

## Wednesday Notes January 8, 2020

Dear OLM Families,

Welcome back to our first full week of school in 2020! We are right back into things in our classrooms and our many extracurricular activities as our students strive to be saints and scholars. Please read on for a full summary of what is happening this week.

The **Friends of Mercy are holding a book drive from now until January 17th**. Please donate any new or gently used books that could benefit any of those living at McAuley Village. Books meant for children, teens, or adults may be brought in. There will be collection boxes in Mr. Cote's and Ms. Perretta's classrooms. Thank you for all of your contributions!

This Saturday, our **Sky Makers robotics team** will be competing at the state championships at Roger Williams University. Along with our Daring Ducks team, they have done great work this year. We wish them the best of luck, and we know that all of their preparation under Ms. Hollowell and our parent volunteers is going to pay dividends this weekend. They would welcome support from our community as they compete for a state championship!

Our **science fair** is next week! Our students will show off all of the work they have done on Thursday, January 16 when projects will be open for viewing from 5:30-7:00 pm in our school's gym. Please come out and see the efforts of our young scientists!

Next week will also be the first meeting of our **Stock Market Club**, on Tuesday, January 14. The purpose of the Stock Market Club is to give students an introduction to the world of investments and finance. They will learn basic stock market-related terminology and finance-related mathematical concepts such as compound interest. At club meetings, they will typically spend some time reviewing a key concept and then play a game to re-enforce the idea. The games include "Stock Market Jeopardy," "The Bouncy Stock Price Game," and "Portfolio Diversification Bingo." Students will also choose stocks to "invest in" and track the performance of these stocks as the club progresses. The club will have a total of 4-6 meetings on Tuesdays in January and February, with meetings beginning right after school and ending at 3:15. The club is open to students in grades 4-8, and there are no costs or fees associated with it. Interested families, please email Mr. Austin Kairnes at [akairnes19@gmail.com](mailto:akairnes19@gmail.com).

Looking further ahead, Catholic Schools Week is just over the horizon, and an important part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration each year has been our annual book fair. This year, our theme is "**The Scholastic Book Fair Jungle: Elephants, Tigers and Books, OH MY!**" The book fair is a favorite time of year for teachers, students and families. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer for this event and Mrs. Cambio needs YOU to make this our best fair yet! This fundraising event is in need of a co-chair. There's plenty of work and fun to go around! We will also be running a raffle in conjunction with the book fair. \$200 in book fair gift certificates will be raffled off before our book fair begins. More information on the raffle will come home in a few weeks. For now, Mrs. Cambio will be holding three volunteer sessions all taking place in the library:

Thursday, January 9 from 10:45 - 11:45 - Compiling Book Fair Information Packets

Thursday, January 16 from 8:05 - 9:15 - Creating jungle vines, leaves and decorations

Thursday, January 23 from 8:05 - 9:15 - Library Jungle Transformation (begin decorating)

The fair dates are Friday, January 24 (set up) through Friday, January 31 (clean up). For volunteer planning purposes, PreK, 3rd, 4th and 5th will shop as classes on Wednesday, January 29 and K, 1st and 2nd will shop on Thursday, January 30. Middle School shopping times have not yet been determined. Exact times will be sent home soon. Thank you in advance for your help. **Please email Mrs. Cambio at [library@olmschool.org](mailto:library@olmschool.org) if you are interested in co-chairing this event or can attend any of the above volunteer sessions.** Let's go WILD for books!

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](mailto: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.**

And finally, our **lost and found** is getting very full! If your child has lost a coat, sweater, sweatshirt, or hat, we probably found it! Please encourage them to take a look in the lost and found on the stage during their lunch period!

Thank you 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**

Science Fair Flyer

### **Upcoming Dates**

<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 10:00 am-12:00 pm
<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