

## Wednesday Notes October 9, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

First, this is a reminder that the **date of the Colorthon has been moved to next Thursday, October 17**. I know we sent the email out yesterday, but it doesn't hurt to send a second reminder. Students should dress for school as they normally would both tomorrow and Friday, and they will have their normal schedule both days.

Preparations for the **Colorthon** are continuing though. I am very pleased to report that we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$15,000. Thank you to all who have contributed. As of this writing, Kindergarten is in the lead for that pizza, ice cream, or donut party that will go to the winning homeroom, but second and third grade are close behind. If you would like to make a last-minute pledge to support one of our walkers, you can still do so at <http://olmschool.dojiggy.com/>. And you can sign up to volunteer by going to <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/4090e4eaeae2aa4f85-olmcolorthon>. You will see an updated flyer advertising the Colorthon's new date coming home today. On the reverse, you will see a permission form. **If you already submitted your child's permission form, you do not need to re-submit it.** However, if you have not yet sent in a signed permission form with your child, please do so ASAP.

Just eight days after our new Colorthon date 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym  
Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM In the Parish Rectory  
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Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM In the OLM Gym  
Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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** will be 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.

And if you are looking for things to do around the community in the coming weeks, the amazing **Rhode Island Festival of Children's Books and Authors** is right around the corner! It is being held on Saturday, 10/19 from 9am-5:30pm at the Lincoln School in Providence. Admission is \$5. This year's lineup includes James Dean (Pete the Cat), Lynda Mullaly Hunt (Fish in a Tree), Chris Van Allsburg (Polar Express), Megan McDonald (Judy Moody), Dan Santat (Crankenstein, Beekle, After the Fall) and more! Hope to see you there! <https://www.lincolnschool.org/life-at-lincoln/rhode-island-festival-of-childrens-books-and-authors>

To kick the festival off, there will be a performance of Megan McDonald's Book Judy Moody and the Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt. Ms. McDonald will be in attendance. For more information and to buy tickets please see this link:

<https://www.lincolnschool.org/thegreenlight/details/~board/the-green-light-blog/post/judy-moody-stink-the-mad-mad-mad-mad-treasure-hunt-october-18-6-pm>

And looking at the business of school, next week begins the use of winter uniforms. To help families make the transition, the **uniform swap will be open during parent-teacher conferences on October 18 from 7:30 am until 12:00 pm**. If any parent would like to volunteer to extend that time frame by supervising the room between 12:00 pm and 2:30 pm, please contact Sophia Beland at [belandfamily@gmail.com](mailto: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 the eighteenth. We do ask that items not be dropped off prior as we will not have the staffing to organize them.

With the three-day weekend on the horizon and winter uniforms beginning next week, we are also taking advantage of this opportunity to make some small adjustments to our practices surrounding school discipline to ensure that we are living out our mission every day. **There is a letter attached providing details. Please take a minute to review it, and feel free to reach out with questions.**

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**

Trunk or Treat Flyer & Registration Form  
Lifetouch Picture Retake Flyer  
Warwick Figure Skaters Flyer

### **Student-Specific Documents**

Colorthon flyer/permission form (all students)  
Storybook Pumpkin Patch Directions & Entry Form (Grades PK-2)

### **Attachments**

Letter from Mr. McNabb

### **Upcoming Dates**

<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting for Quebec Trip 6:30 pm in the library
<b>Monday, October 14</b>	No School: Columbus Day
<b>Tuesday, October 15</b>	Winter Uniforms begin
<b>Wednesday, October 16</b>	Lifetouch Picture Retake Day Diocesan Cross Country Meet @ Slater Park 4:00 pm PTG Meeting 6:00 pm
<b>Thursday, October 17</b>	OLM Colorthon
<b>Friday, October 18</b>	Parent-Teacher Conferences (No School) Uniform Swap Open 7:30 am – 12:00 pm
<b>Tuesday, October 22</b>	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
<b>Wednesday, October 23</b>	Boy Scouts of America Mini-Assembly for Grades K-5 OLM Flu Clinic 4:30-6:30 pm
<b>Thursday, October 24</b>	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 12:30 pm In the Parish Rectory Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
<b>Friday, October 25</b>	Trunk or Treat 5:30-7:30 pm
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
<b>Wednesday, October 30</b>	Our Faith, Our Future Reception 12:30 pm in the rectory Our Faith, Our Future Reception 7:00 pm in the gym
<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 6:30-8:30 pm
<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
<b>December 13</b>	Christmas Pageant