



## 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

#### Wednesday, 11/25

Half Day Dismissal -  
11:30 a.m.  
Dress Down Day -  
Support McAuley  
House  
10:00am  
Thanksgiving Prayer  
Service

#### Thursday, 11/26

Thanksgiving Day -  
No School

#### Friday, 11/27

Thanksgiving Recess -  
No School

#### Monday, 11/30

8:15am School Mass

#### Friday, 12/4

St. Nicholas Day -  
hosted by Grade 8  
9:00am 8th Grade  
Field Trip - Seussical"  
Hendricken  
performance

#### Monday, 12/7

Christmas Pageant  
Practice

#### Tuesday, 12/8

9:00am Year of  
Mercy Mass –  
Bishop Tobin

#### Wednesday, 12/9

Christmas Pageant  
Practice  
2:30pm Faculty  
Meeting



"Without forgiving it is impossible to live ... or at least to live well, especially in the family. Every day we do each other wrong. We have to take into account these mistakes that are due to our fragility and our self-centeredness. Yet, what we are asked to do is to immediately heal the wounds we cause, to reweave the threads that we break in the family. If we wait too long, everything becomes more difficult. If we learn mutual forgiveness in the family, apologizing before it's too late, the family itself is made "stronger" and "less cruel than society."

Pope Francis

### News!

#### New School Mission Statement Revealed

Father Healey is happy to announce an updated Mission Statement for our school as part of the ongoing decennial (10 year) review of our school. This process is part of the many recommended practices suggested by the N.E.A.S. & C. (school accreditation authority) that we have been working to implement over the last year.

This mission statement is to be adopted by our school beginning the First Week of Advent (November 30<sup>th</sup>) to coincide with the First Week of the New Church Year.

Our Mission Statement for OLM School is to now read:

**"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."**

I offer my thanks and gratitude to Father Healey and Father Connors for their insight and wisdom in creating this dynamic mission statement to guide our school in the years ahead.

**Personnel Update:** Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Jamie Pedro as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade long term substitute for Mrs. Bessette. Mrs. Pedro brings a wealth of educational experience and background to the position. She will be sending an introductory email to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. She will begin on Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. We wish Mrs. Bessette God's blessings on her maternity leave.

### Father's Corner

Beginning on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared a "Year of Mercy." We are very blessed at OLM that Bishop Tobin will inaugurate the "Year of Mercy" for the Diocese here at our parish. Please join us for Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Tobin at 9:00am on December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass will be followed by a reception in the school cafeteria. The "Year of Mercy" will be a wonderful time of grace to reflect upon, receive, and share God's mercy in our lives.

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olmparish.org  
DailyReadings:  
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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
and up; videos are  
organized, clear and  
free!

### Morning tutoring for students

Any student who will be receiving extra help from a teacher prior to 7:50, must enter the front door and sign in with Mrs. Izzi. She will verify the teacher is in and the student is then free to see the teacher. If the teacher is not in, the student will have to wait in the back lot.

### Robotics – The First Lego League Recycling Rhinos Team

The team is gearing up for their December 12<sup>th</sup> qualifier! They are having a school-wide contest to see who can do the best job reusing the non-recyclable chip bag in an effort to spread the word on how much waste individual size bags create.

### Student Activities

Student Council will start collecting new or gently used winter coats, hats and gloves for McAuley House starting on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> will be a Dress Down Day to support McAuley House. Donations of \$1 or more will be greatly appreciated.

### Pineapple Surprise

"The most valuable resource that all teachers have is each other. Without collaboration our growth is limited to our own perspectives." Robert John Meehan

We have started Instructional Rounds at OLM. Instructional Rounds help address a specific question a teacher may have about an instructional strategy or classroom management technique. They provide the observing teacher with strategies and techniques to employ in their own classroom. Pineapples are up on our classroom doors indicating to our colleagues they are welcome to observe.

### Library – Reading Week (April 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>)

The Reading Week committee is working to plan activities that will bring literacy to the front of the stage. Len Cabral, an internationally acclaimed storyteller, will be visiting OLM as a culminating celebration for Reading Week on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### STEAM

OLM is working on becoming a STEAM Academy! Do you know what STEAM means? Check it out on the website [www.steamedu.com](http://www.steamedu.com).

### Service & Outreach – 4 for 4 program

Thank you to all who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. It was heartwarming to see how generous a community we can be. All foods were donated to the Outreach Food Pantry run by the OLM parish as part of the program. We need to continue to make this food pantry a success by continuing to bring in our contributions of 4 cans/items the first full week of the month. The donation is small to us, but goes a long way to those in need. Thank you.

### Basketball

OLM Girls 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team defeated St. Philomena 32-10 on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The top three scorers were Giabella Childs with 12 points and Jane Murphy and Laura Henriques both had 7 points. It was a great team effort all around.

### Prayer Requests

For the numerous victims of attacks throughout the world.

Ms. Perretta's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade team



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Art Masters

