



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

January 28, 2021 Newsletter



Dear OLMA Families,

As you may have noticed, we adjusted our communications a little bit at the start of the new year. Instead of weekly newsletters, you will be getting monthly newsletter that are specific to the high school news. We hope that you will find this to be helpful.

Heading into February, I wanted to pause and give everyone a reminder that we need to continue our vigilance with the wearing of masks, washing hands, using hand sanitizer, monitoring temperatures, and maintaining safe distances. It has been almost a year, but it's all still extremely important every day. Our faculty and staff will of course be included in the COVID vaccines in the State of New Hampshire's Phase 2a (K-12 school and childcare staff). We will provide you with more details about that when it occurs. But for now, we need to remain strong in our observance of all protocols. You will be receiving our monthly COVID screening form over the weekend. Please be sure to respond promptly. **THANK YOU!**

Please note the schedule for Catholic Schools Week included on the last page. It's going to be a great week filled with activities. I am really looking forward to it. I'm particularly excited that we have a ski trip scheduled to cap off the week. This will be a perfect opportunity for students to try something new and different!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



Lamentations 3:22-23

The faithful love of the Lord never ends. His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh every morning.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/29 – School Mass – 9:30am
- 1/29 – Alpine Club at Crotched Mountain – 4:00pm
- 2/1-2/5 – Catholic Schools Week
- 2/5 – **SKI TRIP (NO SCHOOL)**
- 2/22-2/26 – Winter Break (**NO SCHOOL**)



CONGRATULATIONS to Mercy Academy 9th grader Aiva Bailey for being awarded a Silver Key at the **Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire!** Aiva is shown here with her self-portrait that was submitted for the award by Miss Fletcher.

OFF-CAMPUS LUNCH

Now that we are into the second semester, off-campus lunch privileges may be granted to Sophomores. All of the following criteria must be met:

- Students must maintain a 2.75 GPA.
- Parents/guardians must approve off-campus lunch for their child. The off-campus lunch permission form must be signed and on file with the OLMA office.
- Students leaving campus must have a cell phone turned on and with them while off campus.
- Students must sign-out in the OLMA office when leaving and sign-in when returning in the Student Sign-in/out log.
- Students are expected to return from lunch and be in their next class on time.

This is a privilege that can be revoked for any one of the following reasons:

- A student engages in conduct unbecoming of an OLMA student.
- A student's GPA drops below 2.75.
- A student fails to sign-out/in with the OLMA Main Office.
- A student is late returning to class more than once.

Please see Liberty Ebright if you have questions about off-campus lunch and to obtain the necessary form to be completed.



On Monday, Mr. Cardine's Algebra 1 students solved an Escape Room titled "Escape from the 1st Semester." The students worked together to solve riddles and puzzles with themes related to each of their 1st semester classes. The adventure was set in Mr. Smith's office at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, as he joined in the fun via the observation window. "Escape rooms are a great team building activity, with built in challenges and of course the excitement that goes along with finding solutions to problems. This one seems to have hit the mark," said Mr. Cardine. The activity was designed as a way to finish off Math class with a memorable experience. The school transitioned to 2nd semester courses on Wednesday, January 27.

SJRS SUPER BOWL SQUARES 2021



ONLY 24 SQUARES LEFT!! Get yours today!

This year we are doing a Super Bowl squares fundraiser at SJRS! It's a very fun game of chance that makes watching the Super Bowl a little more interesting. This is a traditional squares fundraiser with a 50/50 split -- half to SJRS and half to the winners. Please share this with your family and friends. All are welcome to participate! Questions? Contact Jen Marshall at jmarshall@stjosephkeene.org. For all the details: <https://www.stjosephkeene.org/squares>



PRIZES

1st quarter - \$150
Halftime - \$325
3rd quarter - \$150
Final score - \$625

**\$25
per square**

PARTICIPATION IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS:

1. Create your account

here: https://www.runyourpool.com/join/pool_info.cfm?id=144768&p=wwdvep

Simply pick your square(s) by clicking on the grid. There is no limit to the number of squares that you may choose to purchase.

2. Pay for your square(s). **PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, or your square(s) will go back up for sale.** Please note that payments are NOT made through the squares website (runyourpool.com). You may make your payment of **\$25 per square** by:

Cash or check (payable to SJRS) given to the Main Office
OR

Venmo -- Saint Joseph Regional School
(@stjosephregionalschool)

OR

Credit card on the SJRS web site:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/squares>

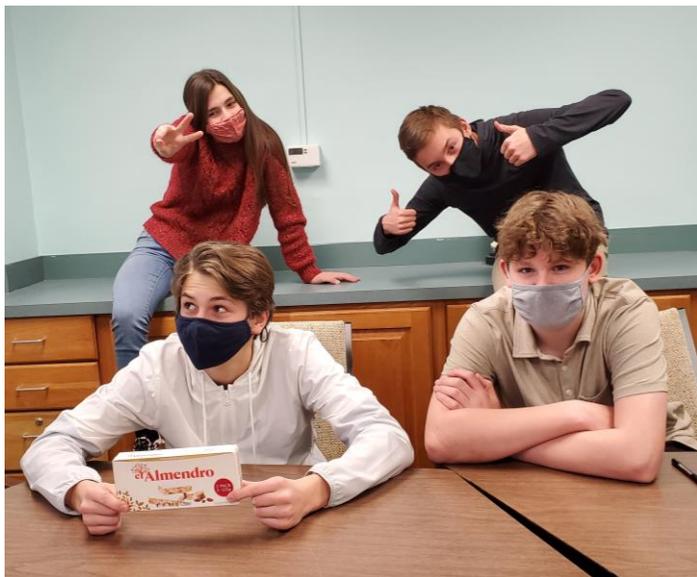


Last week, Miss Hoye's Biology class had a special guest from across the parking lot — SJRS kindergarten teacher Miss Reekie! They all enjoyed a game of Evolution in preparation for their final exam.

GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD

In an effort to promote good citizenship, Mercy faculty and staff hand out Good Samaritan Awards whenever students demonstrate acts of kindness, service or mercy towards others. These awards are tallied and contribute towards the house cup. **CONGRATULATIONS to Ana Maria Swingle** for winning the Good Samaritan Award for the 2nd quarter. Currently the Ursula and Aquinas Houses are tied with three monthly Good Samaritan Awards.

GOOD
SAMARITAN
AWARD



Monday in Spanish class, the students played "¿Quién quiere ser experto en español?" (a PowerPoint adaptation of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?") It was used to review Spanish vocabulary and grammar). The winner, **James Crisman**, received a "turrón" (a delicious nougat confection typically consumed as a traditional Christmas dessert in Spain), which he generously shared with the rest of the participants. Everyone loved the game and the candy!

PAST NEWSLETTERS

If you ever need to reference newsletters from previous weeks, they are all available on the school web site.

<https://www.mercy.academy/news>

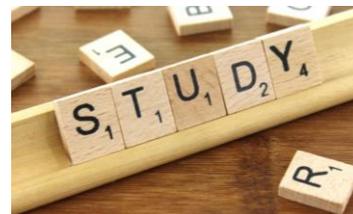
How do you officially bring to a close the first semester EVER at Mercy Academy? **Dodgeball** of course! Students vs. Faculty took place earlier this week in the SJRS gym!

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

Because of the limited capacity along with late registration details and deadlines, there are many students or their friends that may not have had the opportunity to sign up this year for our Alpine Club. However, this does not exclude anyone from coming on Fridays after school to ski or snowboard! They can still join in by buying a ticket for a given Friday (or all of them). Parents must provide transportation. There will be **NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE MOUNTAIN** so visit the Crotched Mountain website to buy the tickets at least the day before: <https://www.crotchedmtn.com/the-mountain/about-the-mountain/night-skiing-and-riding.aspx> and clicking on the **Night Ticket (3PM to close) which is \$45.**

AFTER-SCHOOL STUDY GROUPS

have started this month. This is quiet time with no phones permitted. Students can work on anything that they wish, except for Art projects. The study groups meet in Room 11 (Mr. Cardine's room), Mondays/Wednesdays, 2:45-3:45pm.



Catholic Schools Week 2021



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Celebrate Families
Family Appreciation Give Away
Wear your (school appropriate) PJS to school!
Decathlon Day 1 Challenges

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Celebrate Vocations
All School Mass and Guest Speaker
Wear your Sunday Best!



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Celebrate Students
Ice Cream Sundaes
Wear Blue!
Decathlon Day 2 Challenges



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Celebrate Faculty & Staff
Taco Thursday
Wear hats and/or clothing backwards!

School Wide Scavenger Hunt
Teacher Trivia
-the prize is a free homework pass



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Ski Trip

Adventures at Pat's Peak



**Faith
Excellence
Service**



Our Mission

To empower students to grow as informed, inspired, compassionate souls

NEW SEMESTER...NEW CLASSES... ...NEW FACULTY!

As the new semester begins, we have had a few new faculty members join us. **Marlee Glover** will be teaching French and **Christian Raabe** will be teaching music (guitar and bass). They have each shared a bit of their teaching philosophies:
Ms. Glover: Language is a very powerful asset in life. It allows endless opportunities to thrive professionally or personally throughout other countries. In addition, the sky's the limit when it comes to the power to relate, communicate and interact with other people with whom we normally would not have the opportunity to do so. Teaching a foreign language is not only about structural contingencies. It is also about culture. Every nationality expresses themselves differently through food, music and their lifestyles. This is what learning French is all about and what I plan to teach.

Mr. Raabe: My teaching philosophy has always been to prioritize interest and engagement as much as I can. Since much of a musician's success rests on what they do in their own practice, this approach is geared toward tying as much of that practice to students' every day interests as possible. It is my firm belief that all music is teachable and that fundamental concepts can be found in almost any music, contemporary or otherwise. This allows students to learn essential material using their own musical tastes as a backdrop, and gives them a broad and diverse understanding of where these concepts fit in any music they go on to hear or study. **WELCOME MS. GLOVER AND MR. RAABE!**



The PE class had their last day at The Summit Athletic Center earlier this week with Mrs. Hart!