

# Wednesday Notes



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October 27, 2021

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Dear OLM Community,

First of all, thank you to everyone for your flexibility this morning as we dealt with changing circumstances on the ground. As travel conditions deteriorated through the morning, it became increasingly clear that the best decision was to cancel school for the day. If you did not receive a text message indicating the closure, we have been notified that there were some temporary cellular outages in our area. If that did not apply to your carrier, please see below for some directions on how you can ensure that you do receive text alerts from our school going forward. And thank you as always for working hand-in-hand with our faculty and staff to do the very best we can for our kids each day.

And now, returning to our regularly scheduled programming, it was a Colorthon for the ages! Our kids had an absolute blast, and we set a Colorthon fundraising record. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a success for our kids. We extend a special thanks to Mrs. Gaiya Berube, Mrs. Tarah Provencal, Mrs. Kristen Martin, and Mrs. Allie Bouley for their exceptional work in planning the day. We also want to tip our caps to Mrs. Cait Costa for her expert photography. She really outdid herself this time around! If you didn't get to see some of her great Colorthon work, please check it out on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) pages.



We are now looking forward to **Trunk or Treat** this Friday. See the PTG Newsletter below for all the details, and please join us in the back parking lot at 5:30 pm on Friday!

And as we look past All Hallows' Eve to All Saints and All Souls Day next week, we invite all families to join us for Mass at 9:00 am on both days. All students will wear formal uniforms and attend Mass together on **All Saints Day, Monday, November 1**, after which Bishop Evans will bless the Class Gift of our Class of 2021: a beautiful new statue of St. Joseph and the Christ Child located right next to the flag pole in front of our school. We have invited the families of our Class of 2021 to return for the blessing, and we extend the same invitation to our current families.



Then on Tuesday, November 2, our middle school students only will return to the church for **All Souls Day** Mass, followed by a procession to the cemetery where we will pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Our life of faith, academics, and community continues, so please keep reading to learn about all the action at Our Lady of Mercy School!

## Updates & Reminders

- **IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A TEXT MESSAGE THIS MORNING:**
  - **First, if you DID receive a text message from us this morning to notify you of the school cancellation, don't do anything. It ain't broke, so we're not going to fix it! But if you did not, please keep reading:**
  - Login to your FACTS family portal (*The District Code is OLM-RI*)
  - Select "Web Forms" from the "School" dropdown.
  - Click on "Family Demographic Form."
  - Select the Custodial Parent Form.
  - Check to make sure that each parent who needs to be notified has a cell phone number that can receive text messages listed under "Cell Phone" and check to make sure that the phone number is correct.
  - Also check to make sure that the option to "Say No to Texts" is set to "No." (If you think this is a double negative and very confusing, you are right. But we do the best we can!)
  - Click "Save."

If you are having any trouble with this process, please call our office or email Mrs. Buonaccorsi at [secretary@olmschool.org](mailto:secretary@olmschool.org).

- **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.

## The Week Ahead

**Thursday, October 28** Student Council Meeting 2:30 pm in Mr. Cote's Room

**Friday, October 29** Dressing Down So That Mercy May Flourish!

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

**Monday, November 1** All Saints Day Mass & Blessing of St. Joseph Statue 9:00 am;  
Formal Uniforms

**Monday, November 1** New Altar Server Training Begins

**Tuesday November 2** All Souls Day Mass & Procession: Grades 6-8 Only 9:00 am

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

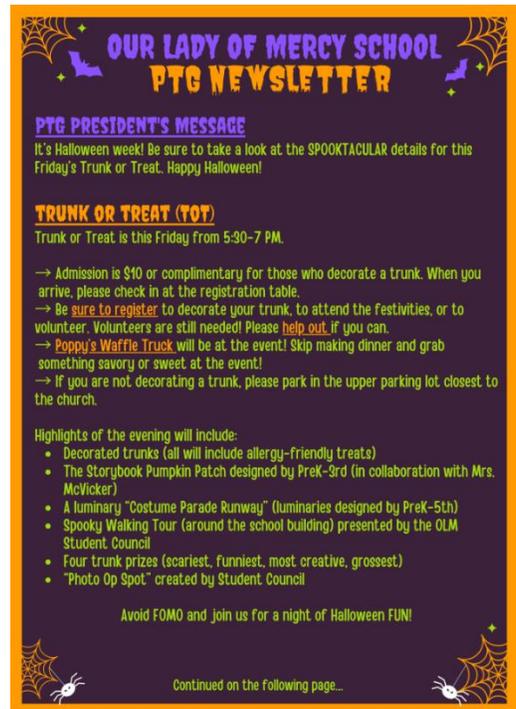
## Dressing Down So That Mercy May Flourish!

**This Friday will be our next all-school Dress Down Day!** All students are invited to bring in one dollar or more to donate to the efforts of Catholic Relief Services to help the citizens of Haiti in their recovery from August's earthquake, and then to dress down in orange, black, or Halloween-themed clothes. We will save the costume fun for Trunk or Treat on Friday night, but we encourage everyone to support the Corporal Works of Mercy in Haiti, and to enjoy a little Friday fun at OLM School. In selecting clothing for Friday, please keep our dress down dress code in mind:

*Student attire on dress-down days should be in keeping with the Catholic mission of our school. Clothing should be modest and presentable. Specifically, this means that it may not have tears or rips, may not be excessively tight or revealing (please no leggings or yoga pants), and may not bear any messages or images that conflict with Catholic faith and morals.*

# PTG News

Our Colorthon event was a huge success! Check out the PTG Newsletter for some of the event's highlights. Also, be sure to take a look at the SPOOKTACULAR details for this Friday's Trunk or Treat!



## [PTG Newsletter](#)

# Spiritual Life



### Calling New Altar Servers

Join the few, the proud...  
the Our Lady of Mercy  
Altar Servers

Serve God and Your Parish at Holy Mass  
Training Provided, Great Spiritual Benefits!

All Children of the Parish, Grade 4 and up, are invited to join the ranks of OLM Altar Servers.

If interested please complete form on back and return by Monday, **October 25, 2021** the Parish Office.

Training begins *Monday, November 1, 2021*



## Last Call for New Altar Servers!

Students in Grades 4-8 are invited to training for new altar servers, beginning next Monday, November 1! Please see the flyer and registration form linked below. **Registration forms must be turned in this week for anyone who would like to become an altar server this year!**

## [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!

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

[Thanksgiving Food Drive Flyer](#)

## Sibling Enrollment & PK-3 Interest: 2022-2023

### **Sibling Enrollment**

If you are planning to enroll a sibling of a currently enrolled student for the 2022-2023 school year, we ask that you complete an application for each prospective student by Friday, November 19th. **We must receive completed applications by Friday, November 19th in order to guarantee sibling preference for the 2022-2023 school year.** After this date, we cannot guarantee a spot for the siblings of our current students.

Please note that this is NOT re-enrollment for our current students. We will begin re-enrollment in February as we typically do, and all current students in good standing should presume that their spot is secure for next school year.

**To fill out an application for a sibling of a currently enrolled student, you may log in to your [FACTS account](#) (district code is OLM-RI) and click on the Apply/Enroll button on the left navigation. Then you can fill out the information for a 2022-2023 application.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Verret at [office@olmschool.org](mailto:office@olmschool.org) or call 401-884-1618.

### **PK-3 Interest**

We would very much like to open our doors to more families who are looking for the faith, academics, and community that mark OLM School, so we are now beginning the process of assessing the feasibility of re-launching a PK-3 classroom beginning in 2022-2023.

The first step in that process is determining what the level of interest would be in the class. To that end, **we ask that anyone who would be interested in enrolling a child who turns three years old by September 1, 2022 for next school year, please [click here](#) to indicate your level of interest in such a program.** We would also ask that if you know of friends, neighbors, relatives, or others in the community who would be interested in enrolling in a PK-3 program, [please encourage them to complete an inquiry form on our school website.](#) As we develop a sense of the interest level in the program, we will be able to take next steps to determine feasibility and make a firm decision about our ability offer a high-quality, joyful, and rigorous PK-3 program in the 2022-2023 school year.

## 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

- **Information about Lifetouch Picture Retakes will come home in "Wednesday" Envelopes tomorrow. Retake Day will be Friday, November 19.**

## Upcoming Dates

**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** 2022-2023 Sibling Applications Due

**Friday, November 19** Lifetouch Picture Retake Day

**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

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**Stay warm, stay dry, God bless, and go Jags!**