



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, 2/4

7:30am
Scholastic Book Fair
9:00am
Community Service Day

Friday, 2/5

Teacher Appreciation Day
12:00pm
Scholastic Book Fair Closes
6:00pm
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Monday 2/8

School Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, 2/10

9:00am
Ash Wednesday Mass

Monday, 2/15 – 2/19

Mid-Winter Vacation - No School

Saturday, 2/27

Father/Daughter Dance (PTG)

Wednesday, 3/2

7:00pm
First Communion Parent Meeting



“Dear brothers and sisters, may this Lenten season find the whole Church ready to bear witness to all those who live in material, moral and spiritual destitution the Gospel message of the merciful love of God our Father, who is ready to embrace everyone in Christ. We can do this to the extent that we imitate Christ who became poor and enriched us by his poverty. Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt.”

Pope Francis

News!

Catholic Schools Week (1/31 – 2/6): Thanks to all of the hard work from Faculty, Staff and the PTG, the open house was quite successful. We had many new families, some with multiple children. Several signed on the dotted line at the end of the tour. This was a great kick-off to CSW for OLM. A quote from one parent, "We've visited all of the parochial schools in this area; OLM was by far the best we've seen."

Web Page Update: There are new features to the OLM school web page. Enjoy the dynamic new school video and see if you learn something new from the “Did you know?” facts.

Christian Values at Work: A special thank you to 5th grade students Veronica Millsom and Luke Simms for stepping up and forfeiting their Student Appreciation Day bowling trip to serve at a morning funeral. Great job!

Parking Lot Safety: It is mandatory for parents to vacate their vehicles and wait in front of the “coned” area so students are not running out to cars among moving traffic.

Congratulations! Guy Sanchez (5th grade), for finishing in 1st place in the Chess Master’s tournament last weekend (and he played “up” in the Middle School group) Reid Beland was named Rhode Island's Junior Fisherman of the Year for 2015 by the Rhode Island Saltwater Anglers Association (RISAA). His biggest catch was a 45 pound Blue Fin Tuna.

Father’s Corner

This week we celebrate Catholic Schools Week. 65 years ago, Fr. Francis Brady, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy, founded our parish school. We recall with gratitude what Fr. Brady understood. The foundation for a flourishing church is an educated people. Catholics who know their faith and are immersed in it every day provide hope for the future. We are grateful this week for our committed and talented faculty—most especially for the work they do in forming young people in the Catholic faith. We are blessed with engaged and faithful families.

And most of all we are blessed with students: our future scholars and statesmen, moms and dads, priests and religious, and, please God, of saints. Our goal after all at Our Lady of Mercy is to form holy young people. This Catholic Schools Week especially we remember fundamental our mission at Our Lady of Mercy: to form the future saints and scholars of the Church.

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olmparish.org
Daily Readings:
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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!

3rd grade class: This trimester we are learning multiplication and division facts through 9. We are so proud of how much they have grown since the beginning of the school year. Their writing skills continue to improve with good effort put into book reports and research projects. 3rd grade is very happy to continue enjoying the Art Masters Program. This month they made "heart art work" inspired by Jim Dine, an American pop artist.

4th grade class: In science, students recently created "magnificent magnet" projects that demonstrate magnetic forces. Chelsea Priest, ABC6 weather reporter, gave an informative presentation about the process of forecasting the weather and being a news reporter. The students have shown great mastery of long division and are now learning about fractions in math. We are continuing to examine the different stages of the writing process in our essay writing. The 4th grade also experienced the Industrial Revolution at Slater Mill, where we took turns performing jobs using simple machinery. We look forward to seeing how the 4th graders will continue to grow spiritually, academically and as a class community in the months ahead.

Bishop Hendricken Merit Scholarship Recipients: Tim Moren has been awarded a President's Scholarship. This is the second highest merit award offered to incoming freshmen. Dominick Hines has been awarded a Christian Brothers Scholarship. Former 7th grade student, Logan Cuthill, received the Dianne O'Reilly Scholarship, which is the top award.

Imagination Station: Our brand new after school Maker Space program is off to a terrific start! The Imagination Station is a buzz during and after school with robot building from claw machines to stair climbers, the students imaginations are in high gear! We have added a sewing machine to our class and would love fabric donations. A big thank you to the Andraka family for the donation of the sewing machine!

Library: The library has been transformed into a "groovy" spot for this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Come by and shop February 3-5, from 7:30-2:45. We will be closing at noon on Friday 2/5. Our teachers have "wish baskets" filled with books for classroom libraries. We hope you will consider donating. Peace, love & BOOKS! Thank you for your support!

Academic Support: Mrs. Xavier will be on personal leave from 2/5/16 through 2/29/16

OLM Soccer: We are looking for any 6th grade parents interested in coaching a team this year. Please contact the school office for details.

OLM Soccer Registration: On 2/4/16 soccer registration for 7th and 8th graders will be available through olmhoops.org. Registration will close when the maximum (20 students) are registered.

Art Class: Welcome back Mrs. Donna Campbell.

Prayer Requests:

For Ella, a six year old girl from Coventry who suffered a traumatic brain injury

Mrs. Cambio's book lovers



Mae & Brian using the 3D Printer

