

## Wednesday Notes September 18, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

I would like to start this week by thanking all of our families who came out to Back to School Night one week ago. It was a fantastic evening that I am sure will set the tone for an exceptional year of teaching and learning here at Our Lady of Mercy School. I would also like to thank our teachers who dedicated their time to prepare for the evening and to present to their students' families. Strong relationships between our teachers and families make all the difference for our students, and I am delighted that we got off to such a strong start last week.

At 6:00 pm this evening, we have another gathering for our families: our first PTG meeting. All PTG meetings are open to any family in our school. While our PTG Board leads the group's activities, every family has an important role to play in helping those events succeed and in building up our school community. If you are interested in learning more about this fall's PTG-sponsored events and how you can support them, please come out to this evening's meeting! And if you cannot make it but would like to lend a hand, please keep an eye on the Wednesday Notes each week to see what is happening and where we could use your help. Every sacrifice of time, talent, or treasure makes a difference.

I would like to call your attention to a few specific items for our upcoming events and activities:

- **Our Golf Tournament is this coming Monday.** If you have not yet signed up to play and would like to, there is still time! Visit the parish website to register or make a monetary donation.
- If you would like to volunteer at the Golf Tournament or make a donation toward the golfers' gift bags, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050948ADA62FA6FB6-olmgolf>. To ensure that we are prepared for Monday, **we need all donations for gift bags delivered to the school by this Friday!**
- Following shortly after the Golf Tournament will be the **Colorthon on Thursday, October 10**. You can register and collect pledges at [olmschool.dojiggy.com](http://olmschool.dojiggy.com). Sponsorships are also available on the dojiggy site. Right now, 5N is in the lead towards a pizza, donut, or ice cream party!
- We are looking for students to join **Friends of Mercy!** We are called as Christians to demonstrate our sanctity through our works, and Friends of Mercy gives our students an opportunity to do just that, reaching out to people who are in need. Any interested students in Grades 4 through 8, please return the flyer that went home with last week's Notes or talk to your homeroom teacher.
- Grades 4-8 families, please also look for a follow-up email that I will send on behalf of Fr. Barrow in regard to new **altar servers**. It will have an electronic copy of the sign-up for new altar servers; you received a paper copy of the same form today.

On a separate note, I would like to thank all of our families for their cooperation with our arrival and dismissal procedures. By and large, those parts of our day have gone very smoothly, and I am thankful for everyone's attention to student safety during those times. As you probably have observed, we now have busses coming to the front entrance of the school in the afternoon, rather than the side entrance. As a result, it is important that we keep the area in front of the main entrance clear during dismissal time. **We are asking that no one park on Fourth Avenue by the main school entrance between 1:45 and 3:00 pm on school days.**

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter, and for all that you continue to do to support your child's education at Our Lady of Mercy School. Wishing God's blessings on you and your family.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

### **Wednesday Envelope Enclosures**

Chess Masters Flyer

Octoberfest Flyer

Stop & Shop Rewards Flyer

### **Student-Specific Documents**

Piano Lessons Flyer (Grades K-2)

Altar Server Sign-Up (Grades 4-8)

### **Upcoming Dates**

<b>Wednesday, September 18</b>	Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:00 pm PTG Meeting 6:00 pm
<b>Monday, September 23</b>	Third Annual OLM Golf Tournament
<b>Tuesday, September 24</b>	Feast of Our Lady of Mercy Mass (formal uniforms required) 9:00 am
<b>Wednesday, September 25</b>	Our Lady of Mercy Concert & Holy Hour 7:00 pm Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:00 pm
<b>Thursday, September 26</b>	Act of Mercy 6:00 pm
<b>Friday, September 27</b>	Octoberfest 6:00 - 9:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, October 2</b>	Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:00 pm
<b>Thursday, October 3</b>	Author Jen Calonita visiting with Grades 3-6 8:30 am
<b>Friday, October 4</b>	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b>	Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:30 pm
<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	OLM Colorthon
<b>Monday, October 14</b>	No School: Columbus Day
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>	Diocesan Cross Country Meet @ Slater Park 4:00 pm PTG Meeting 6:00 pm

<b>Friday, October 18</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)
<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>	Boy Scouts of America Mini-Assembly for Grades K-5 OLM Flu Clinic 4:30-6:30 pm
<b>Friday, October 25</b>	Trunk or Treat
<b>Friday, November 1</b>	All Saints Day Mass (formal uniforms required)
<b>Monday, November 11</b>	No School- Veterans Day
<b>Friday, November 15</b>	Middle School Dance
<b>Wednesday, November 27</b>	No School- Thanksgiving Recess
<b>Thursday, November 28</b>	No School- Thanksgiving Recess
<b>Friday, November 29</b>	No School- Thanksgiving Recess