



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

Monday, 1/4

Back to School

Wednesday, 1/13

Faculty Meeting

Monday, 1/18

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Friday, 1/29

Ice Cream Social (PTG)

Sunday, 1/31

Catholic School's Week

OLM Open House

Monday, 2/1

Catholic School's Week

Tuesday, 2/2

Catholic School's Week

Wednesday, 2/3

Catholic School's Week

Thursday, 2/4

Catholic School's Week

9:00am

OLM First Friday

Mass - Hosted by 4th grade

7:00pm

Valentine's Day

Dance- 6th Grade



“Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May his redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: “Our eyes have seen your salvation”.

Pope Francis

News!

Winter Advisory Reminder: OLM School follows East Greenwich announcements about closings, delayed openings and/or early dismissals. Listen to TV announcements or have alerts sent to your email or phone. To sign up for email or text notifications go to www.turnto10.com select “weather” then select “closings & delays”. Click “If you want school closing text alerts sent to your phone or email”. Complete the RIBA sign in. Select “Our Lady of Mercy-EG” from message group 3 (RI CATHOLIC SCHOOLS) **and** select “E Greenwich Public Schools” from message group 1 (RI PUBLIC SCHOOLS). We will also use the Blackboard Connect5 email blast/call alert system.

School Store update: Great news - earbuds have arrived! The school store now has new hours and will be open every Friday from 2:20 pm - 2:50 pm in Mrs. Bessette's classroom. Visit us soon!

PTG: We need a treasurer! Interested in becoming more involved in our school? We have an opening for PTG Treasurer for the remainder of the year. This is a great way to get to know our OLM community better! If interested, please contact Jaime Pedro at ptgpresident@olmschool.org. On behalf of the entire Parent Teacher Group, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful and Happy New Year!

Father's Corner

Christmas means that in man’s search for God, it turns out, it is God who has taken the longer part of the journey. On our own we could never reach Him. So He came down to us.

The whole of human history, world literature and philosophy, and religious experience taken together represent man’s search for God. It is our attempt to reach up to Him. In our own lives we know that we too, in our own way, try to reach up to God—to figure things out on our own. But we are not strong enough or clever enough to reach up to God all by ourselves.

So, on Christmas morning we are happy to report that God instead has come down to us. He has taken the longer part of the journey. As Pope Benedict XVI never tired of repeating, we have no need to fear Him for He has made Himself small.

It does not mean the end to suffering or immediate world peace—sorry to say. But it does mean—the one thing Christmas offers and can never be taken away—is that God has entered our world. He has come down from Heaven. We can have a relationship with Him—we can meet Him in His Church. Merry Christmas.

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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!

Basketball/Sports

The 8th grade girls beat St. Mary Sacred Heart to remain undefeated in division 1 school basketball. The OLM 6th and 7th grade basketball team defeated St. Pius X.

Friends of Mercy

Madison Abood and Sophia Bianchi represented our parish, school, and the Friends of Mercy at the solemn opening of the Holy Door for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on Sunday December 13, 2015.

OLM Spirit

Five OLM students received black belts on December 11th. These 5 young men have put in an incredible amount of time and energy into their black belt program and truly exhibit the OLM spirit. They have been training for 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 years, and in the past 6 months they have had to undergo hours upon hours of extensive testing, log in 1000 sit ups, 1000 pushups, complete 50 Acts of Kindness, go to 10 classes at other martial arts studios, write an essay and submit a power point presentation about their goals and accomplishments and compete in a tournament. Some of them also volunteer to attend extra classes to help out younger students.

Prayer Requests

For the Syrian Refugees

For the victims in the San Bernardino, France, Mali and all worldwide tragedies



Congratulations to Jayci Izzi and Molly Wren on four fantastic performances of "Twas the Night before Christmas" at RI College this past weekend. OLM grades K, 2, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to attend these magical performances – Brava!



Reid Beland, Thomas Simonetti, Michael Pezzillo – Chief Instructor, Jonah Stockdill, Brandon Carll and Colin Martin



Bishop Tobin, Sister Jeanne Barry, Sophia Bianchi and Madison Abood



A visit by Bishop Tobin on "Immaculate Conception" Tuesday



Practicing for the Christmas Pageant