

# Wednesday Notes



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November 3, 2021

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Dear OLM Community,

The good times keep rolling at Our Lady of Mercy School! We had an absolutely great night at Trunk or Treat last Friday, and we send our sincere thanks to Mrs. Christie Cambio, Mrs. Mary O'Connell, and Mrs. Megan Sullivan for their fantastic work in leading the organization of the event, to everyone who did such an awesome job decorating their trunks, and to all who contributed to making it a special evening for our community. Thanks to Mr. Dave Belanger, Mr. Michael Carne, and Mr. Jeff Franzone for their usual great work on our facilities, and a special thank you to Mr. Eric Cote and our Student Council, who inaugurated the tradition of the Spooky Walking Tour this year. What a great way for our older students to act as leaders in their community. Well done!



We also say a big thank you to Bishop Evans for celebrating All Saints Day Mass with us on Monday, and for blessing our new St. Joseph statue, donated by our Class of 2021. Our middle school students also attended Mass yesterday on All Souls Day and made a commitment to pray for those that have gone before us into eternal life. In this month of November, we make time to remember and to pray for the holy souls in purgatory. We thank Fr. Mahoney for taking the time to teach this lesson well to our middle school students, and we encourage all of our students and families to make this a special month of prayer for the souls of all of our faithful departed.

Together, we are continuing in our life of prayer, learning, and community. Please read on for all of the details!



## The Week Ahead

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

**Thursday, November 4** Student Council Meeting 2:30 pm in Mr. Cote's Room

**Tuesday, November 9** School Mass 8:15 am

**Thursday, November 11** Veterans Day: No School

## Updates & Reminders

- **If your child requires a COVID-19 test to return to school, we strongly recommend the use of the K-12 testing sites available throughout the state.** We cannot accept at-home tests to re-admit symptomatic students to in-person learning, and positive COVID-19 cases arising from at-home tests become very difficult to document and respond to promptly. Please use K-12 testing sites whenever possible if your child requires a COVID-19 test. Thank you for working with us to help all of our kids stay safe, healthy, and in school!
- We also ask that families keep our health office informed if your child must stay home because of illness, or if you think that he or she may require a COVID-19 test. RIDOH's COVID-19 guidance has been changing rapidly throughout this school year, and the best way for families to know the appropriate course of action regarding school attendance and testing is to check in with Mrs. Fleury before proceeding.

- We have been getting more inquiries about our Extended Day program. Please remember that families may sign up for Extended Day this year on a per-trimester basis, and that we continue to try to manage the numbers in the program to minimize the likelihood of viral spread and to minimize the number of students who may have to quarantine in the event of a positive case. **Please make an effort to only use the program if necessary, and to reserve limited spots for those families that must use it to secure childcare after the school day.** Thank you very much!!

## Choir & Band!

As we move back toward our full school experience, we are trying to see what the interest is in re-starting both our youth choir and our band. If your child would be interested in either or both programs, please fill out the form linked below. Our youth choir is open to students in Grades 3 and up, while our band program is open to students in Grades 4 and up. Once we gain a sense of the general interest, Mr. Tremblay will reach out to interested families to register students and establish rehearsal and performance schedules. We are looking forward to once again striking up the band!

[Click Here for Choir & Band Interest Survey](#)

## PTG News

**We hope you had a wonderful Halloween with your families! With the holidays around the corner, take a look at the additional ways you can help OLM fundraise for our classrooms while doing your holiday shopping. Every cent helps!**



[PTG Newsletter](#)

## Spiritual Life



### "Beloved" Meeting Tomorrow Afternoon!

"Beloved," our ministry for middle school girls, will meet tomorrow afternoon from 2:30-3:30 pm in the gym. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend! Please contact Ms. Grady at [sgrady@olmschool.org](mailto:sgrady@olmschool.org) with questions!

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

### Sibling Enrollment

Thank you to all of our current families who have already submitted applications for next year! If you have not done so yet and 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.](#) You can also help spread the word by sharing our [Facebook post](#) soliciting inquiries about the program. As we develop a sense of the interest level in a new classroom, 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.

## 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

**St. Joseph prayers cards in honor of the blessing of our new statue  
(one per child)**

## Upcoming Dates

**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** 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  
**Tuesday, November 30** School Mass 8:15 am  
**Thursday, December 2** "Beloved" Meeting 2:30 pm in the Gym  
**Monday, December 6** St. Nicholas Day!

**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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**St. Joseph, pray for them!**  
**Our Lady of Mercy, pray for them!**