



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



October 10, 2024

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

Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

Thank you to all the students and families who gave so generously to our special dress down for the victims of Hurricane Helene. We collected \$956 and will be sending every penny to Immaculata Catholic School in Asheville, North Carolina. I heard back from the school, which had plenty of damage from the storm, nevertheless rallied to help others in the area. Here's the article that our own Diocese put in its newsletter yesterday:



St. Joseph Regional School and Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Keene had a special dress down at both our schools on Friday, and they raised almost \$1,000 for Immaculata Catholic School in Asheville, NC. Immaculata is located in Western North Carolina and has been established as a distribution point for relief supplies. Their drive-thru lines continue providing essential items to families in need. Meanwhile, volunteers restock and sort the outdoor loading station that has been vital to Western North Carolina. The school has been closed due to the Hurricane, and will resume classes on October 16th. After the donation from both Catholic schools in Keene, the leadership at Immaculata was "overwhelmed but grateful" for the support.

We do not personally know the students and families at Immaculata, but we are now connected by our understanding that we always need to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are helping Immaculata, and they in turn, are helping others in their own community who do not have the basics such as clean water and shelter.

Our Mercy Project students at OLMA did some extra fundraising last Saturday. Led by their teacher, Miss Morgan Howerton, the students ran a car wash for the benefit of Cedarcrest in Keene. They raised over \$500 which will be given to Cedarcrest when SJRS and OLMA students visit that school on October 24 at 3:30 pm. Our campus ministry is organizing this as part of October's Respect Life Month and will also run a dress down on October 18 for Cedarcrest as well. These are wonderful ways that neighbors can help neighbors as our students learn that all life is sacred.

I applaud our staff at both schools for how they are helping students understand Catholic social teaching. First, helping Immaculata is about the Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, that we are called to put the needs of others first. Second, helping Cedarcrest is about Life and the Dignity of the Human Person, that all human life must be protected and that every person has God-given value and worth.

Thank you again to our generous and compassionate students and families.

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington
Principal

LUKE 11: 1-4

“Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.”

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 10/10 -- Pumpkin carving (see details below)
Monday 10/14 -- **Columbus Day -- NO SCHOOL**
Tuesday 10/15 -- Picture Day
Wednesday 10/16 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am
Thursday 10/17 -- Freshman retreat, Junior PSAT, Sophomore/Senior community service
Friday 10/18 -- College visit: Saint Anselm College (see details below)
Thursday 10/24 -- Visit to Cedarcrest -- 3:30pm (see details below)
Friday 10/25 -- NHS application deadline (see details below)
Wednesday 11/6 -- College visit: Keene State College (see details below)
Friday 11/8 -- Parent-Teacher Conferences -- **HALF DAY**
Monday 11/11 -- Veterans Day -- **NO SCHOOL**
Wed-Fri 11/27-29 -- Thanksgiving Break -- **NO SCHOOL**

[CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

Please note: The date of our Winter Arts Showcase has recently changed. It will take place on Thursday, January 16.



The poster features a light beige background with several orange pumpkins of various sizes and designs, some with carved faces. It is decorated with autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and brown. In the top left corner, there are two circular logos: one for the Diocese of Manchester and another for the Academy of Holy Spirit. The main title "PUMPKIN CARVING" is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, the date and time are listed: "Thursday, October 10th 5:00 - 6:30pm". The location is "SJRS Gym". Further down, it says "200+ PUMPKINS READY TO CARVE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CARVING TOOLS." At the bottom, it advertises "HOT DOGS, APPLE CIDER AND BAKED GOODS FOR SALE!". In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Keene Pumpkin Fest" featuring a pumpkin illustration.

PUMPKIN CARVING

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!! IMPORTANT REMINDERS !!

On Next Monday, October 14, there is **NO SCHOOL.**

Tuesday, October 15, is **PICTURE DAY.** Please see the information above and/or the information that your child brought home with them.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

All sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.70 or higher and who have attended Mercy Academy for at least one semester are invited to apply for membership in the National Honor Society (NHS). Email invitations will be extended to eligible students.



Applications may be picked up in the Main Office. They must be completed and turned in to the Main Office **no later than Friday, October 25, at 2:45pm.** Late applications will **not** be accepted.

Applicants will be reviewed by our NHS Faculty Council and evaluated on the four pillars of NHS -- Character, Leadership, Scholarship, and Service. Please direct any questions to our NHS advisor, Dr. Regney (gregney@mercyacademykeene.org).

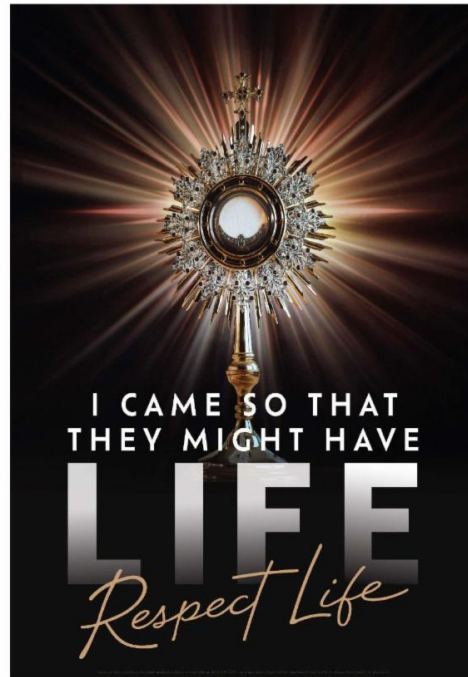


The National Honor Society officers for the 2024-2025 school year are shown here with their advisor, Dr. Regney, and NHS Faculty Council member, Mr. Cardine. Congratulations to the newly elected officers!

Dean Kangas - President
Elice Sodders - Vice President
Kyle Paolino - Treasurer
Ethan Young - Secretary
Ethan Petschik - Bard/PR Rep

October is **RESPECT LIFE MONTH!** This year's theme is **"I came so that they might have life!"** To actively show respect for life, both schools are raising funds for individual Christmas gifts for the residents at **Cedarcrest**. OLMA had a very successful **CAR WASH!** SJRS will have a **DRESS DOWN DAY** on **Friday, Oct 18th** for a suggested donation of \$1.00.

On **Thursday, Oct 24th**, we will bring all our collected donations to Cedarcrest. We will be singing songs & reading picture books to the children. All students from both schools are invited and encouraged to attend. Please meet at Cedarcrest~91 Maple Ave in Keene~ from 3:30-4:30. Parents must bring and stay with their students during the visit. Any questions please reach out to Mary Grace Nelligan (mnelligan@stjosephkeene.org)



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.

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



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COLLEGE VISITS

Admissions counselors from the following school will be visiting OLMA. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact School Counselor, Sarah Kaczanski (skaczanski@mercyacademykeene.org).

Friday, October 18

Saint Anselm College is a private Benedictine liberal arts college in Goffstown, New Hampshire. Founded in 1888, it is the third oldest Catholic College in New England. It is ranked as a Top 100 Liberal Arts Colleges by Forbes and Princeton Review ranks it #24 most engaged in community service.

Wednesday, November 6

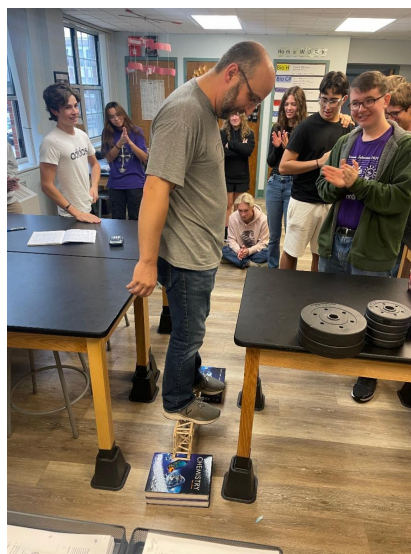
Keene State College (KSC) is a public liberal arts college as part of the University System of New Hampshire and offers over 40 programs of study and individualized majors. Founded in 1909, KSC has a total undergraduate enrollment of 2,735 and the campus size is 150 acres.



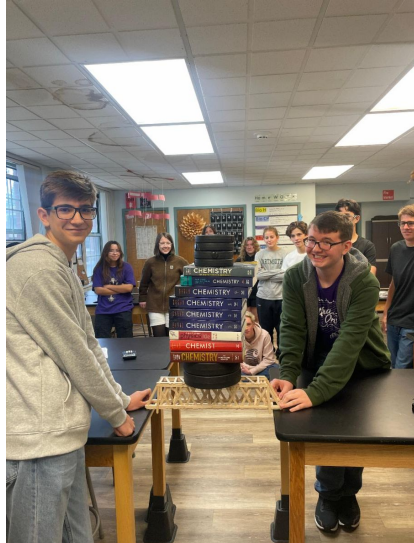
FEATURED STUDENT-ATHLETES

Junior **Dean Kangas** plays for the Monadnock High School boys varsity soccer team! (*Photo credit: Keene Sentinel*)

Junior **Jack Clark** is a member of the bass fishing team at Hinsdale High School!



Mrs. Hoye's Physics Honors class has been working hard on their popsicle stick bridges, and last week was the final weight test. Ethan Young and Danylo Zubrytskyi were the clear winners with their bridge holding a whopping 278 lbs, shattering the previous Mercy record of 73.5 lbs!



Last week we had three students from Einbeck, Germany, (Keene's partner city) join us on Friday! They were in town as part of an exchange of dancers with New Hampshire Dance Institute. Mathilda, Kaya, and Jule were hosted by Mercy students Harmony Brown, Sam Gauthier, and Ethan Young.



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