



## **Important Dates & Times**

**Monday, March 12th, 2018**

School Confessions 1:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 14th, 2018**

Hearing Screening

**Friday, March 16th, 2018**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY  
NO SCHOOL**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, March 19th, 2018**

St. Joseph's Day Italian Mass  
12:05 p.m. OLM Church

**Friday, March 23rd, 2018**

Living Stations of the Cross  
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
OLM Church

**Friday, April 6th, 2018**

Spring Soiree  
Quidnessett Country Club  
6pm

# IN THE NEWS

## SPRING FLING DRESS DOWN INCENTIVE

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## 8th GRADE GRADUATION NEWS - GRADUATION GOWNS

As the 8th Grade teachers, students and families begin preparations for their OLM Graduation in June, we have decided to reach out to the community for your help. If anyone has graduation gowns from previous OLM Graduations (white for girls, royal blue for boys) and is willing to donate them back to the school, please send them in with your student to the front office by Thursday, March 15. Please only send in those that are "like new". We are hoping that if we do this for the next year or two, we can eliminate the wasted expense of ordering new gowns each year. Many thanks in advance for your help!

## NEW ENGLAND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COLLABORATES WITH OLM 8TH GRADERS

Seniors at New England Technical Institute in East Greenwich visited Our Lady of Mercy School on February 27th to share their game design experience, knowledge and creativity with the 8th graders at the school. The seniors at New England Tech had programmed and designed an educational game about the Burning of the Gaspee for their senior project at the request of the Rhode Island Department of Education. These students needed the input of middle school students to see how they interacted and played the game. The students at Our Lady of Mercy were very willing to help with the project. In their Computer Science and Technology Class with teacher Bea Lukens, they too are currently involved in their own game creation project with the Kindergarteners at OLM. In their collaboration with NE Tech, according to the Mrs. Lukens, "The 8th graders gained invaluable experience seeing first hand what their games could grow into!" With a tradition of excellence in Catholic elementary and middle school education since 1951, Our Lady of Mercy School offers its students an opportunity to pursue excellence in academics, athletics and the arts. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the Pre-K through

Grade 8, co-educational Catholic school located in East Greenwich provides a nurturing, values-driven environment built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church.

### CAMPUS CUISINE

OLM School will not be serving meat items on Fridays during Lent. Please log-in to the Campus Cuisine web site to cancel any meat orders for the following Fridays; 3/9 and 3/23. Please re-order meatless items from Panera Bread's selections or if you prefer arrange to have your child bring lunch from home. Any meat orders that are not cancelled will have a meatless substitution in it's place. Any Campus Cuisine credits can be used toward future orders.

### Forgotten Lunches

Students who have forgotten lunches, snacks, water bottles, etc. are asked to reach out to parents/guardians through the front office first thing in the morning to avoid the afternoon rush. With so many allergies throughout the school, any food items that are dropped off by parents should be clearly marked with the child's name to avoid sharing or combining food. Restaurant deliveries for students to the school cannot be accepted. If a student is unable to have their missing lunch dropped off, Mrs. Izzi is happy to provide Cheerios!

### LENTEN FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT MERCY HOUSE



OLM School in conjunction with OLM Religious Education will be joining forces by collecting non-perishable food items during Lent to benefit The Mercy House Food Pantry. Students are asked to bring in one or more items each week from the collection schedule below. All items collected will be delivered to Mercy House where volunteers will assemble and distribute Easter Food Baskets to those who are in need. Thank you for your good will offering!

Week Two	March 5th - March 9th	Boxes or Pouches of Pasta, Potato & Rice Side Dishes
Week Three	March 12th - March 15th	Cake Mixes & Cake Frosting



## OLM MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

We are looking for parent volunteers to coach our soccer team this spring. We will need a head coach as well as anybody who is willing to be an assistant coach. Please contact Ryan Cleary at [rcleary@olmschool.org](mailto:rcleary@olmschool.org) if you are interested in the opportunity. We will be announcing an informational meeting to be held immediately after school for all interested students later this week!

## YEARBOOKS

**YEARBOOKS** on Sale now! Order Forms will be going home this week, and ordering online is quick and easy!

Simply go to [YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM](http://YBPAY.LIFETOUCH.COM) and enter yearbook ID code: **5018418**

The standard order is a soft cover book... if you would like a hard cover, please be sure to select that upgrade option when ordering.

Please text Kristin Breiding [401-339-8844](tel:401-339-8844) with any questions.

Calling all parents and teachers... Do you have photos from recent OLM events, field trips or class activities? We would love to feature them in this year's yearbook!! Please send original size files (1MB or larger) via email at [ptgphotos@olmschool.org](mailto:ptgphotos@olmschool.org) or [kristin\\_breiding@yahoo.com](mailto:kristin_breiding@yahoo.com)

You can also share via google drives, dropbox, or text photos from an iphone to [401-339-8844](tel:401-339-8844)... If you have questions, please text or email Kristin Breiding at [401-339-8844](tel:401-339-8844) or [kristin\\_breiding@yahoo.com](mailto:kristin_breiding@yahoo.com).

## Square 1 Art

Your talented child has been creating art work for you which you will see soon on their personalized catalog coming home THIS AFTERNOON!! Celebrate your child's artistic achievement! You will be able to order timeless keepsakes for the years to come.

Check out:

[www.square1art.com/](http://www.square1art.com/) shop for gift ideas!

Please email Lee Mita [leemitari@gmail.com](mailto:leemitari@gmail.com) with any questions!

## PTG

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*Petals for Kids Campaign*-Last week, we kicked off our “Petals for Kids” campaign. This is part of our annual fundraiser for our school. Please remember that your donations, whether personal or from your business, are all tax deductible. As a special thank you for each donation that we receive, your family or business name will be displayed on one of our handmade flowers that will hang on our petal gardens throughout the hallways of our school. We will also highlight your name at our Spring Soiree.

*Spring Soiree RSVP is March 15th* -Please join us this year!! This will be a fun night for all! You may send in your RSVP card by March 15th along with your check made payable to OLM School to the front office, or you may also go **online** to Silent Auction Pro by clicking the link below to purchase your tickets.

<https://www.silentauctionpro.com/onlineticketpurchase.php?groupId=158>

Please stay safe with our snowy New England weather!  
Thank you!

Lisa Cooper, PTG president

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### ***Mission Statement***

*Our Mission at Our Lady of Mercy School is to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church as we pursue excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts. In the midst of a safe and nurturing environment, we seek to develop a good moral character built upon the teachings of the Catholic Church. We strive to be Saints and Scholars who serve the evangelical mission of our parish so that Mercy may flourish.*