



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, 6/15

8:30am
Kindergarten
Graduation

9:30am
Pre-K 4 Graduation

Friday, 6/16

Half Day School -
11:30 Dismissal - No
Extended Day

Tuesday, 7/11

9:00am
Donnelly's Uniform
delivery day

Monday, 8/28

Professional Day - No
School

Tuesday, 8/29

Professional Day - No
School

Wednesday, 8/30

First Day of School
for 2017/2018

Monday, 9/4

No School - Labor
Day

Wednesday, 9/6

Lifetouch School
Picture Day/Formal
Uniforms



“At Pentecost, divisions are overcome. There is no longer more pride toward God, nor closure towards one another, but there is openness to God, to going out to announce His Word: a new language, that of love that the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts (cf. Rom 5:5), a language that everyone can understand and which, when welcomed, can be expressed in every life and in every culture. The language of the Spirit, the language of the Gospel is the language of communion, which invites us to overcome closure and indifference, division and conflict.”

~ Pope Francis

Principal's Message

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our parents for the financial sacrifice you make each and every year for providing your child the opportunity to experience the wonder that is OLM and a Catholic education. I also extend a heart-felt thank you to two departing faculty members, Mr. Michael LaChimia who is heading to Catholic University to complete a Doctor of Philosophy program and to Ms. Kelly Jackson who will be heading to Bishop Hendricken as a Social Studies teacher. Their devotion to the school and students has been nothing short of exceptional. Good luck and best wishes to Michael and Kelly! Finally, I expect to make an announcement shortly regarding the replacement for Ms. Jackson. I'll send a separate e-blast once arrangements have been finalized with Father Healey.

Wishing you all a restful summer vacation and all of God's blessings!

Father's Corner

Summer vacation is a wonderful time to be with family, but it is important to remember that it is not a vacation from regular Mass attendance or studies. Kids probably do not want to hear this, but fortunately I doubt many will read this! In fact with the free time available perhaps parents can introduce the practice of going to daily Mass once a week, or the practice of reading the Gospel as a family together before Sunday Mass. In regard to continued studies, statistics show that “Summer Learning Loss,” is a real problem. Knowledge lost in the areas of Math, English, Science and Religion can be drastic. The discipline and the intellectual virtues that they developed (studiousness and the like) can also diminish as they no longer practice these things regularly (as with any habit, a person *must* continually practice it). With that, summer can be seen as a great opportunity for both parent and child to grow in faith and knowledge.

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Parish

olmparish.org
Daily Readings:
uscc.org/readings
Catechism of the
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!

Early Childhood

Grandparents' Day was a day enjoyed by all! Second graders processed to Mass with their grandparents. We enjoyed having a snack with them in the cafeteria and inviting them into our classrooms to play games, sing songs, share our work, and read favorite books. Pre-K3 would like to thank the PTG for sponsoring our Bawana Iguana experience. They had lots of fun handling and learning all about reptiles. They are looking forward to another fun special guest, Sparky's Puppet Show. In May, Pre-K4 learned about the ocean and what creatures live there. They are getting ready for their End of the Year Celebration on June 15th in church. Kindergartners created their own books, learned about insects, and have added and subtracted numbers. Fourth Graders visited them during Reading Week to share books they made on a website called Storybird. Our Kindergartners' "Moving On Up" ceremony is also June 15th. First Graders mailed Flat Stanley characters to friends and families around the world. They are having lots of fun receiving the characters back in the mail and learning of their adventures! Congratulations to Second Graders who received their First Holy Communion on May 13th! In class, they made measurement buddies to aide them as they learned about liquid measurement. Also, they watched their caterpillars emerge into beautiful painted lady butterflies! Just as their caterpillars changed into butterflies, our second graders are emerging into almost third graders! What a wonderful year our Early Childhood team has had!

Intermediate Grades

The third grade has been busy growing radishes, tomatoes, peppers, and sunflowers in Science. We have prepared the garden, planted everything, and are excited to see what grows! In reading, we are enjoying the book: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo. It is an exciting story and the children are doing a variety of activities in small groups as we read this book together. In science, the 4th graders have been studying ecosystems and exploring relationships between living and nonliving things in the environment. As a culminating project, each student built a model "eco column" - complete with a terrarium, aquarium and even live organisms! We have been very excited and motivated to observe the interactions between the component parts of nature's balance. In Math, we are reviewing fifth grade concepts. The students are revisiting multiplication, long division, geometry, decimals, fractions place value and order of operations. We are also having fun using many strategies for problem and puzzle solving. The students are excited to move on to middle school math. The third trimester has been filled with fun exploration of plant and animal cells in the microworlds unit for science. After practicing how to use a microscope and learning the parts that make up plant and animal cells, the students examined onion cells, and animal cells including Blespharisma, Volvox and Vinegar Eels. Tons of fun!

Middle School

Difficult to believe the year is almost over! The 8th graders had a wonderful send off! June 2nd, the 7th grade hosted a memorable Hollywood themed last dance for the 8th graders. It was a wonderful evening! June 9th marked the 8th grade's last school Mass. It was a joyous and prayerful reflection of their years at OLM. June 11th at the 10:30 Mass the graduates were presented with their graduation medals. And Monday, June 12th the graduates received their diplomas. Thank you to all who celebrated their remarkable accomplishments with us! In other news, the 6th and 7th grade is working diligently right up to the end of the school year. Visits to classrooms show the students working on positive and negative numbers, preparing for exams, writing final essays, and reflecting on their middle school years! It's been a fantastic year! Thank you for all your support this year!

"Beach Day" Reading week fun



8th Grade Yearbook Party

