

Wednesday Notes January 15, 2020

Dear OLM Families,

Good afternoon! It continues to be a busy time at Our Lady of Mercy School. Please read on for the details!

This is the final week for our **Friends of Mercy book drive!** Thank you for all of your generous donations so far. We have had a wonderful response, and we hope that it continues! We will continue to accept new or gently used books for people living at McAuley Village through this Friday, January 17. The books can be directed toward children, teens, or adults, and there will be collection boxes in Mr. Cote's and Ms. Perretta's classrooms. Thank you for all of your contributions!

Congratulations to our **Sky Makers robotics team** who finished their season this past Saturday at the state championships. Along with our Daring Ducks team, they have done great work this year. Thank you to Ms. Hollowell and our parent volunteers who have led our teams this year.

Our **science fair** is tomorrow! Projects are open for viewing from 5:30 until 7:00 pm in the gym. Our eighth graders and the members of our sixth and seventh grade science club have been working hard for months under Dr. Husak's leadership to prepare for this day. Please come out and see the efforts of our young scientists!

This week and next, our students are taking the winter administration of the **STAR** test in reading and math during their technology class. This is an opportunity to see how they are progressing academically at the midpoint of the year, both to encourage them to continue their efforts, and to help our teachers fine-tune their instructional approach as they help every student strive to be a scholar. Our students made an excellent start yesterday, and we hope for more great things over the next week!

Please remember that we do not have school this coming Monday, January 20, in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

And after next week, we look forward to our celebration of Catholic education during **Catholic Schools Week**. It will begin with our **Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm**. While our Open House is in many ways directed toward prospective parents, **we welcome current families and alumni** as well to see everything that our school offers from pre-k through Grade 8. For current families, it is a wonderful opportunity to meet teachers in older grades and to see the full complement of programs and activities at Our Lady of Mercy School. The day will begin with the 9:00 am Mass in the church, and **we encourage our students to come with their families in their school uniforms and to represent OLM School to our parish community and to our visitors.**

You will also see coming home this week a permission form for our annual bowling trip on the Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, January 28. One was sent home with each student. Please complete and return the form to your child's homeroom teacher. We will send out a full schedule of Catholic Schools Week activities with next week's Wednesday Notes, so please be on the lookout for that as well!

And of course a large part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration is our annual **Book Fair**. PreK - 5th grade families, you will receive your child's book fair information packet in today's Wednesday envelope. Please take a minute to read the packet thoroughly as it is packed with information. **PreK Parents:** Please join your child at the Book Fair. They are shopping on

Wednesday, January 29 from 8:15 - 8:45 am. We encourage you to drop your child off as normal, (so they can keep their unpacking routine and be present for attendance), park in the side lot and enter through the front door and sign in with the front office. Come on down to the library and wait for your child there. Thank you! **Middle School Parents:** Mrs. Kerin will be taking all of her English classes to the Book Fair during their Thursday, January 30th English class.

If you would like to volunteer at the fair, please sign up using the Sign Up Genius below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DACAE2BA5F85-scholastic>

And if you would like to learn more and sign up for eWallet, please go to our homepage and click on eWallet:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/homepage.do?method=homepage&url=ourladyofmercyregionalsch>

And this is looking very far ahead, but **yearbook ordering is open!** You can go to this link: <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and enter code 5018420 to place your order. Please reach out to Mrs. Kim Sammartino at kimberlysammartino@me.com with questions.

We have been given 30 free tickets to the **Kids Fun Fair and Petting Zoo** at the Rhode Island Convention Center January 18 and 19. Each ticket purchases admission for one child ages 2-13 with a paid adult. **Please email office@olmschool.org if you would like to reserve any for your family. We will offer the tickets on a first-come-first-served basis with a limit of two per family.**

Thank you as always for all that you continue to do to support our students as they strive to be saints and scholars at Our Lady of Mercy School. God bless. Go Jags.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

Wednesday Envelope Enclosures

Chess Masters Registration Form

Grade-Level-Specific Documents

Book Fair Information Packet (Grades PK-5)

Mother of Hope Camp Flyer (Grades PK-6)

Bowling Permission Form (all students)

Attachments

None

Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 20	No School- Martin Luther King Day
Friday, January 24	Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
Sunday, January 26	Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm
January 27-31	Catholic Schools Week
Friday, February 7	First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)
February 7-10	Eighth Grade Trip to Quebec
February 17-21	No School- February Vacation
Wednesday, February 26	Ash Wednesday Mass (formal uniforms required)