



IMPORTANT DATES & TIMES

Parent Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 26th, 2018

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Trunk or Treat

Friday, October 26th, 2018

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

OLM Back Parking Lot

Pink Out Day

Tuesday, October 30th, 2018

Dress Down & Bring \$1 or More

All Saints Day Mass

Thursday, November 1st, 2018

Formal Uniform

All Souls Day Mass

Friday, November 2nd, 2018

Formal Uniform

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

- Building Entrance and Exit Security

Parents and Visitors are reminded that entrance to the building is strictly prohibited unless entering and signing in via the Front Door. The back and side doors are only to be used by faculty and staff.

- Parking Lot Etiquette:
- Morning Drop-Off: If you have a child in Pre-K to 2nd grade, please escort him/her to the outdoor lineup or to the back door if the weather is poor.
- After school pick up: please greet your child inside the secured area (inside the cones) and escort him/her to your car. Please supervise your child at all times.

DRESS DOWN

We'll have a Pink Out dress down day next Tuesday, October 30. Please send a \$1 donation with your child. Proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.

8TH GRADE QUEBEC WINTER CARNIVAL TRIP

Father Barrow, Mr. Burdier, Mrs. Kerin and I along with parent chaperones will be taking a four day, three night trip to Old Quebec city to experience the Quebec winter carnival from February 8th to 11th.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

A shout out to Mr. Austin Kairnes, Dr. Jim Butera and Mr. Dean Burdon for their perseverance and assistance in working with me and Father Healey to make this a reality for our MS students. Although still in the planning stages, it appears that we'll be able to field a team this spring. OLM will be joining a league of other Independent Schools including Wheeler and Moses Brown. Thank you gentlemen for this wonderful effort on behalf of our kids! A Parent/Student interest survey regarding this will be forthcoming.

IN THE NEWS

YEARBOOK

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

to ptgphotos@olmschool.org or kimberlysammartino@mac.com or aimmee25@gmail.com

You can also share via google drives, dropbox, or text photos from an iphone to your iphone# if you have questions, please text or email kimberlysammartino@mac.com 401-499-1181 or aimmee25@gmail.com

FRIENDS OF MERCY

The Friends of Mercy will be collecting items for local animal shelters for the rest of the month in honor of the feast of St. Francis. Gently used towels, blankets, leashes and collars along with litter, pet food, wipes, and paper towels will be picked up by FOM members in each of the classrooms starting the week of October 22. Thank you for your support.

October is a month dedicated to Mary because of the feast of the rosary on October 7th. All Saints and All Souls days occur at the beginning of November. Please send in the names of family members or friends who have passed away. These names will be added to the rosary at the entrance of the school. They will be remembered in school prayers each day.

Thank you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT FEDERATION OF RHODE ISLAND

Dear Parents of students enrolled in Catholic Schools,

Recently, the Catholic School Parent Federation of Rhode Island invited the Providence Police Department to conduct an informational meeting for parents at St. Pius V School in Providence. By all counts, it was a very informative meeting. Parents really appreciated our educational program focused on internet security and online bullying. These are two very critical topics that should be at the forefront of every parent's awareness at home.

The Catholic School Parent Federation would love to see you at one of our upcoming meetings this fall. If your schedule permits, please mark your calendars to attend our next open meeting which will take place on:

November 13, 2018 at St. Rocco School, 931 Atwood Avenue, Johnston, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

We do meet monthly to discuss our role as parents and like-minded volunteers who want to advance the initiatives of our organization which will be highlighted at the meetings. However, the first and most pressing initiative is to “Storm the State House” with phone calls to raise the cap on the Education Corporate Tax Credit Program which offers funded tuition assistance to needy students from tax credit contributions. We hope you will help us broadcast this message to Governor Raimondo before Election Day, November 6, 2018. It only takes a minute, so please call today. In case you need to see the script, here it is:

STORM THE STATE HOUSE PHONE CAMPAIGN:

Parents are asked to call the Office of Governor Raimondo to ask her to raise the cap on the Education Corporate Tax Credit Program. Dial 401-222-2080 Say the following:

“I am calling to inform Governor Raimondo that I want her to raise the cap on the Education Corporate Tax Credit Program.” Then give your name, address and phone number. That is all there is to it.

It would be great to grow a coalition of volunteers at each school. Would you be willing to get the message out to your school parents? Imagine the results if every family were to call the Office of Governor Raimondo! Next year we could see a huge increase in the number of families eligible for tax credit tuition assistance awards. These awards are funded by tax credits and not from schools, parishes or family contributions. Won't you help to make this a reality?

If you would like to join our ranks, please visit our website www.catholicsschoolparentsri.org for additional information about dates and times of meetings. Feel free to email me at fitzgeraldcspf@gmail.com to let me know that you would be willing to offer your support. We definitely could use the help and support of parents like you. If you would like to attend, I would be happy to ask a member of our team to reach out to you to welcome you to our meeting.

Sincerely,

Matt Fitzgerald
President Rhode Island Catholic School Parent Federation

Parental Choice in education should be available to all families regardless of street address or economic background. It provides the right environment for students! Do you agree? Get involved! Visit our website.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT FEDERATION OF RHODE ISLAND Educate, Advocate,
Communicate

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



2018 Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive To Benefit Mercy House

OLM School in conjunction with OLM Religious Education will be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving food items to benefit the Mercy House Food Pantry. OLM School students are asked to bring in one item each week from the list below between October 15th through November 9th. Religious education students will be collecting Yam, Stuffing, Apple & Cranberry Sauce. All items collected will be delivered to Mercy House where volunteers will arrange Thanksgiving Baskets for those who are in need.

Thank you for your goodwill offering!

Week Two	October 22 - October 25	Instant & Canned Potatoes
Week Three	October 29 - November 2	Turkey Gravy
Week Four	November 5 - November 9	Pie Filling & Shells, Cake Mix and Icing

PRAYERS & PETITIONS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of a family member of a dear friend of Our Lady of Mercy's school community. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time.

PTG

Grill The Priests

Grill The Priests is this Wednesday 10/24 at 7PM at 1149! Come join the School and Parish Community for this free event! Complimentary cocktail and appetizers will be served!

Trunk or Treat

[Trunk or Treat](#) is this Friday from 5:30-7:30 PM! The night will be filled with games, music, food and, of course, candy! Please join the PTG and the OLM community as students and friends trick-or-treat through OLM's back parking lot.

It's not too late sign-up to decorate your trunk for the evening! Also, if you decorate a trunk, you will be entered to win a raffle surprise! All volunteers will be contacted this week with additional information.

All guests should check in with the registration table upon arrival. If you haven't registered to attend, you are welcome to register the night of the event.

If you are unable to decorate a trunk but would like to contribute, please feed a bag of candy to Mr. Monster Mouth, located in the front vestibule!

Please refer to the [TOT flyer](#) for additional information and contact [Gaiya Berube](#), [Beth Brugnoli](#) or [Stephanie Palmisano](#) with questions.

Sincerely,

Lee Mita

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.