

Wednesday Notes January 22, 2020

Dear OLM Families,

Good afternoon! This is an exciting time at Our Lady of Mercy School, as we are looking forward to our **Open House this Sunday from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm** and Catholic Schools Week all of next week.

I would first like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who is working hard to make our Open House happen: our teachers, our administrative and building staff, our PTG board, and our many parent volunteers who are supporting various clubs and activities and working hard to get the word out about the Open House and the fantastic things happening at OLM. And that does not even include our student volunteers! It is a true testament to the strength of this community. We have a great school, and I am so excited to share it with prospective families on Sunday.

And 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.**

After Sunday, we will move into **Catholic Schools Week**, where we celebrate the gift of a Catholic education. Please see the attached flyer, which also went home in today's envelope, for a full listing of the week's events.

And as we know, a major part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration is our annual **Book Fair**. Students in grades K-5 received their book fair packets last week, which included a schedule for their shopping. **PreK Parents:** We invite you to 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:** Your child received a book fair packet in today's envelope. Please note that 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>

Please also note that **Book Fair Raffle ticket sales have been extended until this Friday, January 24.**

And if we can look back for just a moment, we would like to highlight a few events from the last two weeks. First of all, thank you to everyone who supported **Friends of Mercy's book drive**. We received an outstanding response from our families, and all of the books will go into

the hands of people staying at McAuley Village. Thank you for allowing Mercy to flourish in our area!

We also want to acknowledge our **science fair** winners, and to extend a big thank you to Dr. Husak for all of her work in making the science fair possible this year. Students earning first, second, and third place, along with honorable mention, are eligible to advance to the state science fair to represent Our Lady of Mercy School. The winners, along with their project titles are:

First Place:

Ella Reikhrud *How do Different Types of Light Affect Phototropism?*

Alexandra Andrews and Mia Cambio *Does Wifi Affect the Growth of Kidney Bean Plants?*

Second Place:

Daniel McLoughlin *How Do Coils Impact Electricity?*

Gianna Lamendola and Marina Nguyen *Hello! Sound Waves Here!*

Third Place:

Christian Butera and William Cavanaugh *Pond Pollution*

Olivia Higgins *Is Skimming More Effective than Dispersants in Removing Oil?*

Honorable Mention:

Jack Hamilton *pH Impacting Plants*

Rachel Baker *How Will Global Warming Affect Plants?*

Margaret Cooney and Ava Sullivan *Effect of Oil Spills on Aquatic Plants*

And we would be remiss if we did not recognize as well last week's **spelling bee** winners, who are moving on to represent Our Lady of Mercy School at the regional spelling bee next week in Cranston. Congratulations to Anna Jelinek in first place and Abby Kingsly in second place! They won a hard-fought battle among twelve spellers who advanced from our third through fifth grade classes. Great work to all of our finalists, and good luck at regionals, Anna and Abby!

And finally, we turn our attention for a minute to our students' academic progress. **Progress reports go home tomorrow for students in grades K-8.** Please be on the lookout for them, and please as always reach out to your child's teachers if you have questions about his or her progress.

And we continue our winter administration of **STAR** testing this week in technology class. Our students have been working hard throughout the last two weeks to demonstrate how much they have learned already this year in reading and math, and it has been tremendously gratifying to see their progress. Thank you for all of your support and encouragement throughout the year as they strive to be scholars at Our Lady of Mercy School.

It is indeed a blessing to be at OLM, where our students can strive to be saints and scholars, taking advantage of all that a Catholic education has to offer. May God continue to bless our efforts, and may He continue to bless every member of our wonderful Catholic school community. Go Jags!

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

Wednesday Envelope Enclosures

Catholic Schools Week Flyer

Grade-Level-Specific Documents

Middle School Book Fair Packets (Grades 6-8)

Attachments

Catholic Schools Week Flyer

Upcoming Dates

Friday, January 24	Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
Thursday, January 23	Progress Reports go home for K-8
Sunday, January 26	Alumni Mass 9:00 am Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm
January 27-31	Catholic Schools Week & Book Fair
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)

File attachments:

[CatholicSchoolsWeek2020.pdf](#)