



**Calendar of Events  
October 2015**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Friday Mass
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Blessing of Pets
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Walk-a thon
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day Holiday
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Dance
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Haunted Hayride
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Flu Clinic
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Trunk or Treat



"Fundamental relationships are being called into question, as is the very basis of marriage and the family. I can only reiterate the importance and, above all, the richness and the beauty of family life."

Pope Francis'  
Address to Congress

**What's new at OLM!!**

Teacher are currently working on creating their web pages. Please go to [olmschool.org](http://olmschool.org), select "About Us", then select "OLM Team" and check out the first few pages; Mrs. Lukens, Mrs. Buonaccorsi and Ms. Jackson's are up and available. The remaining Middle School teachers will be up shortly followed by the lower grades.

Campus Cuisine is a big hit. Panera orders on Friday are nearing two hundred. Chick-Fil-A, Papa Gino's and Wild Harvest are close behind. Students are overwhelmingly supportive and thankful for the change.

Mercy week, the Pope's visit and speeches were big hits at school. Many teachers streamed the Holy Father's speech to Congress. Father Connor's television interview was also popular.



**Father's Corner**

Pope Francis came to our nation on "A Mission of Love." Millions went to see him, the news broadcast his every move, and his message was heard across the nation. Yet what remains to be seen is how the Holy Father's simple yet profound message of love and service to God and neighbor changes the lives of those who heard his words and watched his actions. Pope Francis inspires us to act on our faith as he calls us to feed the hungry, care for the vulnerable, reach out to the isolated and proclaim the Gospel! We thank him and pray for him. *Viva il Papa!*

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#### Web References

##### Parish

OLM Parish:  
olmparish.org

OLM School:  
olmschool.org

The Bible:  
ucssb.org/bible

##### 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."  
- Starfall

##### Mathematics

Fact Monster - Fact  
Monster is a free  
reference site for  
students, teachers,  
and parents.

Puzzle Maker - Create  
your own content  
related puzzles.

#### Student Activities

We are off to a great start this year! Student Council representatives have been elected in grades 4-8 and we have started our weekly Tuesday meetings. The Back to School Movie Night was a huge success. We are currently working hard on our next event Trunk or Treat on October 30th. The Student Council is working collaboratively with the PTG to put this event on for the school.

#### STEM-STEAM update

OLM and all of the schools of the diocese have been working toward becoming a STEAM academy, which focuses curriculum on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. Teachers at all schools are working with Tom Pilecki and Roger Williams University toward defining a STEAM academy. We will be sharing and refining lesson planning with educators throughout the diocesan schools. We will keep you informed about the progress as it develops.

#### Chess & Mandarin

Sign up now for Mandarin and Chess!! Go to the Extracurricular Advantage on the OLM web page, click on the club you'd like to participate in, print and complete the form and mail it with a check to the advisor. Both clubs start in the next two weeks.

#### Morning Parking

If you have children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, in order to ensure their safety, please escort them to their morning lineups.

#### Uniforms

Please ensure that your child(ren) are in proper attire. I've noticed that many students are out of uniform, especially sock colors. You may be called to bring in the appropriate clothes if needed.

#### Prayer Requests

For Susan Owens, the aunt of Tommy, Isabel and Lilly Feroce.

For Sister Jeanne, that she would heal quickly from her recent fall

For Lou Vallone, husband of Marcia Vallone

#### Thank you!!

To Mrs. Buonaccorsi, Mrs. Lukens & Ms. Jackson for getting the new teacher web pages up and running.

#### Mrs. Bessette meets the Pope!!



#### Frisbee fun with Mr. Stefanik

