



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



November 14, 2024

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

Dear Parents and Staff,

Here's the latest news and musings from the principal...

Yesterday at Mass, we recognized the Good Samaritan Award winners from OLMA, recognized for their likeness to the Biblical Samaritan, being helpful, kind, and respectful:

The winners are Madelyn Carlson and Elio Saba!

We also recognized the Junior Class students for their amazing PSAT scores. The PSAT was taken on October 17 with the following results:

OLMA's mean score: 1138 reading/writing: 591 math: 548

State of NH mean score: 1009 reading/writing: 519 math: 490

United States mean score: 1000 reading/writing: 509 math: 491

Global mean score: 1002 reading/writing: 510 math: 492

This means that our students scored 129 points higher overall than the next highest group (the state group), 72 points higher in reading and writing than the next highest group (the state group), and 56 points higher in math than the next highest group (the global group.)

This is one of the main reasons that you send your children to St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy, so that they can receive a superior academic foundation for college, career, and life.

Another hallmark of our schools is that we respect our nation and those who serve it in the military branches. We say the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, we remember veterans and those currently in the armed forces, and we pray for them. This week, our students completed 271 for the "Holiday Cards 4 Our Military Challenge". Part of the challenge requires a staff member to read through the cards for approval before they are sent to the challenge's sponsor.

What sentiments from our students... a true reflection of their patriotism and understanding that freedom isn't free. Here are some examples:

"For sacrificing your life to protect our lives and freedom, you are appreciated wholeheartedly."

"Thank you so much for serving our country and keeping us all safe."

"Thank you for giving us freedom and protecting us."

"Thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and your commitment to our country."

Finally, we know that the Catholic Christian environment that students experience at St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy is the essential element of our Mission. Without it, we would just be a private school that provided a good education. In this regard, we will be remembering Deacon Ken Swymer next week at our weekly school Mass. We will pray a Spiritual Bouquet for him (one Our father, One Hail Mary, One Glory Be) and Ms. Suzanne Foder will offer a brief remembrance of Deacon Ken. He was an important person in our schools and in our Parish, and he is greatly missed. The 8th Graders will also pray a Rosary for him on November 21, the anniversary of his passing, in their religion class. We ask parents to join us by praying for Deacon Ken's eternal soul and for his still grieving family.

And just 2 reminders:

--the Technology meeting for parents is Tuesday, November 19, in the SJRS cafeteria, from 6-7:00

pm. At this meeting, I will be asking for input about how we use technology at our schools. --the Lost and Found bin at SJRS has more clothes now than my own closet...please stop by to see if any items belong to your children, and if anyone has a good idea about how we can display the items to parents for easier retrieval, please let us know. With the weather getting colder, and the bin having so many fleece articles, jackets, and sweatshirts, we are hoping for some happy reunions between clothing and owners!

In His service,

Miss Victoria Farrington  
Principal

### **TITUS 3:4-7**

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Tuesday 11/19** -- Parent meeting about technology use -- 6pm -- SJRS cafeteria  
**Wednesday 11/20** -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am  
**Friday 11/22** -- 50/50 Raffle winners picked -- 1pm  
**Tuesday 11/26** -- Picture re-take day (see details below)  
**Wed-Fri 11/27-29** -- **Thanksgiving Break -- NO SCHOOL**  
**Sunday 12/1** -- Advent begins  
**Monday 12/2** -- State of the Schools Parent Meeting -- 6pm -- SJRS gym

### **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.

### **50/50 RAFFLE**

Tune in to [the SJRS Facebook page](#) on Friday, November 22, at 1:00pm, when we will go LIVE to pick the winners of our 50/50 raffle!



### **SUMMER EBT**

The **Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer Program (S-EBT)** provides families with a one-time payment of \$120 per eligible child to buy food during the summer months when students don't have access to free or reduced-price meals at school. DHHS has reached out to families that participated in the SNAP, Medicaid, or TANF programs during the 2023-2024 school year and they will be automatically enrolled in S-EBT unless they opt out. Families that participated in the National School Lunch Program but did not participate in SNAP, Medicaid or TANF may also be eligible for S-EBT, but must provide their address through the DHHS portal that will be open November 15 to December 15. [CLICK HERE for more information.](#)





After our all-school Masses yesterday, Miss Farrington presented the Good Samaritan Awards for the first quarter to Maddie Carlson (Grade 11) and Elio Saba (Grade 11). This award recognizes students who consistently show kindness, respect, compassion, empathy and helpfulness to their fellow classmates and throughout the school community. Congratulations!



Miss Farrington recognized the entire junior class after Mass yesterday because of the results of their PSAT exams this fall. The juniors demonstrated their tremendous academic progress as OLMA's average test score is well above the state, national and global averages. A generous member of the parish donated gift cards for each of the juniors to The Works Café in honor of their hard work. Great job juniors!

## HONOR ROLL -- FIRST QUARTER

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made the Honor Roll for the first quarter of the 2024-2025 school year! Unweighted grades are used for determining Honor Roll for each quarter report card.

### **FIRST HONORS**

Average of 95% (A) or higher with no grade lower than 92% (A-).

#### Grade 12:

Francis Cardine

#### Grade 11:

Harmoney Brown

Maddie Carlson

Liam Crisman



### **SECOND HONORS**

Average of 92% (A-) or higher with no grade lower than 89% (B+).

#### Grade 12:

Mackenzie Ahern

Grace Jasmin

Taylor Johnson

Dean Kangas  
Kyle Paolino  
Ethan Petschik  
Elio Saba  
Ethan Young

Grade 10:

Jillian Boulay  
Shannon Nelligan  
Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni

Grade 9:

Monica Lundin  
Makayla Paolino

Grade 10:  
Madyson Brown  
Colleen Nelligan  
Liam Shea

Grade 9:

Lila Ball  
Betty Herstad  
Lillian Sanderson

## STUDENT-ATHLETE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to all of our student-athletes who have been competing throughout this Fall!

Allie Burgess -- ConVal Varsity Soccer  
Jack Clark -- Hinsdale Bass Fishing  
Liam Crisman -- KHS Varsity Golf  
Miles Desrosiers -- KHS Football  
Elizabeth Gornall -- KHS Soccer  
Ben Hockensmith -- KHS Football  
Dean Kangas -- MRMHS Varsity Soccer  
Makayla Paolino -- Conant Volleyball  
Ben Stoning -- MRMHS Football  
Sienna Swingle -- KHS Cheerleading

The winter sports season is getting underway now at the local public schools. For all of the details and contact information, [please CLICK HERE for the OLMA website !](#)

## HOUSE MERCHANDISE

Beeze Tees has put together a great House merchandise store for us -- just in time for Christmas gift giving!

[CLICK HERE to check out the House merch store!](#)



**HOMEcoming 2024**









Mrs. Hoye's Forensics class recently used a technique called Fiber Burn Analysis to determine the fiber type of an unknown textile.



## **SJRS/OLMA ALPINE CLUB NEWS** **from Club Coordinator Wendy Petschik**

The SJRS/OLMA Alpine Club is excited for another fun season of skiing and riding with the Slope Days Program at Crotoned Mountain! All SJRS and OLMA students ages 7-18 are welcome—there are no capacity limits so we can accommodate anyone who wants to join us.



I'm creating a contact list, so if you're interested, please add your details using the Google Sheet link below to be included in our master email list.

Crotoned Mountain is asking that families **sign up by Friday, December 13th** to secure a spot in the program and to help them plan for the hiring of lesson instructors.

If you already have a season pass and don't need lessons, you don't need to register through Crotoned Mountain—but please still sign up on the Google Doc to receive club updates.

For equipment needs, check out the Keene High School Alpine Ski Swap (details below). I am so excited for snow and the slope-side fun to begin!!

If you have any questions, please email Wendy Petschik at [wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org](mailto:wpetschik@stjosephkeene.org).

**\*\*\* Master Email List - use this link for Alpine Club email list:**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18BJtsZusqbVvfnFtsDJXnGRQGk1COe0G0d6ODXyJwU/edit?usp=sharing>

**Crotched Mountain Slope Days Program details – USE SCHOOL CODE SJK25 to sign up**

Our scheduled mountain time is Fridays with lessons starting promptly at 5:00 PM from Friday, January 10th – Friday, February 14th

**New this year** – two session lengths (3 & 6 weeks) and a la carte for season pass holders

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

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

**\*\*\*** Use this link to sign up for the products above and enter the school code SJK25:

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

**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

**\*\*\*** You must call or email to register for any a la cart options at 603-842-7549 or

email [crotchedmtngroupsales@vailresorts.com](mailto:crotchedmtngroupsales@vailresorts.com) and give them the SJK25 school code.

**Detailed Instructions for How to Sign Up**

To help streamline the distribution of information, I have also provided a detailed document with all the information repeated from above and instructions for signing up for the Slope Days at Crotched which can be found by clicking the link below.

**\*\*\* Link with detailed information and sign-up instructions:**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7lkV9BmoEGGo4sgbuH2tl6JI5zsWk87E5wk\\_U7pPkA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7lkV9BmoEGGo4sgbuH2tl6JI5zsWk87E5wk_U7pPkA/edit?usp=sharing)

**Keene High School 2024 Alpine Ski Sale and Swap**

**Saturday, November 23rd 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

If you would like to donate items for sales or consignment you can do that on Friday, November 22nd from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. This event is sponsored by the KHS Alpine Ski Team and is a great place to get used (and sometimes new) equipment for skiing or snowboarding. The entrance lines get really long, so it is strongly suggested to get there early before the doors open to get a good place in line and, hopefully, first pick of all the items.

# 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. Recibira 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 esta 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 coste alguno.

Acuérdese de traer su prueba de imagen original y las fotos para la sustitución.

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