



OLM Newsletter

...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 ~ St. John Paul

Calendar of Events

**Wednesday,
October 28**

4:00pm
Flu Clinic

Friday, October 30

Dress Down Day -
Wear PINK

5:30pm
Trunk or Treat

**Monday,
November 2**

9:00am
Feast of All Souls
Mass - Hosted by 6th
Grade

**Tuesday,
November 3**

1:00pm
NED Assembly

Friday, November 6

No First Friday Mass
today

**Monday,
November 9**

School Advisory
Board Meeting

8:15am
School Mass

**Wednesday,
November 18**

LifeTouch retake
picture day



“Jesus keeps knocking on our doors, the doors of our lives. He doesn’t do this by magic, with special effects, with flashing lights and fireworks. Jesus keeps knocking on our door in the faces of our brothers and sisters, in the faces of our neighbors, in the faces of those at our side.”

Pope Francis

News!

Important meeting! Next open PTG all will have an opportunity to share their thoughts/concerns regarding next year’s school start times. The town of East Greenwich has moved next year’s start time for Elementary Schools to just before 9am. Your input is important as we evaluate our options for next year.

Personnel Update

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Melissa Kairnes who joins us as the School Nurse. Melissa will be here on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 11am to 1pm.

Congratulations to the Cross Country Team

The girls finished 7th and the boys finished 9th out of 26 schools. The top 3 boys and girls from the OLM team were: David Lynch, Michael Hanlon, Malcolm Verdi, Paxton Miga, Susie Mueller and Elliana Spagnolo.

Dress Down Day

Friday 10/30 is a Dress Down Day - the Student Council would like everyone to dress in pink to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are also holding a basket raffle during lunches this week to support the cause.

Father’s Corner

Next week begins the month of November that is traditionally dedicated to praying for the dead. On November 1st, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. On this day we thank God for the gift of all those already in Heaven. On November 2nd the Church celebrates the feast of all Souls in which we pray for all those who have died, that they might enjoy God’s presence in Heaven. We pray for all those in purgatory who are being purified from sin and made ready to enter Heaven. Our usual first Friday Mass will not be held this month. Instead, we will have a special school Mass at 9:00am on Monday, November 2nd in order to pray for our beloved dead. Those in the middle school will then have a short procession to St. Patrick’s cemetery in order continue our prayers that the faithful departed might enjoy the vision of God in Heaven.

Our Lady of Mercy

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Web References

Parish

OLM Parish:
olmparish.org

OLM School:
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Daily Readings:
ucssb.org/

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.

Curriculum Update

As we settle into the new school year, PreK through 4th grade teachers are starting the process of reading through the written curriculum for each subject area in their grade. This curriculum was written during our last NEASC visit 7 years ago. The goal is to identify anything new being taught and any outdated material no longer being taught in class. We will then move on to update our curriculum to reflect accurately the great teaching happening every day at OLM.

School Garden Club

The OLM garden is off to a great start! We had a dedicated group of 16 helpers weeding and raking our garden a few weeks ago. We have also added a composting bin to the garden area thanks to Mrs. Beland! Hopefully we will have some rich organic material to add to our garden next spring.

Christian Service & Outreach

The OLM 4 for 4 program needs your help. The program gets its name by contributing 1 item for each week of the month. Donations are typically brought in during the first full week of the month, but we gladly accept donations at any time. Especially during this time of the year, the OLM Outreach program which the 4 for 4 program supplements, is in urgent need of this food. Please help us help the less fortunate.

Library

We are in need of regular volunteers from 8-9am on Wednesdays and Fridays. During these times the volunteer would be responsible for collecting books from classrooms, checking books in and shelving the books. Do you have a student in PreK, K or first grade? If so, would you consider volunteering in the library during your child's library class time? Come once, once a month, every class, whatever fits your schedule!

Science Olympiad

There will be a 20 minute meeting for middle school students interested in joining the Science Olympiad team on Monday, November 2nd at 2:30 pm in the Science Lab. The team is in need of coaches. NO science background necessary. Please contact Mrs. Lewandowski at mlewandowski@olmschool.org if interested in more information regarding coaching.

Prayer Requests

The Syrian refugees
Sister Jeanne

The Verdi's at the State X-Country Meet



The Garden Club in Action!

