



OLM Newsletter

...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 2

Calendar of Events

Thursday, 11/12

9:00am

Catholic Youth
Conference - Grades
6th - 8th

Tuesday, 11/17

8:15am

School Mass

Wednesday, 11/18

Faculty Meeting

LifeTouch retake
picture day

Thursday, 11/19

7:00pm

Grill the Priests

Wednesday, 11/25

Half Day Dismissal -
11:30 a.m.

10:00am

Thanksgiving Prayer
Service

Thursday, 11/26

Thanksgiving Day -
No School

Friday, 11/27

Thanksgiving Recess -
No School

Monday, 11/30

8:15am

School Mass



"American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions."

Pope Francis

News!

Thanks! Mrs. Kathy Moren and Mrs. Fiona Hanlon for 7 years of devoted service as Cross Country coaches. Our Lady of Mercy School has the largest track team in the Diocese with 55 runners PreK – 8th. Thank you also to Mrs. Selina Knudson for organizing the wonderful annual Cross Country Banquet held on November 8th.

New Date for Important meeting! December 10th - Next open PTG all will have an opportunity to share their thoughts/concerns regarding next year's school start times. The town of East Greenwich has moved next year's start time for Elementary Schools to just before 9am. Your input is important as we evaluate our options for next year.

Reminder: 11:30am Dismissal on Wednesday, November 25th – Please note this is a half day and there is no lunch service that day.

OLM School Store

We're open for business! Please visit the new school store web page. Items for sale include the following: Jaguars- \$8 Rulers- \$.50 Sports bags- \$4.00 Coffee Mugs- \$3.00 Magnets- \$2.00 Pencils- \$.50 or 3/\$1.00. Many more items to come! It's never too early to shop for Christmas presents. Cash or checks are accepted.

Father's Corner

Next **Thursday, November 19th**, OLM cafeteria will play host to our annual "Grill the Priests." Five local priests will be on hand to answer any and all questions about the Catholic faith. They were also chosen to participate due to their great sense of humor! Questions can be written down anonymously or asked in person. Along with music and some great refreshments, the evening is sure to be a lot of fun. With prizes if you stump the priests, it is a wonderful setting to learn about different aspects of Catholic faith in a fun and relaxed environment. Some parents have worked very hard to organize this event, and we are grateful to them. Mark your calendars and be sure to RSVP to this enjoyable evening. Look forward to seeing you there.

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Web References

Parish

OLM Parish:
olmparish.org

OLM School:
olmschool.org

Daily Readings:
usccb.org

Academic ~ General

Khanacademy.com
(online tutorials for
many subjects)

Literacy

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

Starfall - "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.

Computer Science

Progress towards greatness is the theme for the start of the year! The wireless access points are up and running, our bandwidth has been increased and a new firewall is on its way! Improvements have already been seen and there are more to come. Next on the agenda is compiling the BYOD policy and implementation for eighth graders. Introduction of the Google Suite to 3rd to 5th grade students (without gmail options) will soon come. The 3D printer and vinyl cutter have arrived, set up is contingent on Chromebook and Mac arrival to ensure the space is available in the lab.

Instructional Technology

We are incorporating both traditional teaching, digital and online resources in our classrooms. Many teachers are utilizing Google Classroom, Google Apps for Education, Screencasts, and several other ways to engage students in the learning process.

Student Activities

The Student Council was happy to host the NED show for students in all grades on November 3rd. Students learned the importance of never giving up, encouraging others and doing their best. They currently working on Thanksgiving and Christmas projects.

Library

Spreading kindness, sharing love and expressing gratitude are the November themes. The books we will share in November will honor our veterans, our families and our grateful hearts. Event: An Unlikely Story (bookstore owned by Jeff Kinney, author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books) located at 111 South Street, Plainville, MA is hosting B.J. Novack! B.J. Novack is an actor and author of the hysterically silly children's book, Book With No Pictures. We have read this in library and the kids love it! He will be reading the book and doing a book signing on Saturday, November 28th at 5:00.

Science Olympiad

Our middle school students will begin preparing for this year's Science Olympiad competition which will take place at Rhode Island College on April 9, 2016. Coaches are needed to help with the 20 science events. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Lewandowski at mlewandowski@olmschool.org

Service & Outreach

The Student Council would like to thank all who participated in the "pink out" and the raffle. We are currently working on Thanksgiving baskets for OLM Outreach and will start the annual used clothing drive for McAuley House.

Prayer Requests

For Mr. Michael Campion, grandfather of Alison Campion.
That, through devotion to the saints, the Church may be strengthened in holiness.
That Christians will dedicate themselves to the universal call to holiness.
That the virtue of the saints will inspire the actions of those in civil governance.

Reading in the Library



Panera's a hit!

