



Saints & Scholars

...so that Mercy may flourish

The mission of the Catholic school is the integral formation of students so that they may be true to their condition as Christ's disciples and as such work effectively for the evangelization of culture and for the common good of society ~ Pope St. John Paul II

Calendar of Events

Thursday, 4/14

1:15pm School Mass
1:45pm School Assembly - Cafeteria after Mass

Friday, 4/15

8:30am Len Cabral Storyteller presentation grades Pre K -4
9:30am Len Cabral Storyteller - presentation grades 5-8

Monday, 4/18 - 22

Spring Vacation - No School

Monday, 4/25

8:15am School Mass

Tuesday, 4/26

Vision Screening - Grades 4, 5 and 7

Thursday, 4/28

Mock Trial

9:00am Middle

School Field Trip to Prout

Friday, 4/29

Dress Down Day



“How many expressions there are of God’s mercy! This mercy comes to us as closeness and tenderness, and because of this, comes also as compassion and solidarity, as consolation and forgiveness. The more we receive, the more we are called to share it with others; it cannot be kept hidden or kept only for ourselves. It is something which burns within our hearts, driving us to love, thus recognizing the face of Jesus Christ, above all in those who are most distant, weak, alone, confused and marginalized.”

Pope Francis

News!

PTG News: Please join us **tonight** for an Open PTG Meeting /Substance Abuse Presentation at 6:30pm in the OLM Cafeteria. Nancy DeNuccio will share her presentation "Raising Healthy Teens" with our community immediately following our PTG meeting. Hope to see you there!

Spring Fling: Thank you to all who volunteered their time, effort and care into this year’s Spring Fling! An amazing amount of money was raised.

iPads Donation: A huge thank you to Mr. Frank Mattos who has donated 22 iPad 2s to the school. What an amazing gift! Covers and a secure charging cart have been purchased.

B.Y.O.D: The program has started with the 8th grade and is going well.

Science Olympiad: Thank you to the dedicated coaches, parents and of course our incredibly talented and bright kids. They showed commitment, respect and dedication in the final weeks of preparation that resulted with a second place finish.

Re-registration for 2016/17 School Year: Remember you are not registered until the \$250 payment is made to the school. We do not want anyone to miss their opportunity to continue their OLM experience. Please register today!

Father’s Corner

Last week, the Holy Father released an apostolic exhortation called *Amoris Laetitia*—the Joy of Love. It is the result of the recent Synod of Bishops gathered to discuss Catholic belief about marriage and family.

Principally this document explains the beauty of the Christian understanding of marriage. *The Joy of Love* reads as a mediation on the positive vision of marriage and family presented by Christ and His Church.

The document challenges us too. It asks if we could do better preparing couples for marriage and supporting them especially early on in married life. It asks if we could do better explaining to the people of our time the beautiful and challenging teaching of Jesus about marriage and family.

Contrary to many media reports, no doctrine has been changed (because truth is unchangeable) and no pastoral practice has been altered. The words of Jesus about marriage and family remain the words of Jesus about marriage and family. The joy of the Gospel continues to have a challenge: the call to conversion of life.

But, the Pope is asking that we do better—in fact much better—at reaching out to everyone, especially those who feel excluded. This invitation comes with a call to conversion—leaving behind what is contrary to the Gospel. Like the apostles of old, we want to call everybody from near and far and invite them into the net of the Church.

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Parish

olmparish.org
Daily Readings:
uscc.org/readings
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Catholic Church
usccb.org/catechism

Web References

Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com
(online tutorials for
many subjects)

Literacy

Seussville features
Dr. Seuss's books,
games and activities,
videos and much,
much more!

Starfall is an
educational
alternative to other
entertainment
choices for children."

Mathematics

Fact Monster - Fact
Monster is a free
reference site for
students, teachers,
and parents.

Puzzle Maker -
Create your own
content related
puzzles.

**Art of Problem-
Solving:** 3rd grade
and up; videos are
organized, clear and
free!

Science Olympiad: The OLM Science Olympiad Team, made up of 19 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, placed second in the middle school division at the RI State Science Olympiad Competition at RIC on Saturday, April 9. After a two year hiatus from the competition, OLM students proved they remain a force to be reckoned with, tallying 4 gold medals and 3 bronze. Out of 24 teams, OLM finished in the top 10 or higher in 19 of the 22 events.

Gold Medal Winners included:

Mission Possible (Grace Pelletier & Tim Moren)
Disease Detective (Maddie Knudson & Ishita Rai)
Green Generation (Tim Moren & Ben Kane)
Scrambler (Collin Caldwell & Casey McQuesten)

Bronze Medal Winners:

Experimental Design (Susie Mueller, Tim Moren & Ben Kane)
Anatomy & Physiology (Susie Mueller & Brooke Mattos)
Bridge Building (Casey McQuesten & Mike Hanlon)

Our other Top 5 Finishes:

Dynamic Planet (Mae Legare & Casey McQuesten)
Food Science (Maddie Knudson & Ishita Rai)
Bottle Rocket (Miguel Torres & Collin Caldwell)
Write It Do It (Collin Caldwell & Miguel Torres)

The other team members: Elliana Spagnolo, Elyse Yanusas, Tori Cannon, Kelly Gallagher, Bryan Hong, Eric Tanionos and Colin Butera

Robotics Block Party: OLM had a fantastic showing at the Robot Block Party! From Claw machines, Stair Climbers, Rabbits, Frogs, Racers and so much more OLM Students stood above the rest!

OLM Band: Each year the OLM band holds an annual fundraiser at a local restaurant. We do this to raise funds which are used to help offset some of the costs of running a full band program. The fundraiser is set for Thursday May 5th and will be held from 5:00pm - 8:00pm at Chick-fil-A in Warwick. Please feel free to spread the word to friends and family outside the band program. Fliers will be sent out soon to help promote this event. Also, the fliers are necessary when your order is placed and are used to identify OLM patrons.

Reading Week: Reading Week is finally here! We are thrilled to welcome storytelling genius, Len Cabral, to our school this Friday (4/15) for two performances. Feel free to join us! Have your child participate in the Butterfly Reading Log and the Bookmark Challenge this week!

Summer Camps: Information will be placed on the school web page over the April vacation.

Career Day: We are once again looking for parent volunteers to present at our 2nd annual "Career Day" on Monday, May 9th from 8:30-10:00am. We are looking for parents of all grades and professions. Contact Bethany Bessette at bbessette@olmschool.org if you are interested.

Prayer Requests: For the repose of the soul of Miss Maureen Connelly, former 4th grade teacher and extended day assistant at OLM and sister of Mrs. Ann Favali.

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