

Wednesday Notes October 2, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

Thank you all for a wonderful feast week. We finished with our second annual **Octoberfest** celebration, which was a truly wonderful event, bringing together our parish and school communities to enjoy food, drink, and each other's company in absolutely beautiful weather. Thank you to all who made it possible.

The next major event on our school calendar is next Thursday's **Colorthon**. We are just about halfway to our goal of raising \$15,000 for our saints and scholars. Thank you to all who have contributed. Thank you especially to the Colgan, Hinrichs, and Martin families for purchasing sponsorships. Our sponsorships are now all sold out! If you would like to make a pledge to support one of our walkers, you can do so at <http://olmschool.dojiggy.com/>. As of this writing, 2P and 5N are in a tight race for that pizza, ice cream, or donut party that will go to the winning homeroom. You will see a postcard advertising the Colorthon coming home today. And if you have not yet sent in the permission form for your child, please do so ASAP! Every child needs a permission form in order to participate next Thursday.

But before we reach the Colorthon, we have exciting events this week. Today is the first meeting of **Friends of Mercy**. Thank you to Sr. Jeanne, Ms. Perretta, and Mr. Cote for giving our students the opportunity to help Mercy flourish in our school community and beyond. And thank you to all of the members of Friends of Mercy who are sacrificing their time to help others. It is a truly wonderful program that helps our students to put our mission into action.

Tomorrow, author **Jen Calonita** is visiting OLM to speak with our third through sixth grade students. Many thanks to Mrs. Cambio for organizing this event. Ms. Calonita came in the spring to speak with our students as well, and this second visit will give them even more insight into the work of a professional author and further ignite their love for reading and writing.

On Friday at 9:00 am, we have First Friday Mass in the church, hosted by sixth grade and offered for Dr. John S. Kacewicz. Please know that families are always most welcome to join us for any of our school Masses. The Eucharist is the source and the summit of our Christian life, and we are a stronger community when we gather together to celebrate it. For many parents, it is not realistic to be at Mass at 9:00 on a weekday, but we are always happy to welcome those who can make it, and grateful for the contribution of their presence with us. **Please remember that formal uniform is required for First Friday Mass.** If you have any questions about what formal uniform entails, [please refer to the student handbook on our website, pages 27-29](#). As a quick reminder, no students should wear shorts on formal uniform days. Students who have PE class on Friday may bring sneakers to change into for their PE class.

Looking further ahead, **OLM Basketball** registration for the 2019-2020 season will be open from Oct. 1st- Oct. 14th only! Any students in grades K- 8 are eligible to play. Interested families can register and find all relevant information at olmhoops.org. We look forward to seeing all of our OLM athletes back on the court soon!

And finally, we have two notes on pickup. Generally speaking, our arrival and dismissal procedures have been going very smoothly. We do ask that parents, grandparents, and anyone picking children up from school avoid parking in front of the main entrance to the building between 1:45 pm and 3:00 pm. In the event that someone is picking up your child who would not be receiving this email (grandparent, aunt, uncle, etc.) please do pass the word on to them as well.

Secondly, we thank everyone for adjusting to our procedures around changes to dismissal plans. The best way to notify the school of any change in a child's plan for dismissal once the school day has begun is to email Mrs. Verret at office@olmschool.org. We know that is not feasible for issues such as being stuck in traffic, but whenever possible, it is important for us to have the change in writing. And the earlier we know, the easier it is to communicate that change to the child's teacher.

Thank you all for everything that you continue to do to make Our Lady of Mercy School a great place to learn and grow. May God bless you and your families.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

Wednesday Envelope Enclosures

None

Student-Specific Documents

Colorthon postcard (all students)

Confirmation Letter (Grade 8 only)

Science Fair Letter (Grade 8 only)

Science Club Flyer (Grades 6-7 only)

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, October 2	Friends of Mercy Meeting 2:30 pm
Thursday, October 3	Author Jen Calonita visiting with Grades 3-6 8:30 am Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:00 pm
Friday, October 4	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
Wednesday, October 9	Cross Country Meet @ Goddard Park 4:00 pm
Thursday, October 10	OLM Colorthon
Monday, October 14	No School: Columbus Day
Wednesday, October 16	Lifetouch Picture Retake Day Diocesan Cross Country Meet @ Slater Park 4:00 pm PTG Meeting 6:00 pm
Friday, October 18	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School)
Wednesday, October 23	Boy Scouts of America Mini-Assembly for Grades K-5 OLM Flu Clinic 4:30-6:30 pm
Friday, October 25	Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm
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