

## Wednesday Notes December 18, 2019

Dear OLM Families,

A joyful third week of Advent to all! We have only one and a half school days now until Christmas break is here, and this is the final edition of the Wednesday Notes until after the break. Please read on for some final information on what is coming for this week, and a preview of coming attractions in January.

We should begin today by acknowledging the wonderful Christmas Pageant this past Friday. Thank you to Ms. Hollowell for doing such an outstanding job in leading our students, and congratulations to all of our student performers, who truly put their best effort into their remembrance of our Lord's birth. Thanks also go to all of our teachers who contributed to the pageant performance by sacrificing their class time to allow students to rehearse and sacrificing their personal time to be here supporting our students on the night of the pageant. And thank you finally to our families who helped to prepare their children for the big night, and who made sure they got dressed in those great pageant outfits! What a night for Our Lady of Mercy.

Looking to the rest of this week, this Friday is **Christmas Spirit Day!** We will be dressing down so that Mercy may flourish, and we encourage students to dress in their red, their green, their Christmas sweaters, or anything that gets them in the Christmas spirit. Students may dress down if they bring in one dollar or more to support St. Gabriel's Call in helping expectant mothers in our area. **Please remember 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.** But Santas, reindeers, and

snowmen are all ok this Friday . We still want to have fun.

Our middle school will have their annual breakfast at 8:30 on Friday, and we will come together one final time as a school for our Advent prayer service at 10:15 am in the gym (please note the change in venue from the church). Family and friends are most welcome to join us for the prayer service. We will then dismiss at 11:30 to begin the Christmas vacation! We hope that the whole day sends the message that prayer, charity, and community are all a part of our lives as Christians, and that they all took on new meaning at the first Christmas.

When we return from Christmas vacation, we will have **First Friday Mass** on Friday, January 3. Formal uniforms are required for all students that day.

And less than two weeks after that, will be our **science fair** on January 16. We are still looking for judges! If you are willing and able to judge this year's science fair projects, please contact Dr. Husak at [dhusak@olmschool.org](mailto:dhusak@olmschool.org). We are especially looking for those with a background or strong interest in the sciences, although that is not a requirement. Parents of competitors in the fair are not eligible to judge the competition, but are welcome to come the day of the science fair and see their children's work! Our middle school students have been hard at work in preparing for their science fair under Dr. Husak's leadership, and we are looking forward to seeing the fruits of their labor.

Our capital campaign- **Our Faith, Our Future: Grateful for God's Providence**- is ongoing, and to date has raised in excess of \$1,000,000! The campaign goal is \$2,000,000, with \$500,000

of that total going toward school improvements. Thank you for your generosity thus far. We are still in pursuit of our final goal, and every contribution matters as we strive to secure the future of Our Lady of Mercy Parish and School. May God reward your sacrifices toward that goal.

We wish a very merry Christmas to all of our students, families, faculty, staff, and supporters, and many blessings in the new year. Thank you for all that you do to help our students as they strive to be saints and scholars. God bless. Go Jags.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

### **Wednesday Envelope Enclosures**

Warwick Figure Skaters Flyer

### **Grade-Level-Specific Documents**

None

### **Attachments**

Warwick Figure Skaters Flyer

### **Upcoming Dates**

<b>Friday, December 20</b>	Christmas Spirit Day!  Dressing Down so that Mercy May Flourish Middle School Breakfast 8:30 am  Advent Prayer Service 10:15 am in the gym Half-Day: 11:30 am dismissal
<b>December 21-January 1</b>	No School- Christmas Recess
<b>Thursday, January 2</b>	School Resumes
<b>Friday, January 3</b>	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	Robotics State Championship (Roger Williams University)
<b>Thursday, January 16</b>	Middle School Science Fair
<b>Monday, January 20</b>	No School- Martin Luther King Day

<b>Friday, January 24</b>	Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
<b>Sunday, January 26</b>	Open House
<b>January 27-31</b>	Catholic Schools Week
<b>Friday, February 7</b>	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
<b>February 7-10</b>	Eighth Grade Trip to Quebec
<b>February 17-21</b>	No School- February Vacation

Attachement: [WSF Flyer](#)