



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

Friday, 11/9

-Middle School Catholic Youth Conference
-Middle School Dance

Saturday, 11/10

Cross Country Awards Dinner

Monday, 11/12

NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day

Tuesday, 11/13

8:15am OLM Weekly Mass

Thursday, 11/15

Lifetouch retake day

Tuesday, 11/20

8:15am OLM Weekly Mass

Wednesday, 11/21 – 11/23

NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, 11/27

8:15am OLM Assembly - Advent Wreath Service

Wednesday, 11/28

Lifetouch Clubs & Activities Photo Day



Scripture Quote: Psalm 100: 3 – 5

A Psalm of Thanksgiving and praise

Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Principal's Message

Be Merry, Be Safe and Be Prepared! As we approach the winter season, a few important reminders are in order. As the weather worsens, please be mindful of the morning traffic pattern and make sure if you have a child in Pre-K to 2nd grade, to walk them to at least the cones or better yet the entrance door. Regarding "snow days", we attempt to follow the EG cancellation schedule. You can check our school webpage or turnto10 for updates/cancellations. A message is also sent to your phone, so please make certain your contact information is up to date. If there is a cancellation, core content area faculty will, at their discretion, post grade appropriate "snow day" work for students to complete at home to ensure continuity in curriculum. **Finally, please remember that ALL parents and visitors are to enter through the front entrance only! The back and side doors are to be used only by faculty and staff.**

Happy Thanksgiving!

Father's Corner

The month of November has arrived and with it shorter days, sweaters and praying for the deceased. November is dedicated to praying for the souls in purgatory. The night of Halloween traces its origin in praying for the souls of the deceased. Every day and at every Mass we pray for the dead, but "All Souls" on November 2nd gives us the opportunity to reflect on this important act in our faith lives. Teaching children to pray for the dead teaches them to think beyond just the here and now, and to life everlasting; that death does not "destroy the bonds we form in this life." It connects them with their ancestors and helps souls get to heaven. In eternity there time does not pass as it does in this life. Therefore, our actions in time, in this life, can have an effect throughout eternity. Whether someone died ten years ago or one thousand years ago, our prayers and meritorious actions can be effective. And, God willing, when we get to heaven, we will know the good that we did. So this November can be an opportunity to set aside time to pray for the dead, visit a cemetery, and light a candle for a loved one.

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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!

Early Childhood Fall is in the air! In October, the Pre-K class learned about pumpkins, fire safety, and Halloween! In November, they are excited to learn about Fall and Thanksgiving! The Kindergarten class has also been learning about fire safety. During National Fire Safety Prevention week, the students did a great job completing an at home Fire Safety project and presenting their projects to their class. They enjoyed a visit from some E. G. firefighters during which they were given an opportunity to sit in a Fire Engine, explore parts of a Rescue, and see a firefighter dressed in his protective uniform! The Kindergarten and 1st Grade classes enjoyed many autumn activities during their field trip to the Farmer's Daughter, including a hayride, pumpkin picking, and navigating their way through a corn maze. The 1st graders are going "batty" learning about the characteristics and behaviors of bats. The 2nd graders took an interesting field trip to Caratunk Wildlife Refuge. They learned many things about how the Native Americans survived on the land. It certainly made them realize that they have a lot for which to be thankful. 2nd grade students have also learned about God's gifts of creation and how to take better care of their Earth. Each child created a project using recyclable materials from home or school. The projects included a piggy bank, a bowling game, and a decorative garden!

Intermediate Grades After learning about bats, the third grade class created a special Halloween Treat: a paper bat with a chocolate treat in the middle. These bats were then given to Mr. Green, who then donated them to a local men's shelter for them to enjoy. Educational, enjoyable, AND charitable! The fourth graders are studying the Northeast Region of the United States. They are learning all about the important events that took place in Boston, leading up to the American Revolution. The students are excited to learn about the history of the region of the United States that we call home. They look forward to our study of the Industrial Revolution and a visit to Slater Mill later this month. Also, the science unit on weather was "energized" by a visit from Chelsea Priest, meteorologist from ABC6. She even mentioned OLM on her morning broadcast the next day! The fifth graders are off to an exciting year full of learning and fun! The students recently researched and created a poster of a saint of their choosing. They were displayed in church for the All Saints Day Mass for everyone to enjoy. The posters were informative, creative, and engaging. The children also researched an explorer and created a Google slides project which they presented to the class. The animation, backgrounds, and inserted pictures in the slides illustrated high quality work. We're looking forward to beginning our novel study of *Tuck Everlasting*. Hopefully the memories of 5th grade will be everlasting too!

Middle School In Middle School Science, the 6th grade is studying the effects of earthquakes and volcanoes on the earth and how humans can predict and prepare for the hazards associated with these landforms. The 7th grade has been studying cell function and needs of cells. They observed the process of osmosis through membranes of raw eggs in different solutions and wrote a formal lab report to explain their results. The 8th grade is working on a project comparing the benefits and problems of using natural and synthetic polymers. In Math, students in Grade 6 are studying divisibility and operations with fractions and mixed numbers, Grade 7 is working with fractions and exponents, and Grade 8 is graphing systems of equations. In theology, the 6th grade is currently discussing the Saints and the universal call to Holiness while the 7th grade is currently discussing God's Plan of Salvation. The content of this lesson leads us to further understand the Old and New Testament. The 8th Grade is currently focusing on the nature of the church--specifically, on the Word of God and how it consists of Scripture and Tradition, both of which require clarification and further explaining from the Church. In ELA, book talks were given on independent reading, 6th grade gave presentations on Greek gods/goddesses, and 7th and 8th grade students are studying the intriguing works of Edgar Allan Poe.

1st Grade trip to The Farmer's Daughter



E. G. Firefighters visit

