



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

Thursday, 10/4

OLM Walk-a-thon

Friday, 10/5

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Rain Date

9:00am - First Friday

Mass/Formal Uniforms

Saturday, 10/6

9:00am - OLM Annual

Blessing of Animals

and Pets

Monday, 10/8

NO SCHOOL -

Columbus Day

Thursday, 10/11

Student Council Bake

Sale during lunches

Friday, 10/12

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Friday, 10/19

Spirit Popcorn Day

Monday, 10/22

9:00am - Audubon

Society Field Trip

Grades 2 & 3

Wednesday, 10/24

Grill the Priests at

1149 Restaurant (6pm)

Friday, October 26

Parent/Teacher

Conferences - No

School for students

Trunk or Treat



*“God had one son on earth
without sin, but never one
without suffering.”*

~ St. Augustine

Principal’s Message

On Sunday, October 14, 2018 a team of seven educators from sister Catholic schools in New England will commence their visit to OLM School. The team will be greeted by Mrs. Mita and other PTG board members at their hotel and then guided to a welcome reception at the Fireman’s Club in East Greenwich. On Monday and Tuesday, they will evaluate school plans and curriculum, visit classrooms and interview all faculty, staff, PTG and School Board members, and parish employees.

Their goals are to evaluate our mission and it’s implementation and to provide further action steps that we might take to ensure continuous school improvement. A final report will be generated in about three months and will be shared with the OLM community.

As we await the team’s visit with great excitement, I would like to acknowledge the countless hours of work put in by all faculty for the last three years to make this visit a success. Last year alone, the faculty spent three out of five full professional days and every monthly faculty meeting on this endeavor. A special thank you to Mrs. Palizza and Mrs. Hackett, Co-Chairs, who lead the faculty and community through the process.

Father’s Corner

Welcome back to the students, families, and teachers of Our Lady of Mercy School! Part of the mission of OLM School is to form children to be saints and scholars. An essential part of accomplishing that involves the formation of virtue. Virtues are formed when they are practiced repeatedly over a long period of time. In order to help students and parents the Nashville Dominican Sisters have put together a program called “Virtues in Practice.” We have implemented this program at OLM School. This program is meant to be used in the classroom and at home. There are various activities that students are asked to complete with their parents by the end of each month. It is age appropriate and each month there is a specific virtue and saint. You can find more information by searching for Virtues in Practice, Nashville Dominicans. I hope parents will have the time and energy to do this program. With the whole school involved in it, I am sure that this holistic program will be beneficial to everyone, parents and students alike, and set our school apart from others in a marvelous way.

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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!

Administration News

Communication Reminder - If you are not receiving a weekly email blast from OLM please update your email address with the office at kizzi@olmschool.org.

Music – Miss Kathryn Hollowell

Music is now in full swing at OLM! Music classes are bursting with new ideas and great attitudes for learning. Younger grades are focusing on exploring their voices and introducing musical concepts through games. Third graders now have recorders so they can begin to explore making music with an instrument. Meanwhile, older grades are currently learning music literacy and are beginning to exercise their singing voices in preparation for the upcoming Christmas Pageant. Students from all grades can be heard singing some music class favorites around the school! Please look forward to all the great music that will be produced this year, including singing, instrumental music, and even students' own original compositions.

Technology – Mrs. Bea Lukens

Computer Science and Engineering has started off with lessons on Digital Citizenship for all grades. Students are learning that our online community behavior is just as important as the community we live in day to day. Our Competitive First Lego League teams have begun to meet and went to URI this Saturday to visit with Dr. Karl Aspelund, Associate Professor at URI and member of the 100 Year Starship project. We are looking for Space experts to come and help us solve the problems of humans in Space if you know anyone with the expertise of long-distance travel please contact Mrs. Lukens!

Physical Education – Mr. David Stefanik

Most students experienced a huge growth spurt over the summer and that's a good thing. The students will be learning and practicing the different motor skills associated with an active lifestyle- running, throwing, kicking etc. We reinforce the ideas of winning with grace and losing with dignity - in short - sportsmanship. Fantasy football is in full swing with the pictures and names of the winners on my web page. Also, with the installation of two water bottle filler drinking fountains by Paul "can do it all" Anderson, we have instituted a "how many bottles can we keep out of the environment" contest. There are bottle counters on each of the water fountains and the students have to guess how many bottles will be saved as of December first. Hydro-flasks will be awarded to the top guessers. At the moment, the middle school has 611 bottles saved and the intermediate level has 923. The fountains were bought through the generosity of our awesome PTG. Above all, there is trying but no crying in PE class.

First Day of School 2018/2019



7th Grade Science Class

