

Wednesday Notes



October 20, 2021

Dear OLM Community,

[Colorthon](#) is almost here! Thank you to Mrs. Tarah Provencal, Mrs. Kristen Martin, and Mrs. Allison Bouley, who are all working so hard to make it a great day for our kids, and one that supports their ongoing work at our school.



[Make sure to make donations by 4:00 pm today](#) for students to be eligible for raffle prizes tomorrow, and get ready for the fun!!

We also want to offer our congratulations to Coaches Rosa Ciunci, Adam Couto, Claire Hanlon OLM '13, our cross country scholar-athletes, and their families for our team's outstanding performance this season. Our boys team won the CAL Southern Division, and our girls came in second, with both teams finishing third at last Wednesday's state meet. Congratulations and great work to all! After all their training, a little bit of walking tomorrow should be a breeze!



The Week Ahead

Thursday, October 21 Colorthon!

Thursday, October 21 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym

Thursday, October 21 Student Council Meeting 2:30 pm in Mr. Cote's Room

Friday, October 22 No School: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 22 Flu Clinic 4:00-6:30 pm

Tuesday, October 26 School Mass 8:15 am

Friday, October 29 Trunk or Treat! 5:30-7:00 pm

Updates & Reminders

- **Colorthon is tomorrow!** A few reminders to help make it a great day for everyone:
 - Students should wear a white t-shirt (one you don't mind getting dirty), uniform gym shorts or gym sweatpants, and sneakers.
 - We are still looking for Colorthon volunteers! If you're able to lend a hand at the event, please [sign up](#). We appreciate it! We encourage our volunteers to wear a white t-shirt so they can get a little "colorful", too.
 - Raffle and class winners will be announced in school on Thursday morning. All donations should be submitted by **4 PM on Wednesday** to be eligible for prizes.
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** are this Friday, October 22. Please see below for important information to help set us all up for successful conferences:
 - We are holding parent-teacher conferences **in person** this Friday, October 22 from 7:30 am to 2:50 pm.
 - **When you arrive for parent-teacher conferences, please enter through the door that your child typically enters each morning.** All of these doors will be unlocked, and parking will be available near each one. If you are attending more than one conference, please enter through the door nearest the first conference and then feel free to move to subsequent conferences within the building.
 - Masks will be required for everyone in the building during our conference day.
 - Mid-term progress reports will be distributed at parent-teacher conferences. If a family is not able to attend parent-teacher conferences, the child will receive his or her progress report on our next school day, Monday, October 25.
 - In the interest of COVID safety and the avoidance of a scenario in which many close contacts might have to quarantine were a child to test positive, **we will not be able to provide childcare during parent-teacher conferences this year.**

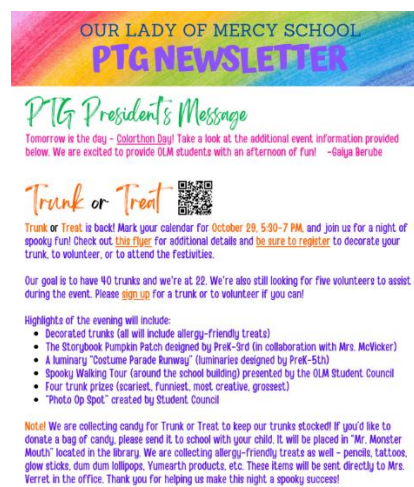
Please make arrangements for children to remain at home during conferences and for parents only to attend.

- Each homeroom teacher has sent out a Sign-Up Genius on which families may sign up for conference times.
- We will provide parent-teacher conferences via Zoom only for those families who cannot attend in person because of quarantine or isolation due to COVID. Please contact the office if a situation arises that would necessitate a Zoom conference.
- **Our school is also hosting a flu clinic this Friday from 4:00-6:30 pm.** If you have not yet done so, you may still sign up for an appointment at schoolflu.com. When you arrive for the clinic, please park in the back lot, where students are normally picked up after school, and walk up to Door D6 (the Grades 3-5 entrance) to access the clinic. The clinic will take place in the gym, and exit will be through Door B2, past the music room.
- **An important note for students riding the bus:** Students will only be able to ride to or from school on the bus to which they are assigned. They will not be able to ride home with friends or classmates on a bus other than the one to which they are assigned. Drivers must maintain seating charts with specifically assigned seats to facilitate contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 case on the bus, and this fact prevents them from taking additional students. Thank you very much for your cooperation in helping keep all of our kids healthy and in school.

PTG News


Check out the PTG Newsletter for information on tomorrow's [Colorthon](#) event! Don't forget to have your student dress in a white t-shirt, gym uniform sweatpants or shorts, and sneakers. Raffle and class winners will be announced in the school on Thursday morning. All donations should be submitted by 4 PM today to be eligible for prizes.

Take a final peek at the [Colorthon website](#) with your student so they can see their class ranking!



OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL
PTG NEWSLETTER

PTG President's Message
Tomorrow is the day - [Colorthon Day!](#) Take a look at the additional event information provided below. We are excited to provide OLM students with an afternoon of fun! -Gajya Berube

Trunk or Treat 
Trunk or Treat is back! Mark your calendar for **October 29, 5:30-7 PM**, and join us for a night of spooky fun! Check out [this flyer](#) for additional details and **be sure to register** to decorate your trunk, to volunteer, or to attend the festivities.

Our goal is to have 40 trunks and we're at 22. We're also still looking for five volunteers to assist during the event. Please [sign up](#) for a trunk or to volunteer if you can!

Highlights of the evening will include:

- Decorated Trunks (all will include allergy-friendly treats)
- The Storybook Pumpkin Patch designed by Prick-Sprid (in collaboration with Mrs. McVicker)
- A luminary "Costume Parade Runway" (luminaries designed by Prick-Sprid)
- Spooky Walking Tour (around the school building) presented by the OLM Student Council
- Four trunk prizes (scariest, funniest, most creative, grossest)
- "Photo Op Spot" created by Student Council

Note! We are collecting candy for Trunk or Treat to keep our trunks stocked! If you'd like to donate a bag of candy, please send it to school with your child. It will be placed in "Mr. Monster Moulds" located in the library. We are collecting allergy-friendly treats as well - pencils, tattoos, glow sticks, dum dum lollipops, Yumearth products, etc. These items will be sent directly to Mrs. Verret in the office. Thank you for helping us make this night a spooky success!

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[PTG Newsletter](#)

Flu Clinic THIS FRIDAY

We are hosting a free flu clinic this Friday, October 22 (the day of parent-teacher conferences) from 4:00-6:30 pm. Please click the link below for information on how to register, and see above for logistical details for the event.



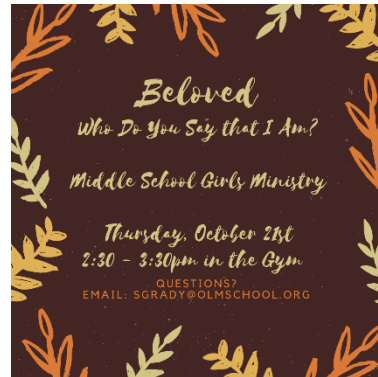
[2021 Flu Clinic](#)

Spiritual Life

Beloved

Beloved, our ministry for middle school girls, will meet again tomorrow at 2:30 pm in the gym. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend.

Interested students or parents can reach out to Ms. Grady at sgrady@olmschool.org.



Calling New Altar Servers!

Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to training for new altar servers, beginning Monday, November 1. Please see the flyer and registration form linked below. **Registration forms for those interested in becoming altar servers are due next Monday, October 25.**



[Altar Server Form](#)

Thanksgiving Food Drive



In the Spirit of Thanksgiving

2021 Thanksgiving Food Drive To Benefit Mercy House

OLM School will be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving food items to benefit the Mercy House Food Pantry. OLM School students are asked to bring in one or more items each week from the list below between October 25th and November 19th. Collection bins will be located at all drop-off doors in the mornings. Thank you for your goodwill offering!

Week One	October 25 - October 29	Canned Yams & Vegetables
Week Two	November 1 - November 5	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Week Three	November 8 - November 12	Bread Stuffing Mix
Week Four	November 15 - November 19	Turkey Gravy & Cranberry Sauce

[Thanksgiving Food Drive Flyer](#)

Community Events

Sign up Now for Lead the Way Winter Field Hockey Youth CLINIC

Practice Location: Teamworks, Warwick, RI

The goal of the youth program is to provide an opportunity to introduce field hockey in a fun and supportive environment. Programs are for the beginner to intermediate player. The winter clinics will be held indoors on astrograss. Each practice session will include basic fundamental skills, small game play and fun competitions.

Practice Day and dates: Tuesdays, Nov 9,16, 23, 30 Dec 7,14,21 Jan 4, 11 and 18
Time: 5:00 to 6:00 (10 sessions 1 hour block)

Session Requirements: 1st-5th graders (experienced 5th graders are welcome to enroll in the Middle School session). Players will be grouped by experience and skill. Catering to all levels from the beginner to the more skilled player

For more information and to register, visit:

<http://www.leadthewayfieldhockey.com/Page.asp?n=173469&org=RIYouthFieldHockey.org>

Wednesday Envelope

- [Thanksgiving Food Drive Flyer](#)
- Equipment Sign-Out Agreement (Grades PK-4 only)

Upcoming Dates

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Friday, October 29 Trunk or Treat! 5:30-7:00 pm

Monday, November 1 All Saints Day Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms

Tuesday November 2 All Souls Day Mass & Procession: Grades 6-8 Only

Thursday, November 4 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym

Tuesday, November 9 School Mass 8:15 am

Thursday, November 11 Veterans Day: No School

Tuesday, November 16 School Mass 8:15 am

Wednesday, November 17 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, November 18 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym

Friday, November 19 Middle School Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm

Tuesday, November 23 School Mass 8:15 am
November 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess: No School
Thursday, December 2 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym
Friday, December 3 First Friday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms
Monday, December 6 St. Nicholas Day Mass 8:15 am
Wednesday, December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: 9:00 am Mass; Formal Uniforms
Thursday, December 9 Christmas Pageant 6:00 pm
Monday, December 13 Confessions for Grades 3-8 12:45 pm
Tuesday, December 14 School Mass 8:15 am
Thursday, December 16 First Trimester Report Cards Distributed
Thursday, December 16 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym
Friday, December 17 Middle School Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm
Tuesday, December 21 School Mass 8:15 am
Wednesday, December 22 Half-Day: 11:30 am Dismissal
December 23-December 31 Christmas Break: No School
Monday, January 3 School Resumes

Have a great day, God bless, and go Jags!