



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy



April 18, 2025

Confident in the Truth that all people are made in the image and likeness of God, the mission of Saint Joseph Regional School is to provide an education based upon the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and to instill in students God's greatest commands: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Dear OLMA Parents and Staff,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of SJRS and OLMA, we wish all of our students and their families a joyful Easter holiday and spring break.

This newsletter includes a special message from the Superintendent of Schools, David Thibault.

In His service,
Miss Victoria Farrington



A Blessed Easter to Our Catholic School Communities

"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said." – Matthew 28:6

Dear Catholic School Leaders, Teachers, Staff, Students, and Families,

As we enter into the sacred days of the Triduum, I invite you to pause and enter deeply into the heart of our faith—the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. These days are not only the culmination of our Lenten journey but a powerful reminder of the love that redeems the world.

You, as a Catholic community, carry the light of the Resurrection into your classrooms each day. Through your witness, your compassion, and your dedication, you help form hearts and minds to recognize Christ alive in the world.

May these holy days renew your spirit and draw you ever closer to the Paschal Mystery. And as Easter dawns, may the joy of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes with peace and hope.

Wishing you and your loved ones a truly blessed and joyful Easter!

In the Risen Christ,

David A. Thibault
Superintendent

LUKE 22:14-20

When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs 4/17 -- Holy Thursday -- HALF DAY -- Dismissal 11:45am. No Extended Day.
Frid 4/18 -- Good Friday -- NO SCHOOL
Mon-Fri 4/21-25 -- Spring Break -- NO SCHOOL
Tues-Tues 4/22-29 -- Trip to France!

suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and said, “Take this and share it among yourselves; for I tell you [that] from this time on I shall not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.



Tues 4/29 -- Spring Picture Day (see details below)
Wed 4/30 -- All-school Mass -- 9:30am
Wed 4/30 -- Home & School Assoc. meeting -- 6-7pm
Tues 4/29 -- Spring Picture Day (see details below)
Wed 5/7 -- Senior cap and gown photos -- 10:30am
Sat 5/10 -- Spring Craft Fair -- 9am-2pm (see details below)
Sat 5/17 -- Prom (see details below)
Mon 5/26 -- Memorial Day -- **NO SCHOOL**
Tues 5/27 -- Diocesan Eucharistic Procession -- 9am
Thurs 5/29 -- Spring Arts Showcase -- 5:30pm
Tues 6/3 -- OLMA Awards
Sun 6/8 -- Baccalaureate Mass, Graduation -- 2pm
Thurs 6/12 -- Last day of school! **HALF DAY**

CLICK HERE for the UPDATED 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

***PLEASE NOTE: The calendar has been updated to reflect the change in the date/time for the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation Ceremony to Sunday, June 8, at 2pm.

2025-2026 School Year

First Day of School: August 25
 Thanksgiving Break: November 26-28
 Christmas Break: December 22-January 2
 Winter Break: February 23-27
 Easter Break: April 3 and April 6
 Spring Break: April 27-May 1
 Closing Day of School: June 17

HOLY WEEK

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

MONDAY APRIL 14
St. Bernard Church
 Confessions: 7:30AM
 8:00AM Mass

TUESDAY APRIL 15
St. Bernard Church
 Confessions: 7:30AM
 8:00AM Mass

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16
St. Joseph Church
 9:00AM Mass
St. Bernard Church
 4:30PM Confession
 5:30PM Mass

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 17
 No 8:00AM Mass
St. Bernard Church
 6:00PM Holy Thursday Mass
 (concludes with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00PM)

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 18
 No 7:30AM Confessions
 No 8:00AM Mass
St. Margaret Mary Church
 12:00PM Stations of the Cross
 followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet
St. Bernard Church
 3:00PM Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 19
 No 7:30AM Confessions
 No 8:00AM Mass
 No 4:00PM Masses

St. Bernard Church
 8:00PM Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20
 Regular Mass Schedule

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

SJRS Elementary Running Club -- Assistance is needed for a few parents to manage the Elementary Running Club this spring. This club meets once per week after school for 4-6 weeks, depending on the weather. The day of the week offered can be determined based on parent volunteer availability. If we do not have a parent volunteer for this program very soon, we will not be able to offer it. Please consider volunteering your time for our students.



SJRS Destination Imagination -- Assistance is needed for a few parents to manage our Destination Imagination program for the 2025-26 school year.

If you are interested or would like more details about the above volunteer opportunities at SJRS, please contact Kate in the Main Office (kate@stjosephkeene.org).

FRITZ FUNDRAISER

Make sure to stop by Fritz over the break for our fundraiser taking place April 17 - 27! All families received multiple copies of the Fritz flyer. **BRING THE FLYER WITH YOU** when you pay for your order. And share the extra flyers that you have with family and friends! 10% of sales are being donated back to SJRS/OLMA!

Thank you to the LeQuire family for supporting our schools!



2025-2026 ADMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR ALL GRADES

The 2025-2026 re-enrollment deadline was March 7. **If you have not re-enrolled your child yet, please do so ASAP.**

Admissions for next school year are now open for all grades at SJRS and OLMA. Please feel free to share this with friends and family in the community. In the past, we have always found that word of mouth is the most important way that new families discover our schools. We also have flyers available in the front office. Parents are welcome to pick up copies if you would like to distribute/hang them locally in places you frequent. Thank you!

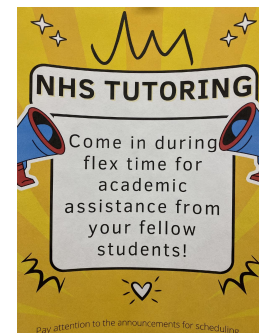
SJRS/OLMA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We have compiled all information sent by parents for our new SJRS/OLMA Business Directory. We encourage the support of the businesses within our school communities! If you have questions or would like your business to be added to the directory, please email Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org). **Please CLICK HERE for the Business Directory.**



TUTORING AVAILABLE!

Tutoring by NHS scholars and Dr. Regney is available every day except Wednesdays. We meet during flex time in room 37. This is a quiet study/work space and only tutors and tutees may be in the room. Those seeking help please arrive by 11:40am at the latest to receive assistance. We can help you review areas on your midterm that you did not understand. We can help you with assignments (teacher permitting). We can help you study for quizzes and tests. **Come pump up your brain!**



AMERICAN RED CROSS CLASSES

This spring we are once again offering the Red Cross CPR/First Aid/AED class with the help of SJRS parent Ida Daley. This is a great way for students to prepare for summer jobs and to enhance their learning and marketability! For questions, please contact Mrs. Hart (chart@mercyacademykeene.org).



CPR/First Aid/AED class

Saturdays: April 5th or May 3rd -- 10am-2pm

Location: Hannah Grimes Center, 25 Roxbury St, Keene

Cost: \$65 **CLICK HERE to register for the CPR class.**

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HONOR ROLL -- 3RD QUARTER

CONGRATULATIONS to all students who made the Honor Roll for the 3rd 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 9

Amelia Knowles
Monica Lundin
Makayla Paolino

Grade 10

Madysen Brown
Colleen Nelligan



SECOND HONORS

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

Grade 9

Lila Ball
Ryan Nuru

Grade 10

Jillian Boulay

Shannon Nelligan
Belen Vicente-DiGiovanni

Grade 11

Harmony Brown
Maddie Carlson
Dean Kangas
Ethan Petschik
Elio Saba
Ethan Young

Grade 12

Allie Burgess
Francis Cardine

Grade 11

Atticus Eden
Lucy Fisher
Lily Fitzpatrick
Liam Crisman
Kyle Paolino
Danylo Zubrytskyi

Grade 12

Gracein Jasmin
Rosey Nelligan
Elice Sodders



After our all-school Mass last week, Miss Farrington and Fr. Peter presented the **Good Samaritan Awards** for the third quarter to Emma Schriver (Grade 12) and Cameron Wilder (Grade 1). This award recognizes students who consistently show kindness, respect, compassion, empathy and helpfulness to their fellow classmates and throughout the school community. CONGRATULATIONS Emma and Cam!

2025-2026 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION

As we continue preparations for the 2025-26 school year, please carefully review all of the financial assistance information below. For those in need of financial assistance, the process includes multiple steps. The following steps, in this order, are required by all those applying for financial assistance:

1. Submit application for NH Education Freedom Accounts (new and renewals).
2. Submit application for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarship (renewals only).
3. Submit application for Diocese of Manchester Scholarships.
4. For Parish of the Holy Spirit families, apply to the Parish tuition assistance fund. Other Catholic families should contact their home parishes.
5. Submit FACTS application to be eligible for the Lamothe Adopt-a-Student Fund, Nielsen Scholarship Fund, and the Winnie Morenz Scholarship.

EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNTS (EFA)

The application is open for 2025-2026 for NH Education Freedom Accounts. The deadline is July 15.

1. You must be a New Hampshire resident.
2. Your child must be at least 5 years old and no older than 20 years old and entering Kindergarten – 12th grade.
3. Your household income must not exceed 350% of the federal poverty level. (See income chart below.)

CLICK HERE for details and to apply for the EFA program.

EDUCATION TAX CREDIT (ETC) SCHOLARSHIPS

The application is open for [RENEWALS](#) for 2025-2026 for NH Education Tax Credit Scholarships. [CLICK HERE for details.](#)

The EFA and ETC programs are administered by the [Children's Scholarship Fund New Hampshire](#). The applications for both programs are simple and online. We strongly encourage everyone who is eligible to apply ASAP. Many of our families receive funding from these great programs. There is a combined application for the programs so that you may apply/renew for both at the same time, if you qualify for both. You may receive funding from BOTH programs, if eligible.

350% 2025 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines	
Family Size	Annual income limit based on total annual 2024 income
2	\$74,025
3	\$93,275
4	\$112,525
5	\$131,775
6	\$151,025
7	\$170,275
8	\$189,525
For each additional person, add \$19,250	

DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER SCHOLARSHIPS

The new La Cerva Scholarship is now open for applicants. Established by Ella Sue and Salvatore La Cerva in 1993 in collaboration with then-Bishop Leo O'Neil, the scholarship fund enables a Catholic education for students entering grades 6-12. Scholarship awards may cover up to 75% of a yearly Catholic school tuition in Diocesan or parochial (parish) schools in New Hampshire. Awards are based on demonstrated financial need and additional criteria. Applications will be accepted until May 1. [CLICK HERE for the La Cerva Scholarship Fund Application.](#)

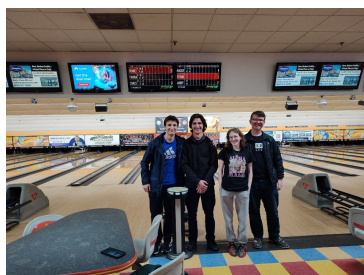
[CLICK HERE for the application for the Bishop Christian Scholarship.](#) The deadline is April 25. Awards will be for the 2025-26 school year and will be sent directly to the school. Decisions will be announced in May.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES

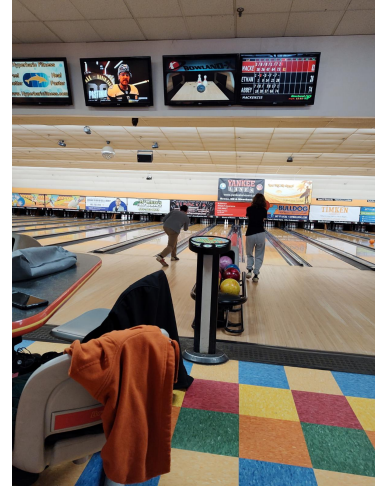
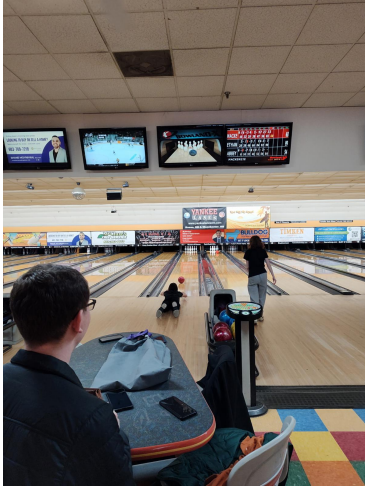
Parish of the Holy Spirit families may apply for tuition assistance from the Parish. [CLICK HERE for the letter with details and application.](#) If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office directly at 603-352-3525 or holyspirit.peace@gmail.com. The deadline is May 15. For Catholic families who are members of other local parishes, you are encouraged to contact your parish directly to discuss possible financial assistance.

SCHOOL-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

After submitting the above applications, you may seek additional help through our school-based financial assistance (Lamothe Adopt-a-Student Fund, Nielsen Scholarship Fund, Winnie Morenz Scholarship). You must complete the FACTS application, and your eligibility will be reviewed. The deadline is May 15. [CLICK HERE to complete the FACTS application.](#)



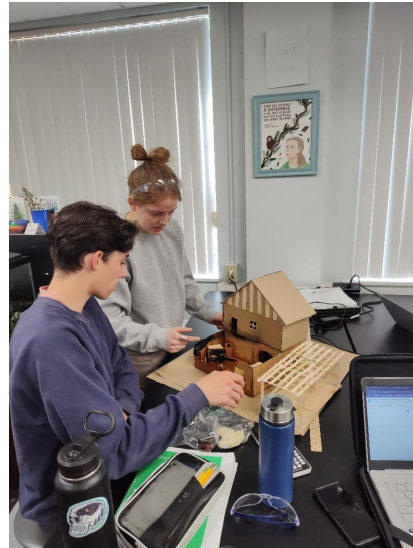
Fun with the Mrs. Hoyer and the Bowling Club on their last outing to Yankee Lanes last week!



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In their recent Arson Inquiry Lab in **Forensics** with Mrs. Hoye, students built homes, created a narrative of an arson crime to go along with it, then burned their creations for a short time to fit their story. They then traded homes with another team to solve the crimes, culminating in a lab report of evidence they collected.



PLANNING FOR OUR SPRING CRAFT FAIR

We need your help for our Spring Craft Fair on May 10! We're looking forward to a great day!

VOLUNTEERS are needed to work the bake sale and food booths on the day of the event. You do not need to work for the entire day -- just a few hours would be a huge help!

BAKED GOODS are needed for our bake sale booth. Baked goods can be brought to school the day before (Friday, May 9) or on the morning of the craft fair (Saturday, May 10).

If you can help with any of the above, please email Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).
If you can volunteer, please indicate the time of day when you are available. THANK YOU!



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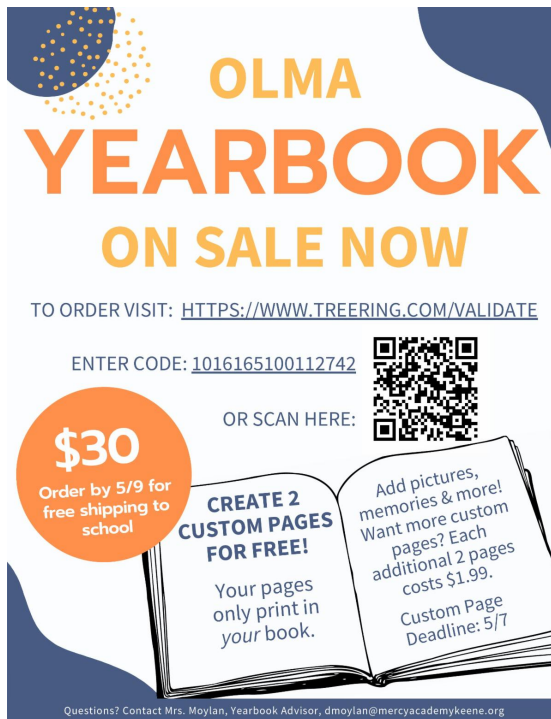


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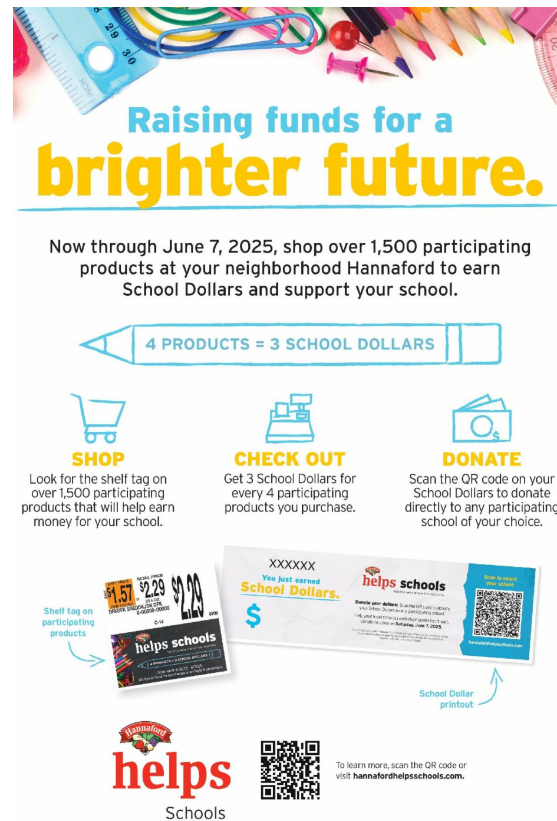
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