



# Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

April 22, 2021 Newsletter



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

Dear OLMA Families,

I really can not believe that we're into the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the school year already. For as challenging as the year has been at times, it has gone by so quickly!

Of interest is that SJRS and OLMA are official Candidates for Accreditation with the New England Association of Schools and College (NEASC). We have demonstrated that we have the basic structures, policies, and systems in place to support a quality learning environment. Our cycle has now begun which will include comprehensive internal and external assessments, short- and long-term strategic planning, and periodic reporting. We will be completing a detailed self-study and comprehensive curriculum reviews. For the high school, this means that once accredited, we will be able to offer AP courses and be a standardized testing site. Much more to come on this process, but we are very excited to have begun working towards accreditation.

We were blessed to welcome Ashuelot Concerts back this morning. We had two performances that were absolutely magnificent. A huge thank you to SJRS parents **Louisa Stonehill and Nick Burns** for bringing beautiful live music to our students! For details about Ashuelot Concerts: <https://ashuelotconcerts.org/>

Since it was Administrative Professionals Day yesterday, I want to mention both **Kate Pratt and Allison Murray**. Both of them do an incredible job every day to keep all of us (me especially!) on track. They go way above and beyond the call of duty to manage the stream of phone calls, emails, injuries, lunch needs, meetings, tours, registrations, and everything in between. THANK YOU Kate and Allison for all that you do at SJRS and OLMA!!

A reminder: there is **NO SCHOOL tomorrow** (Friday, April 23) and then we go into the Spring Break with **NO SCHOOL all next week** (April 26-30).

Another reminder: if you're traveling during the break, please reach out to me to discuss your specific situation. We want to continue live instruction through the end of the year, but we continue to need everyone's help to successfully do that.

I pray that you all have a wonderful, restful Spring Break!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith  
Principal



**REMINDER:** Spring Break begins **TOMORROW** (4/23) and is all next week (4/26-4/30). **HAVE A GREAT BREAK!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/23-4/30 – Spring Break (**NO SCHOOL**)
- 5/8 – Spring Craft Fair/Art Day – 9:00am-2:00pm
- 5/10-16 – NWEA testing (Grades 2-10)
- 5/28 – Memorial Day weekend (**NO SCHOOL**)
- 5/31 – Memorial Day weekend (**NO SCHOOL**)
- 6/2 – International Night – 5:30-7:30pm
- 6/6 – AfriCAN Educate Festival & Silent Auction – 1:00pm
- 6/11 – Baccalaureate Mass – 9:30am
- 6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School (**HALF DAY**)

### **Zechariah 10:1**

*Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.*





### Jesus is Risen-Alleluia!

On Easter Wednesday (4/7), our whole school engaged in a day long celebration of Christ's victory over sin. Students said they had a blast bowling with their friends and teachers, enjoying ice cream at Yolo, and celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead. They had a great experience praying, playing Easter Trivia, and recounting the story of Jesus' resurrection. They participated in the reflective process of making Ukranian styled Pysanky Easter eggs.

The **Service Fair** was a super awesome school-wide activity. Each of the Mercy Project class students chose a local organization, became an expert about that organization's mission, and prepared a table complete with visual aids to promote the organization. Teachers fellow students toured the room to hear various presentations that included the organization's history, mission, and how they could support the organization. Students said that "overall, it was super fun to learn about how to get involved in all these local organizations."



### 2021-2022 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

All families who would like to be considered for any amount of financial aid for next year must complete the **FACTS application** for the 2021-2022 school year.

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

Also, the **NH Children's Scholarship Fund** has assistance available for students entering Kindergarten or 1st Grade, or for students entering 2nd-12th grades transferring from a public school. <https://nh.scholarshipfund.org>

If you have any questions about the above, please contact Mr. Smith.



*Shop Hannaford from now until May 29 and earn \$\$\$ for SJRS! Shop in-store or shop online! For details about School Dollars: <https://www.hannaford.com/about-us/hannaford-helps/schools>*

**PLEASE NOTE** that the tower for SJRS in the Hannaford store on West Street is near the exit.

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**AmazonSmile** is a simple way for you to support SJRS every time you shop, at no cost to you.

AmazonSmile is available at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same prices, selection and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to SJRS. [CLICK HERE for all of the details and to activate AmazonSmile.](#) THANK YOU!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL STUDENTS WHO MADE THE HONOR ROLL FOR THE 3RD QUARTER!**



**FIRST HONORS**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

James Crisman  
Greta Fenn  
Caden Nicholas  
Tessa Pearson  
Ethan Lewis  
Brooke Muchmore

**SECOND HONORS**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sophia Fisher  
Alexander Shield  
Owen Sanderson  
Aiva Bailey



**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sean Nelligan  
Fitsum Visser



**Ashuelot Concerts**



**GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**

For the 3rd quarter, we would like to recognize **Fitsum Visser (grade 10), Sean Nelligan (grade 10), and Ethan Lewis (grade 9)** for our Good Samaritan Award.

The **Good Samaritan Award**, recognizes **creativity, honesty, helpfulness, perseverance, kindness, respect, courtesy, altruism and empathy.**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the House of Ursula for winning this Month's **House Competition** on April 20th. The challenge was a game invented by the students which involved playing Capture the Flag with a twist while in the same field, playing dodgeball.



*This morning, **Ashuelot Concerts** joined us once again! All students at SJRS and OLMA attended performances in the gym. They played piano trio pieces by Brahms and Mendelssohn. What a gift it was to have them bring live chamber music directly to our students!*

# Paper Shredding Event



**A Knights of Columbus  
fundraising event  
to support their charitable efforts  
throughout Keene and the surrounding  
communities**

***Are your confidential personal or business papers piling  
up with no time to shred them?***

Protect yourself, your family and your customers from loss and identity theft by properly destroying your confidential documents.

SecurShred will shred your documents on-site while you monitor the process through a video surveillance system. All shredded materials will be taken away and recycled.

**Individuals and businesses welcome!**

**Shredding will be:**

- Done on-site**
- While you wait**
- By a professional shredding truck!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Saturday**  
**April 24th**

***Paper Materials  
May Include:***

- Office paper
- NCR paper
- Invoice paper
- Colored paper
- Window envelopes
- Glossy paper
- File folders
- Computer papers
- Brochures
- Fax paper
- Ledger paper
- Letterhead
- Laser printouts
- Product Sheets
- Envelopes
- Other office paper

No need to remove staples or paper clips

**Date:** Saturday April 24th rain or shine  
9am - 12 Noon

**Location:** St. Bernard Catholic Church  
Parking Lot  
185 Main Street, Keene, NH 03431

**Cost:** \$10 per box (standard paper box)

**Payment:** Cash or check payable to:  
Knights of Columbus Council 819

**No appointment necessary!**