



Saint Joseph Regional School Our Lady of Mercy Academy

May 27, 2021 Newsletter



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

Dear OLMA Families,

As COVID protocols begin to change, it's time that we adjust our policies a bit as well. **Beginning next week, students are no longer required to wear masks in and around the parking lot during drop off and pickup/rides line.** We will all continue to wear masks within the buildings through the end of the school year.

As we begin to look to next year, I wanted to share part of the general plan for the entire Diocese of Manchester for 2021-22.

For next year, the use of masks/face coverings will be parent choice for students, and employee choice for themselves. Also, we will NOT be mandating COVID vaccinations for students or staff. That decision will remain solely a personal/parental choice. More details will come throughout the summer as we formulate our own specific school plans, but at this time, I am optimistic that next year will feel more normal for all of us.

Many of the tuition letters for next year have been sent out, although I still have a few more to go. Once again, if you have any questions or concerns at all related to your tuition letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

I'm extremely pleased with how the Humanities class has progressed since last month. Of particular note is that our Honors students will be designing and teaching a lesson based on their research paper to the SJRS 5th/6th graders during the first week of June. I firmly believe that teaching is a powerful way to demonstrate mastery of a concept, and for this reason, all Honors level courses will include instruction as a key component of their coursework moving forward.

If you are planning to travel outside of the Northeast for the Memorial Day weekend, please reach out to me about planning for your child(ren)'s return to school. Keep a look out for our final COVID screening form of the year that will come to you via email. Please be sure to complete it promptly prior to our return to school next week.

I hope that everyone can join us for International Night next week!

Have a safe, healthy, and happy Memorial Day weekend!

May Your Spirit Be Lifted,

Christopher Smith
Principal



2020-21 YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks are now available for purchase on our website at:

<https://www.mercy.academy/2021-olma-yearbook>

You may also purchase by sending in cash/check to Allison in the Main Office. Yearbooks are \$20 each, and will be distributed to students before the end of the school year.

IMPORTANT DATES

5/28 – Memorial Day weekend (NO SCHOOL)

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6/2 – International Night – 5:30-7:30pm

6/4 – School Mass (Grades 2-10) followed by First Reconciliation (Grade 2)

6/6 – AfriCAN Educate Festival & Silent Auction– 1:00pm

6/9 – OLMA one-act play performance

6/16 – Mega Field Day/Last Day of School **(HALF DAY)**

1 Thessalonians 1:3

We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING DRESS DOWN DAYS

We wanted to make you aware of our upcoming dress down days to help everyone plan accordingly.



Thursday, June 3 -- \$1.00 in support of Mercy students' community service to purchase outdoor trash/recycling bins for the school's garden area.

Thursday, June 10 -- \$1.00 with proceeds to AfriCAN Educate, and our sister school, St. Charles Lwanga in Uganda.

Monday, June 14 -- \$1.00 OR arts/crafts supplies to go to the Crotched Mountain School in Bennington, NH, which specializes in special education for children

Hi Mercy Academy Families,



For those who don't know me, my name is Sara Mann and I am the St. Joe's librarian, Remote Learning

Liaison and a sub at our schools. I am also a private tutor. I work with students on everything from basic reading, writing, and math to High School math and Study Skills. I owned and operated the Sylvan Learning Center in Keene until 2014 and worked with students from 4 years old to adult. I work with students year round.

As we approach the end of the school year, I am setting up my summer session schedule. Each session is an hour long and will be conducted via Google Meets. My session rate is \$35 each and your student will have one-on-one attention and direct instruction, as well as having independent work between sessions throughout the summer. For more information or to schedule your student(s)'s sessions for this summer, please contact me at Sara.manntutor@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with your family this summer.

Sincerely,
Sara Mann

Summer Session Schedule (available sessions)

Tuesdays	Thursdays
10:15 - 11:15am	11:30am - 12:30pm
11:30am - 12:30pm	12:45pm - 1:45pm
12:45pm - 1:45pm	3:15pm - 4:15pm
3:15pm - 4:15pm	4:30pm - 5:30pm
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Miss Fletcher got lots of help from the students as they worked together to put up the new mural!



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT!

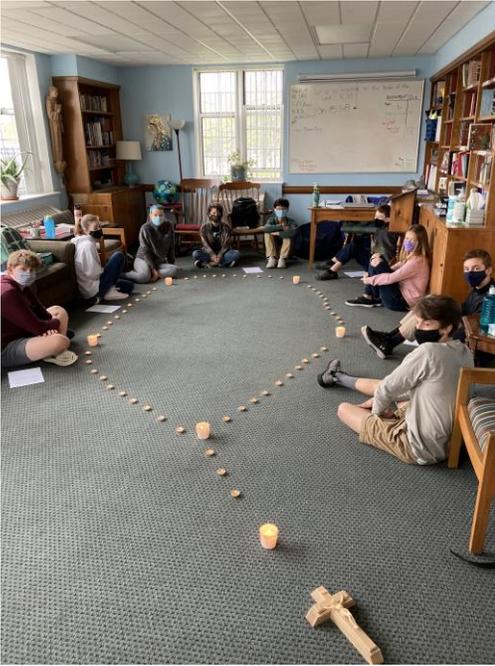
International Night -- Wednesday, June 2 (5:30-7:30pm)! Join us **OUTDOORS** for a fun evening with cuisine from 20 countries, along with mendhi (henna tattoos). We will have entertainment, including a Jamaican steel drum musician! Grandparents are welcome to join us too, as are SJRS alumni and their families.

Admission: \$10/person with a maximum of \$40 per family
You may purchase admission at the event or in advance online here:

<https://www.stjosephkeene.org/international-night>

Food from: South Korea, Netherlands, Spain, France, Uganda, Italy, Romania, Norway, Poland, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Argentina, China, Germany, Rwanda, Hungary, Philippines, United Kingdom, India, and Greece.





The **Theology class** honored our Blessed Mother in this month of Mary by asking her to pray with them through an illuminating Rosary for the intentions of our students and school.

Yesterday we accomplished some great work during our **all school Service Day**. Students cleaned up the Mount Calvary Cemetery of pine cones and leaves to prepare the grounds for Memorial Day Weekend. They spent the afternoon digging up and planting a pollinator garden in Asbuelot River Park. What was once a patch of grass is now a space to attract butterflies and provide an aesthetically pleasing view for park goers. Additionally, the students stocked St. Bernard's Church with hymnals and missalettes to be used as worship aids during Mass.

