



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, 2/8

ACRE testing - 5th and 8th grade
School Assembly

Friday, 2/9

Father/Daughter Dance

Wednesday, 2/14

9:00am - Formal Mass/FORMAL UNIFORMS - Ash Wednesday (1st Grade hosting)
2:45pm - Faculty Meeting

Friday, 2/16

1:45pm - Greenwich Bay Assisted Living Visit

Monday, 2/19 –

Friday, 2/23

Mid Winter Vacation - No School

Friday, March 2

8:00am - Eighth Grade Field Trip
Boston Museum of Science

Saturday, March 3

First Penance



“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.”

~ Pope Francis

Principal’s Message

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your part in yet another wonderful year at Our Lady of Mercy School. You and your child(ren) have been a blessing to me and the entire OLM faculty and staff.

This year, Father Healey and I would like to say “Thank You” to our current families in a special way. First, you’ll be receiving a re-enrollment letter later this week that provides for an “early bird special” (\$100 off of the usual \$250 re-registration fee) if you re-enroll your child(ren) on or before March 15, 2018. Second, if you refer a friend or another family that registers a student(s) for school, you’ll receive either a \$100 gift card to La Masseria Restaurant or an Amazon gift card in the same amount (your choice)! While these may be small tokens of our appreciation, we remain abundantly thankful for your unflinching support for the school and its mission. May the Lord bless you and your family in this Lenten season.

Father’s Corner

Once again we come to the season of Lent. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of Lent. As with anything, it is easier to do something when you do it together with someone else. So Lent is actually a time of bonding and mutual support within a family. I encourage families to plan out what they will do together in regard to prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Perhaps as a family pray the rosary or read Scripture. Perhaps everyone can choose to give up watching TV in the evening so as to spend it together doing other activities. Finally there are many opportunities to help the community. Solidarity helps in all matters of life and it can help in Lent as well.

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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!

Music – Mrs. Nonetta Ruggerio

"Music, being identical with heaven, isn't a thing of momentary thrills, or even hourly ones. It's a condition of eternity"- Gustav Holst.

Here is our current goal. "Theory, Theory, Theory" What's going on that makes music sound good? To understand that you need to know theory which helps you to gain a greater understanding of what we're already doing and eliminate mistakes in music. Elementary grades are learning different components of music theory on different levels of difficulty. Middle school has been working on Jazz projects.

Technology – Mrs. Bea Lukens

The second trimester was full of innovation in Computer Science and Engineering. Our Eighth Grade created their very own websites designed to help others around the world. Sixth grade participated in a collaboration between Science and Computer Science and Engineering learning about volcanic formations and then creating them in CAD and printing them on our 3D printer. Our robotics teams were unstoppable earning 1st in programming in States and taking home judges awards, 1st in robot performance, and first in overall competition at our qualifiers. Our Seventh Grade Students made and delivered wonderful gifts of Mary pots with Succulents for the Elderly at the Jeanne Jugan Residence Home on our 3D printer.

Physical Education – Mr. David Stefanik

Your cherubs just came home from school and said that they just played Gaga Ball in PE class and you're thinking, what is Lady Gaga doing at OLM? This Israeli originated game has nothing to do with Lady Gaga. In Hebrew, gaga means "hit hit" or "touch touch". It's a variation of dodge ball that is played with a foam ball in an octagonal pit (school lunch tables). If you get hit by the ball from the knee down – you're out until the next game. It is a fast paced, high energy game that involves dodging, jumping, running, and striking while trying to hit their opponent. Last person standing wins and a new game begins. It does involve serious action and large doses of perspiration and a certain amount of an aromatic fragrance which leads into the talk of deodorant and good hygiene. Special thanks to Mrs. Costa who linked this awesome game to Mr. Fuller and on to me. It's basketball season so the fundamentals of throwing, catching, shooting, and dribbling are being utilized right now. Football is coming to a close and so are the various football pools involved in it. We saw many close battles with a few one point wins leading the way. Once again Father Barrow won a week and Father Healey got many "atta-boy-thanks for playing" mention. As always, fair play, sportsmanship, effort and being a gracious winner or loser are always held in high regard in the PE class.

PreK 4 in Mrs. Luken's class



Gaga Ball

