



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 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Monday 11/4 -- Día de los Muertos Prayer Service and Lunch -- 11am

Wednesday 11/6 -- College visit: Keene State College (see details below)

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

Mon-Fri 11/4-11/8 -- Homecoming Spirit Week!

Friday 11/8 -- Homecoming! Flag Football Game - 3:30pm; Bonfire - 6pm; Dance - 7-9pm

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

Tuesday 11/26 -- Picture re-take day

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



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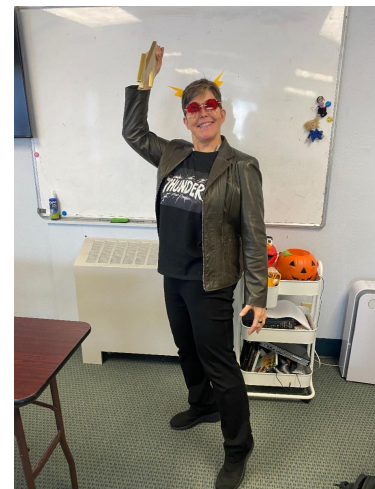
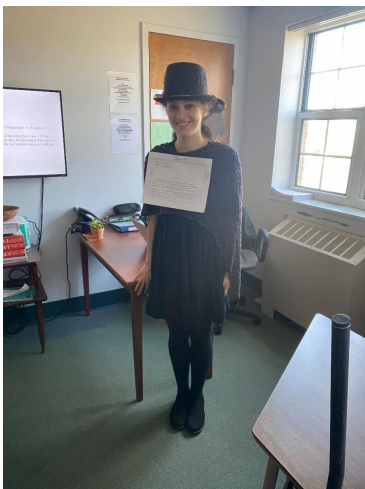
Please note: The date of our Winter Arts Showcase has recently changed. It will take place on Thursday, January 16.

REPORT CARDS -- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Report cards will be sent out by the end of the day tomorrow, Friday, November 1.

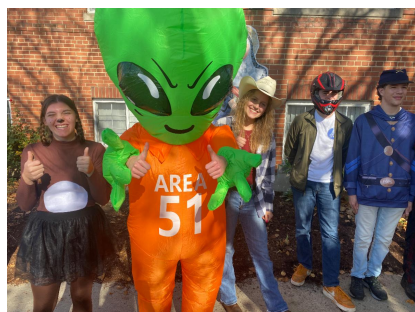
Parents are invited to contact teachers directly via email to setup 10-15 minute conferences for any classes they have questions about or specific concerns about regarding their child. **All teachers will be available from 11am-3pm on Friday, November 8.** Please see **the Faculty/Staff Directory for email addresses.**

On Friday, November 8, the school day ends at 11:45am for the half day. Students can be signed out as early as 11am by a parent if they do not wish to stay through lunch (lunch will be 11-11:45am). Students with off-campus lunch privileges may sign themselves out at 11am, but must be back by 11:45am for dismissal.





LOTS of Halloween fun today...costume contest (Frankenstein and Edward Scissorhands won!) and trick-or-treating during lunch!





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PRESS RELEASE

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

Monadnock Council #5790 Knights of Columbus Hosting 1st 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.

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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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 in their tickets! **If you have any questions or would like additional tickets, please contact Jen Marshall (jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org).**



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!



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 Kaczynski (skaczynski@mercyacademykeene.org).

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.



A huge THANK YOU to Savings Bank of Walpole for hosting Ms. McGovern's Consumer Finance class earlier this month! The students enjoyed a great visit, learning how to manage personal financial issues and going behind the scenes at the bank (and getting some swag, of course!



Our School Counselor Sarah Kaczinski brought her mini horses (therapy horses in training), Sam and Frodo, to campus for a quick visit with everyone last week!



We had a very busy day on October 17 with the juniors taking the PSAT/NMSQT; the freshmen at their retreat at Cenacle House; and the sophomores and seniors engaged in community service with Miss Howerton. The sophomores did some much needed clean up of our whole neighborhood. And the seniors visited with residents at the American House Keene community!



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