

Wednesday Notes October 23, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

It has been another fantastic week at Our Lady of Mercy School. Our Colorthon was a huge success, and we had a wonderful day at parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to all who contributed to both.

Looking ahead at the rest of this week, [Trunk or Treat](#) is this Friday from 5:30-7:30 PM! Please join the OLM community as students and friends trick-or-treat through OLM's back parking lot. WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE TRUNKS! Please consider helping out our school with this popular event! It's not too late to sign-up to decorate your trunk for the evening. For participating, you will be entered to win a best trunk prize. All volunteers will be contacted this week with information for your arrival. All guests should check in with the registration table upon arrival. And, if you haven't registered to attend, you are welcome to register the night of the event. If you are unable to decorate a trunk but would like to contribute, feel free to feed a bag of candy to Mr. Monster Mouth, located in the front vestibule! The candy will be used the night of Trunk or Treat. Please contact [Gaiya Berube](#) or [Beth Brugnoli](#) with questions.

Friday will also be our first **dress-down day** of the year. Students may dress down if they bring in \$1 in support of NPH, a charity organization with whom we have developed a partnership. You can read more about NPH in the letter from Mrs. Franklin that is attached here and that came home in the Wednesday envelope. **Please note that student attire on dress-down days should be in keeping with the Catholic mission of our school. Clothing should be modest and presentable. Specifically, this means that it may not have tears or rips, may not be excessively tight or revealing (please no leggings or yoga pants), and may not bear any messages or images that conflict with Catholic faith and morals.** Even though we have Trunk or Treat on Friday evening, Friday is not a costume day. Students may wear their normal clothes, but should not wear their costumes to school. Thank you in advance for your help with making our first dress down day of the year a success!

We are also running a separate small **fundraiser** to benefit NPH and bring our community together in prayer and in memory of our lost loved ones as we approach All Saints Day and All Souls Day next week. Please see Mrs. Franklin's letter for more information.

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, and the important improvements to our school that it will finance. The dates are listed here as well as in the upcoming dates below.

Thursday, October 24th at 12:30 PM In the Parish Rectory

Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym

Tuesday, October 29th at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym

Wednesday, October 30th at 12:30 PM In the Parish Rectory

Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym

You can register for one of the receptions by going to this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/receptionsOLM2>. Thank you in advance for your support of this important campaign for the future of our parish and school.

We are also excited by our upcoming presentation **Connected Generation: Preparing Our Children to Safely Navigate the Digital World**. A flyer advertising the presentation came home with students in Grades 5-8 today. Our presenter, Eric Butash, will also be speaking with our fifth through eighth grade students during the school day on November 5. **While the parent presentation is directed toward parents of children in that age range, any of our parents should feel most welcome to attend.**

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive is now well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already made contributions! Please do keep them coming. It is such a wonderful way for us to share our blessings with those in need.

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

NPH Letter from Mrs. Franklin

Grade-Level Specific Documents

Connected Generation Flyer (Grades 5-8)

Attachments

NPH Letter from Mrs. Franklin

Connected Generation Flyer

Upcoming Dates

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)

Tuesday, November 5	Connected Generation Presentation: Grades 5-8 1:15-2:00 pm, Parents 6:30-8:00 pm
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