

# Wednesday Notes



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January 12, 2022

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Dear OLM Community,

This has been a heck of a two-week stretch coming back from Christmas break, but [we are making it work](#)! Thank you to everyone who is contributing to our mission. Together, we are fighting the good fight and truly serving our children. Our Lady of Mercy, pray for us!

## Updates & Reminders

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us last night for our Community Meeting! It was a great opportunity to talk through the details of our new COVID policies and work towards shared clarity on how we are responding to this specific moment in the pandemic. If you weren't able to join, you can view the recording of the meeting by clicking the button below and entering passcode +awV6YGv.

[January 11, 2022 OLM School Community Meeting](#)

**You can also review our updated policies here:**

[OLM School Updated COVID Policies January 2022](#)

## The Week Ahead

**Wednesday, January 12** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm

**Thursday, January 13** Band Practice (Drums, Guitar, & Piano) 2:30-3:15 pm

**Thursday, January 13** Choir Practice 3:30-4:40 pm

**Friday, January 14** Band Practice (Brass & Woodwinds) 2:30-3:15 pm

**Monday, January 17** No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday, January 18** School Mass 8:15 am

**Tuesday, January 18** Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm

**January 18 & 20** STAR Reading & Early Literacy Testing (in Technology Class)

**Thursday, January 20** "Beloved" Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm in the Gym

**Friday, January 21** Eighth Grade Science Fair 3:00-5:00 pm (Students & Judges Only)

## Thank You, Mrs. Verret

After this week, we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs. Bethany Verret at OLM, as she is pursuing a new career opportunity. For the past three years, Mrs. Verret has been the smiling face in our front office and the steady hand making sure that our school runs smoothly every day. She has also been instrumental in raising our local profile, helping to get the word out about the great things happening at our school. We will miss her presence at OLM, but we say thank you for your service and Godspeed!



## PTG News

**OUR LADY OF MERCY**  
PTG NEWSLETTER

*PTG President's Message*  
The PTG team has begun initial plans for this year's Spring Fling event, which is scheduled for April 9 at Quidnessett Country Club. Take a look below at the ways you can help!

*Spring Fling - You Can Help!*  
The PTG team is hard at work on Spring Fling, which is scheduled for April 9 at Quidnessett Country Club. We are looking for volunteers to assist the planning team! Drop us a note at [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto:olmptg@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

We are also looking for donations to add to the auction portion of the event! Here are a few ideas:

- Hotel, spa, gym, or restaurant gift cards
- Are you a photographer, a painter, a creator, etc. who can offer an auction item?
- Are you a make-up or skincare consultant who can offer an auction item?
- Do you have a vacation home you'd be willing to offer a weekend to?
- Do you own a landscaping business you'd be willing to provide a gift card to?
- Are you a personal trainer who can offer an auction item?

Please contact [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto:olmptg@gmail.com) with ideas or items you'd like to donate.

*Extended Day Donations*  
With the cold weather months ahead, Extended Day is looking for gently-used board games (with all pieces), legos, puzzles, magnatiles, Lincoln Logs, and even a DVD player & DVDs. If you have items you'd like to contribute, please contact [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto:olmptg@gmail.com).

*PTG Meetings*  
Our next meeting is tonight at 6 PM via Zoom. The meeting ID is 466 858 1135. PTG meetings are open and all families are encouraged to attend!

Questions? Contact [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto:olmptg@gmail.com).

The PTG team has begun initial plans for this year's Spring Fling event, which is scheduled for April 9 at Quidnessett Country Club. If you are interested in volunteering, we'd love your assistance with planning! Be sure to review the PTG Newsletter for details.

[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

## 2022-2023 Applications

### **PK-3 Interest**

We are still reviewing the feasibility of a new PK-3 classroom at Our Lady of Mercy School for the 2022-2023 school year. **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.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Information

We are sharing below information from both the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Rhode Island Department of Education regarding COVID-19 vaccination for children ages 5-11. We encourage all of our families to read this information carefully and to consult with your child's pediatrician in making an informed decision about vaccination for your child. If you would like your child to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, you may sign him or her up for any of the clinics listed here:

### **[Upcoming Vaccination Clinics for Children Ages 5 to 11](#)**

If your child receives the COVID-19 vaccine, we do request that you provide a copy of the vaccination record to our health office once the vaccine series has been completed. This documentation is not a requirement, but it does allow us to have accurate health records for all of our students, and it assists in contact tracing should that become necessary.

As always, thank you for your support in helping all of our children as they strive to be saints and scholars.

[RIDOH & RIDE Letter to Families Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination for Children Ages 5-11](#)

## Wednesday Envelope

**Nothing This Week!**

## Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, January 12** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Monday, January 17** No School: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
**Tuesday, January 18** School Mass 8:15 am  
**January 18 & 20** STAR Reading & Early Literacy Testing (in Technology Class)  
**Friday, January 21** Eighth Grade Science Fair 3:00-5:00 pm  
**Tuesday, January 25** School Mass 8:15 am  
**January 25 & 27** STAR Math Testing (in Technology Class)  
**Wednesday, January 26** Second Trimester Progress Reports Go Home  
**Sunday, January 30** Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm  
**January 30-February 5** Catholic Schools Week  
**Friday, February 4** First Friday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms  
**Tuesday, February 8** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**February 21-25** February Vacation  
**Wednesday, March 2** Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms  
**Wednesday, March 16** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Thursday, March 17** St. Patrick's Day Mass; Formal Uniforms  
**Friday, March 18** No School: Professional Development  
**Wednesday, March 23** Second Trimester Report Cards Go Home  
**Saturday, March 26** First Penance, Group 1  
**Saturday, April 2** First Penance, Group 2  
**Monday, April 4** School Confessions 12:45 pm  
**Wednesday, April 6** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Saturday, April 9** Spring Fling!  
**Thursday, April 14** Half Day: Holy Thursday  
**Friday, April 15** No School: Good Friday  
**Sunday, April 17** EASTER SUNDAY  
**April 18-22** Easter Week/April Vacation  
**Friday, May 6** First Friday Mass; Formal Uniforms  
**Saturday, May 7** First Holy Communion 12:00 pm  
**Wednesday, May 11** Third Trimester Progress Reports Go Home  
**Wednesday, May 18** PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
**Thursday, May 26** Ascension Thursday/Grandparents Day 9:00 am Mass; Formal Uniforms  
**Monday, May 30** No School: Memorial Day  
**Friday, June 3** First Friday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms  
**Sunday, June 5** Class of 2022 Graduation Mass & Brunch 10:30 am  
**Monday, June 6** School Confessions 12:45 pm  
**Monday, June 6** Class of 2022 Graduation 6:00 pm  
**Friday, June 17** Half Day: Last Day of School

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