

Wednesday Notes



April 13, 2022

Dear OLM Community,

Spring Fling was a great success! Thank you to everyone who made it possible, especially to Mrs. Gaiya Berube and all of the PTG volunteers who put in so many hours to put on a fantastic event. It is yet another example of the sacrifices made by the members of our community to benefit our children, and to give them the very best education in faith, knowledge, wisdom, and love that we possibly can.

As we prepare to enter the Triduum tomorrow, it is worth meditating on the relationship between those sacrifices and the one perfect sacrifice of Christ that we will commemorate shortly. May we seek this Easter to emulate the example of Jesus and to move ever more closely into relationship with Him. No matter what else we may do, nothing will serve our children as well as a deep knowledge and love of God. Let us all pray that we will be the people who can lead them into that relationship.

Looking ahead to tomorrow, please note that it is a half day. Dismissal will run as follows:

Grades PK-2: 11:15-11:20

Grades 3-5: 11:20-11:25

Grades 6-8 11:25-11:30

THERE WILL BE NO AFTER CARE TOMORROW FOR ANY STUDENTS.

The Week Ahead

Thursday, April 14 Holy Thursday: 11:30 Dismissal; NO AFTER CARE

Thursday, April 14 Baseball Game @ Kickemuit Middle School 3:30 pm

Friday, April 15 Good Friday: NO SCHOOL

April 18-22 EASTER WEEK/APRIL VACATION; NO SCHOOL

The Road Back...

Do you have questions about current COVID-related school policies?

Then please read this carefully!

With the COVID-19 pandemic moving toward an endemic, and with the Rhode Island Department of Health relaxing restrictions related to COVID-19, we have been able to make more adjustments to our practices. Our staff spent much of last Friday's professional day working through different aspects of our school day and discussing how best to return them to "normal." While we hope that we will continue to move in this direction, please bear in mind that all of our practices are subject to change based on the needs of our school community. With that in mind, here are a few highlights that are important for families to know:

- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must still isolate for ten days and return on Day 11.
 - They MAY return to the school building between Days 6 and 10 IF they are completely free of COVID-19 symptoms AND test negative for COVID-19 (COVID-19 tests will be available at school for students wishing to test for re-entry) AND wear a well-fitting mask through Day 10.
- Household contacts of people positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for five days from their last contact with the positive individual. They may return on Day 6 from their last contact IF they are asymptomatic.
- Household contacts are the only close contacts now required to quarantine. **We are no longer conducting contact tracing of COVID-19 cases in the school building.**
- In the event of a positive COVID case in the school building, we will notify the families in the affected class, but testing or quarantine will not be required of anyone.
- **Students should continue to stay home and contact Mrs. Fleury for directions for return if they have any of the following symptoms:**
 - Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
 - Vomiting or Diarrhea
 - New Cough
 - New Loss of Taste or Smell
 - Shortness of Breath or Difficulty Breathing

Students with more minor symptoms are free to attend school. Please however, note that **Mrs. Fleury always has the authority as the medical professional on our staff to determine that a child should not be in class for medical reasons.**

- With contact tracing no longer in effect, we are loosening restrictions in regard to visitors and volunteers in the building. **Teachers may now welcome parent volunteers under the following circumstances:**
 - Volunteers have an up-to-date BCI and Safe Environment Training (please check with Mrs. Buonaccorsi if you are not sure of your status).
 - Volunteers are free of the symptoms noted above.
 - Volunteers are serving the needs of our students under the leadership of our teachers.
- With the pandemic shifting to an endemic state, we are shifting our decision-making calculus in classrooms to more heavily weight our students' educational needs, as opposed to their safety needs. You may notice more flexible seating arrangements in

classrooms and less social distancing around the school building. You may also see greater levels of partner work and group work in classrooms.

- We are also working through building logistics to attempt to bring some of our students back to the cafeteria for lunch in the not-too-distant future.
- We will continue to prioritize ventilation, air filtration, and hand hygiene at all times in order to help manage our transition to an endemic and continue to promote our students', teachers' and families' health.

And in more COVID-related news, you may have heard that we have been able to re-open the cafeteria for Grades 3-8. This is an exciting development, and a transition that our students have made very well, so kudos to them!

We will have students in Grades K-2 continue to eat lunch in their classrooms through the end of this school year. We have determined that this is the best course forward for several reasons including the following:

- There is a more pronounced learning curve for younger students in adjusting to new routines, and we have a limited amount of time this school year to teach those routines.
- The present structure affords our students more time to eat when it is needed.
- Our K-2 students have adapted well to the current structure, and if it's not broken, it's never a good idea to fix it!

And, of course, our Pre-K students have always eaten lunch in their classroom and will continue to do so.

Finally, we have one more event that is coming back this spring! Please see below:



SAVE THE DATE!

***Our Lady of Mercy School
Grandparents' Day Celebration***

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022
BEGINNING WITH
MASS AT 9:00 AM**



Details to Follow



Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia! He has risen as He said, Alleluia!

A Blessed Easter!

HOLY WEEK AT OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 11, 2022

Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confessions 11:45AM-12:00PM & 6:00PM with 2 Priests

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 12, 2022

Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confessions 11:45AM-12:00pm

SPY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022

Masses at 7:30am & 12:05pm
Confessions 11:45AM-12:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 15, 2022

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross at 7:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022

Solemn Morning Prayer at 8:00am
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2022

Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am
No 5:00pm Evening Mass on Easter Sunday

OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

The Very Reverend Bernard A. Healey, Pastor

The Reverend Daniel M. Mahoney, Associate Pastor

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PTG News

**OUR LADY OF MERCY SCHOOL
PTG NEWSLETTER**

Thank You For Supporting Spring Fling!
We hope you enjoyed Spring Fling and we thank you for supporting OLM's fundraising efforts! The event was a great success due to your generous contributions.

PTG Spring Fling Team - Thank You!
An enormous thank you goes out to Tarah Provencal, Kristen Martin, Allie Bouley, & Christina Haas for the love they poured into this event! They each were dedicated to ensuring the event was a success. Also, a special thank you to the volunteers who assisted with raffle ticket sales & distribution, auction procurement, & every detail that led to this wonderful event. We appreciate your time and effort!

Spring Fling Items - On Sale!
Didn't win your bid? No worries! There are a few remaining items available. Visit olmspringfling.com/auctionanddonations for details. If you are interested, please contact olmptg@gmail.com. Offers will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring Fling TV
If you were unable to attend the event, be sure to check out [Spring Fling TV](#) to see some familiar faces!

Mother-Son Event RSVPs
RSVPs were due today! If you haven't submitted yours, please do so today.

Questions? Contact olmptg@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoyed Spring Fling and we thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts! The event was a great success due to your generous contributions. Check out the PTG Newsletter for additional details. Happy Easter!

[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

Student Council Corner

Ice Cream Friday

When we return from April Vacation, Lent will be over, and that means that Ice Cream Fridays are back! Our next Ice Cream Friday will be April 29. Please click the link below to place your order by Wednesday, April 27!



[Click Here to Place Your Order for Ice Cream Friday!](#)

Wednesday Envelope

Nothing This Week!

Upcoming Dates

Thursday, April 14 Half Day: Holy Thursday; 11:30 Dismissal, NO AFTERCARE
Thursday, April 14 Baseball Game @ Kickemuit Middle School 3:30 pm
Friday, April 15 No School: Good Friday
Sunday, April 17 EASTER SUNDAY
April 18-22 Easter Week/April Vacation
Tuesday, April 26 Baseball Game @ Exeter-West Greenwich Middle School 4:30 pm
Tuesday, April 26 Soccer Game vs. St. Peter's @ Bishop Hendricken 5:00 pm
Wednesday, April 27 Mother-Son Event 5:00-8:00 pm at Launch
Thursday, April 28 Baseball Game @ Cole Middle School 4:00 pm
Thursday, April 28 Soccer Game vs. St. Kevin's @ Bishop Hendricken 5:00 pm
Friday, April 29 Student Council Ice Cream Friday
Friday, April 29 Dressing Down So That Mercy May Flourish!
Monday, May 2 Baseball Game @ Birchwood Middle School 4:30 pm
Tuesday, May 3 Soccer Game vs. St. Joseph's @ Wakefield Hills 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 4 Lifetouch Spring Picture Day
Thursday, May 5 Soccer Game vs. Father Doyle @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
Thursday, May 5 Baseball Game @ Tiverton Middle School 6:00 pm
Friday, May 6 First Friday Mass; Formal Uniforms
Saturday, May 7 First Holy Communion Mass 10:00 am
Monday, May 9 Soccer Game vs. Monsignor Clarke @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
Tuesday, May 10 Baseball Game @ Ferri Middle School 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 11 Third Trimester Progress Reports Go Home
Wednesday, May 11 Soccer Game vs. St. Kevin's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
Thursday, May 12 Baseball Game @ Riverside Middle School 4:30 pm
Saturday, May 14 Annie, Jr. at the Prout School 7:00 pm
Sunday, May 15 Annie, Jr. at the Prout School 2:00 pm
Monday, May 16 Soccer Game vs. Father Doyle @ Fish Hill 5:00 pm
Wednesday, May 18 Soccer Game vs. St. Peter's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
Wednesday, May 18 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Saturday, May 21 Catholic School Arts Festival
Monday, May 23 Soccer Game vs. St. Joseph @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm
Wednesday, May 25 Soccer Game vs. Monsignor Clarke @ St. Dominic 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
Friday, June 3 Eighth Grade Dance
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

Best Wishes for a Blessed Triduum and a Glorious Easter!