

Wednesday Notes



January 19, 2022

Dear OLM Community,

We are riding the wave! Thank you all for riding along with us and doing your part to help our kids keep striving to be saints and scholars. Together, we are making it happen!

Updates & Reminders

**Questions about quarantine and isolation policies?
Review them again here:**

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

The Week Ahead

January 18 & 20 STAR Reading & Early Literacy Testing (in Technology Class)
Thursday, January 20 "Beloved" Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm in the Gym
Thursday, January 20 Band Practice (Piano, Guitar, & Drums) 2:30-3:15 pm
Thursday, January 20 Choir Practice 3:30-4:30 pm
Friday, January 21 Eighth Grade Science Fair 3:00-5:00 pm (Students & Judges Only)
Tuesday, January 25 School Mass 8:15 am
Tuesday, January 25 Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm
January 25 & 27 STAR Math Testing (in Technology Class)
Wednesday, January 26 Second Trimester Progress Reports Go Home
Friday, January 28 Dressing Down So That Mercy May Flourish!
Friday, January 28 Ice Cream Friday! (Thank you, Student Council!)
Friday, January 28 Middle School Youth Ministry 6:30-9:00 pm
Sunday, January 30 Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Spiritual Life



Beloved

The next meeting of "Beloved," our ministry for middle school girls, will be tomorrow, January 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm in the gym. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend, even if they have not been to a meeting yet!

Youth Ministry

Our Middle School Youth Ministry will meet again next Friday, January 28 from 6:30-9:00 pm in the school gym, with the theme "To the Height of Hope." All OLM School students in Grades 6-8 are welcome.

To the Height of Hope!



"To the Height of Hope"

Middle School Youth Ministry

Movie Night!!

Friday, January 28. 6:30pm-9:00pm, OLM Gym

Why is it important that we live lives of hope?

Talk and Prayer followed by:



Movie Snacks and Drinks will be provided. Masks required

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. Take a look below at ways you can help!

Spring Fling!
The PTG team is hard at work on Spring Fling, which is scheduled for April 9 at Quidnessett Country Club.

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 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, magnetiles, Lincoln Logs, and even a DVD player & DVDs. If you have items you'd like to contribute, please contact olmptg@gmail.com.

Questions? Contact olmptg@gmail.com.

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[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

Student Council Corner

Next Friday will be our first Ice Cream Friday, sponsored by Student Council! Students may order a chocolate, vanilla, or strawberry ice cream cup to be provided by Warwick Ice Cream. Please click on the link below to order. Orders must be received by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, January 26 for students to receive ice cream on Friday, January 28. Payment of \$1 per ice cream cup may be made in cash to homeroom teachers on the 28th.



[Ice Cream Friday Order Form](#)

Spring Sports & Activities!



Middle School Baseball

Baseball is back at OLM and is open to all students in Grades 6-8. If you would like your child to play on this year's team, please email your player's name, grade and age, hat size, shirt size, positions played and requested uniform number to Sherry Broomfield, sbroomfield@carouselindustries.com by **Friday, January 28!**

Girls on the Run, So Much Fun!

We are also preparing a Girls on the Run season for young ladies in Grades 3-5. To help us run the season, we are looking for a few volunteer coaches! **If you think you might like to help out, please email Bridget Block at bblock1910@gmail.com.** Right now, we have three confirmed coaches. In order for the program to be successful, having four coaches is ideal! You do NOT have to be a runner or be at EVERY practice, but we could use all the help we can! NOTE: Children of coaches are guaranteed a spot on the team! Please touch base with Bridget (see email address above) for details about helping out as a coach! Thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.



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!

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Tuesday, January 25 School Mass 8:15 am

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Wednesday, January 26 Second Trimester Progress Reports Go Home
Friday, January 28 Ice Cream Friday!
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
Tuesday, March 1 Ice Cream Mardi Gras!
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms
Saturday, March 12 Father-Daughter Dance
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

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us!