

Wednesday Notes February 5, 2020

Dear OLM Families,

First of all, thank you all for your support as we work through a difficult period with illness. Our students who have been sick have been staying home, and that goes a long way towards helping everybody else in the school stay healthy, so thank you very much. We know that it constitutes time, effort, and often time out of work for parents, and we appreciate that sacrifice. Despite the circumstances, our students and teachers have been pulling together to encourage each other to keep their hands clean, keep our shared spaces clean, and help absent students to keep up with their assignments. There is a silver lining around every cloud! So thank you to all for looking out for each other and demonstrating that strong sense of community that is so much a part of the OLM Advantage.

We are still working hard to get the word out about the great things happening in our OLM community. One step we are taking in that effort is to enhance our school's presence on social media. For us to do that, however, we need one favor from all of our families. [Here is a link to a social media release](#). Thank you to everyone who has already completed it! If you have not done so already, **please take the time to complete the form either granting or denying permission for OLM School to post pictures and/or videos of your child(ren) on official school social media sites**. As the forms come in, we can start doing even more to promote the success of our school community. Thank you for your support in this effort!

As we continue to look to the future of our school, please note that **re-enrollment invoices** have been mailed home and should be arriving shortly if they have not already. Please complete them and return them to our main office at your earliest convenience. Please also note that the deadline to apply for financial aid for the 2020-2021 school year through FACTS is next **Friday, February 14**. In order to apply, please go to factsmgt.com. Thank you for your continued commitment to Our Lady of Mercy School. We are looking forward to a great 2020-2021!

And looking to the more immediate future, we wish *Bon Voyage* to our eighth graders who are heading to Quebec this Friday. A big thank you to Fr. Barrow, Mrs. Verret, Mrs. Kerin, Mr. Cote, and all of our parents for their work in preparing for and chaperoning the trip. An enormous amount of work goes into making this possible, and thanks to the dedication of our teachers, staff, and families, the Class of 2020 is now looking forward to a fantastic four days in Canada. We wish them and all of their chaperones an experience to remember.

Also on this Friday, we will gather again to celebrate **First Friday Mass**, hosted this month by our first grade class. Students should wear their formal uniforms, and as always we invite all of our families to join us for Mass. As a side note, we also welcome families to our Tuesday Masses, which occur at 8:15 am on the Tuesday of every week we do not have First Friday or Holy Day Masses. And if that's confusing, please check our website to learn when each week we are gathering for Mass. Nothing builds our community like gathering around the Eucharist, so please do gather with us if you can!

Turning our attention to the items in today's envelope, you will see there a **yearbook order form**. Yearbooks can be ordered online by going to <http://ybpay.lifetouch.com/> and entering code 5018420 OR by using the paper form.

And finally, please also find in today's envelope a registration form for the One on One Basketball February Vacation Mini Camp. Details are on the form.

We hope that everyone is staying healthy! Thank you again for your continued efforts to help all of our students keep sickness at bay this week, and to help them every week as they strive to be saints and scholars at OLM. God bless. Go Jags.

For Christ and Our Kids,

Patrick McNabb

Principal

Wednesday Envelope Enclosures

Yearbook Order Form

One on One Basketball Flyer

Grade-Level-Specific Documents

None

Attachments

None

Upcoming Dates

Friday, February 7 First Friday Mass (formal uniforms required)

February 7-10 Eighth Grade Trip to Quebec

Wednesday, February 12 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm (all parents welcome!)

Friday, February 14 Deadline for FACTS financial aid application

February 17-21 No School- February Vacation

Wednesday, February 26 Ash Wednesday Mass (formal uniforms required)

No Campus Cuisine: All students, please bring lunch from home.

Friday, March 13 Second Trimester Report Cards go home

Wednesday, March 18 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm (all parents welcome!)

Friday, March 20 No School- Teacher Professional Day

Saturday, March 28	Father-Daughter Dance
Monday, March 30	School Confessions
Friday, April 3	Living Stations of the Cross
Sunday, April 5	Sports Banquet 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 9	Half Day: Holy Thursday
Friday, April 10	No School: Good Friday
Wednesday, April 15	PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm (all parents welcome!)
April 20-24	No School- April Vacation