

Wednesday Notes October 16, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

So many good things continue to happen at Our Lady of Mercy. I am grateful to our teachers, students, and families for the many contributions they make to our school every day, and that are all helping our kids to become the saints and scholars that God is calling them to be. There is quite a bit of information in today's notes, so please take some time to read them carefully to make sure you don't miss any of the great things going on here at OLM.

I do want to start this week by thanking all of our students and families for their cooperation in making the adjustments we have made this week to our discipline practices. Things have been going very smoothly, and to this point our new practices are having their desired effect: helping our kids be the best they can be every day. It has been another step in helping everyone in our community be on the same page in pursuit of our shared goals, and I am grateful for everyone's contributions to these efforts.

In upcoming events, tomorrow is our **Colorthon**. We will hold it indoors because of the weather forecast, which does mean that we will not be able to use the color powder. So it is up to the kids to bring the color! We are holding contests for the most colorful socks and the white t-shirt that is best decorated to show OLM pride! Participation in these contests is optional but will be fun! All students should wear gym uniform sweatpants or gym uniform shorts, sneakers, and a white t-shirt (decorated or not). We will hold our walkathon indoors starting at about 12:45, hold the planned awards ceremony in the gym following it, and dismiss from homerooms at normal time. Last minute donations can be made at <http://olmschool.dojiggy.com/>. We have done very well in fundraising, and we are grateful to all who have contributed through their time, talent, or treasure to make tomorrow's event possible. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Angela Slocum, who has done an outstanding job leading the planning for the day. It is going to be a great event for our kids.

Looking to Friday, please note that **Friday is the final deadline for CAL basketball registration**. To register, please visit <http://www.olmhoops.org/>. This is a great opportunity for our students, and we don't want anyone who is interested to miss out!

Friday is also the day of our **parent-teacher conferences**. All homeroom teachers have sent out signup geniuses to help with scheduling. We will have childcare available in the gym from 7:30 am until 2:30 pm for parents who can benefit from that service while they are in a conference. The uniform swap will also be open from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm. Volunteers interested in helping to keep the swap open until 2:30, please contact Sophia Beland at belandfamily@gmail.com. Anyone who has gently used items (please no stains and no rips!) to donate to the uniform swap is most welcome to bring them on Friday. We do ask that items not be dropped off prior as we will not have the staffing to organize them.

And next Friday will be our annual **Trunk or Treat**. [Trunk or Treat](#) is Friday, October 25 from 5:30-7:30 PM. This popular Halloween event includes costume contests, music, a food truck,

and treats! Please join the OLM community as students and friends trick-or-treat through OLM's back parking lot. And the PTG needs your support to make it happen! Please consider decorating a trunk for the evening or volunteer to work the event. All you need is a car and candy. And, for decorating a trunk, you will be entered to win a best trunk prize. If you are unable to decorate a trunk but would like to contribute, feed a bag of candy to Mr. Monster Mouth, located in the front vestibule! Please contact [Gaiya Berube](#) or [Beth Brugnoli](#) with questions.

Our capital campaign- **Our Faith, Our Future: Grateful for God's Providence**- is up and running! We are hosting several receptions over the coming weeks where you can learn more about the campaign. The dates are listed here as well as in the upcoming dates below.

Tuesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym
Thursday, October 24th at 12:30 PM In the Parish Rectory
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Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym
Wednesday, October 30th at 12:30 PM In the Parish Rectory
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You can register for one of the receptions by going to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/receptionolm>. Thank you in advance for your support of this important campaign for the future of our parish and school.

In other news around school, **Friends of Mercy and the Student Council** are collecting items for local animal shelters in a joint community service effort. This is being done in remembrance of the feast of St. Francis. In the past, as many as three shelters have been assisted by our donations. We are looking for gently used towels, blankets, animal toys, and leashes. Shelters are also appreciative of any cat and dog food items or wipes for cleaning purposes. Please send any donation in between October 9th and October 18th. There will be a collection box in the front hallway for them. Thank you in advance for all of your help.

In another important community service initiative, we are also beginning our annual **Thanksgiving Food Drive**, and there is a flyer in today's Wednesday envelope with more information about the drive.

There is indeed a great deal happening here, and it is all for the good of our students and for the good of our broader community. We are truly living our mission: striving to be saints and scholars so that Mercy may flourish! Thank you all for everything that you continue to do to make this a reality. May God bless you and your families.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

Wednesday Envelope Enclosures

Thanksgiving Food Drive Flyer

Attachments

Flu Clinic Flyer

Flu Clinic Consent Form

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, October 17	OLM Colorthon
Friday, October 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School) Uniform Swap Open 7:30 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, October 22	PTG Meeting 6:15 pm in the library Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
Wednesday, October 23	Boy Scouts of America Mini-Assembly for Grades K-5 OLM Flu Clinic 4:30-6:30 pm
Thursday, October 24	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 12:30 pm In the Parish Rectory Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
Friday, October 25	Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm
Tuesday, October 29	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
Wednesday, October 30	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 12:30 pm in the rectory Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
Friday, November 1	All Saints Day Mass (formal uniforms required)
Monday, November 11	No School- Veterans Day
Friday, November 15	Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 27	No School- Thanksgiving Recess
Thursday, November 28	No School- Thanksgiving Recess
Friday, November 29	No School- Thanksgiving Recess
Friday, December 6	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
Monday, December 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass (formal uniforms required)
Friday, December 13	Christmas Pageant
Friday, December 20	Half-Day: 11:30 am dismissal