It's not too late to order from Original Works! Our Late Order deadline is Friday, December 13.

CLICK HERE to access the **SJRS Gallery**

Each student received a unique access code, but you can also access the shop by school and student name.

All Late Orders will be delivered to school, BUT they may not be here in time for Christmas. If you have questions, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).





It's **National Bible Week**, so all this week students in grade K-4 have a chance to win a candy bar if they come to the main office and recite a Bible verse from memory to Miss Farrington or Kate! We have had LOTS of winners!!

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL PRESENTS

Merry Christmas

Elementary Parents' Night Out

Watching Prep & Landing, pizza for dinner, decorating cookies, and a craft!

DECEMBER 6
FROM 5:30 TO 8 PM
Grades PreK - 5



Last Friday, we had a special visit from **MacKinley, the therapy puppy** from Monadnock Therapy Pets!



Congratulations to Riley Sweeney (Grade 3), whose football team, the Keene Knights Youth Varsity, won the State Championship this past week. Keene beat Salem 38-6, becoming back-to-back state champions!



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