

# Wednesday Notes



April 27, 2022

Dear OLM Community,

Happy Easter! We have a great deal to celebrate this Easter Season, and there is quite a bit happening at OLM School between now and June 17. Please read carefully to make sure you are up to speed on the many details!

## The Week Ahead

**Wednesday, April 27** Mother-Son Event 5:00-8:00 pm at Launch  
**Thursday, April 28** Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:30 in the Art Room  
**Thursday, April 28** Band Practice 2:30-3:15  
**Thursday, April 28** Choir Practice 3:30-4:30  
**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!  
**Friday, April 29** Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm  
**Monday, May 2** Stock the Pantry Food Drive Begins  
**Monday, May 2** Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm  
**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 (Dress Code for the Day is "Spring Best")  
**Friday, May 6** First Friday Mass; Formal Uniforms  
**Saturday, May 7** First Holy Communion Mass 10:00 am

## 2022-2023 School Calendar

**It's that time again!**

Please click on the link below for a copy of our 2022-2023 School Calendar!

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

## Student Council Corner

### Ice Cream Friday

Our next Ice Cream Friday is THIS FRIDAY! **We will keep accepting orders through this evening for those who didn't get to place theirs yet.** Don't miss out on your chance to join the fun!



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

## Grandparents' Day!



*Grandparents & Special Guests*  
THE STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF OF  
*Our Lady of Mercy School*  
WELCOME YOU TO THE ANNUAL  
**Grandparents' Day  
Celebration**  
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022  
BEGINNING WITH MASS AT 9:00 AM  
OLM CHURCH  
65 3RD STREET  
EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818  
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS  
AND CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES  
OLM SCHOOL  
*Kindly RSVP to your  
grandchild by May 16.*

Dear OLM Families,

We are thrilled to welcome our grandparents and special guests back into our school this year for the annual Grandparents' Day Celebration!

Please digitally share the invitation with your grandparent or special guest.

We are asking you to RSVP by May 16th for your child/children's guest(s) by filling out a Google Form. The form can be found by clicking the button below.

[Click Here by May 16 to RSVP for Grandparents' Day!](#)

Thank you for your help and support. We can't wait for Grandparents' Day on May 26, 2022!

Mrs. Nygren and the Grandparents' Day Committee

## Raising Saints and Scholars

### Parenting without Losing your Mind

Friday, April 29th - 7:00 PM

Parenting has become an extreme sport and calls for a new kind of agility, when it comes to helping children build character and confidence in what matters most.

Karen Bohlin, Ph.D. will share strategies and practical wisdom to help us navigate the daily challenges of parenting and embrace the many growth opportunities embedded within family life.



Dr. Karen E. Bohlin is an international leader in character education and applied virtue ethics. She is director of the Practical Wisdom Project at the Abigail Adams institute, founder and director emerita of the LifeCompass institute for Character & Leadership and author of several books and publications including *Building Character in Schools* (with Kevin Ryan) and *Teaching Character Education Through Literature: Awakening the Moral Imagination*.

### Please join us!

30 Exchange Terrace, Providence  
(across from the Omni Hotel)

Reception following.

RSVP [carolgcav9@gmail.com](mailto:carolgcav9@gmail.com)

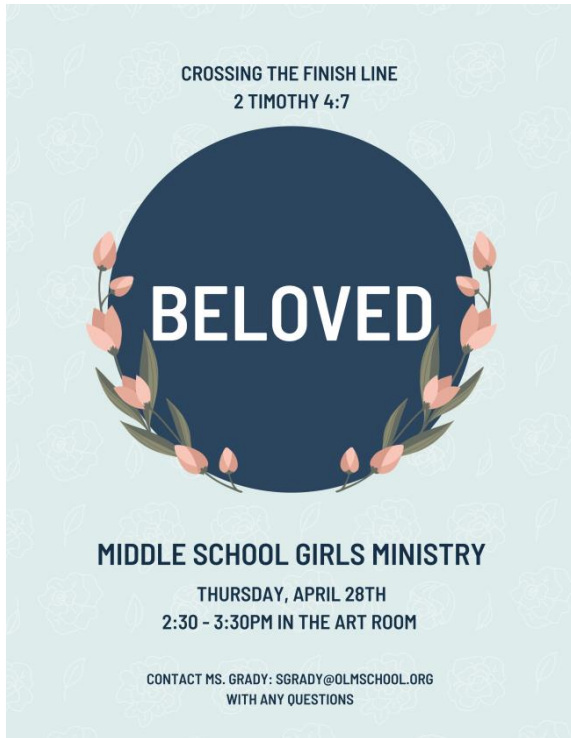
Donations in gratitude for our speaker will be accepted at the door.

Do you feel like raising kids is more complicated than it used to be? If so, you are not the only one! Periodically, we will begin sharing information and resources in this space that can be of help to our families in the increasingly difficult and irreplaceably important vocations of motherhood and fatherhood.

We're starting with a talk this Friday evening by Dr. Karen Bohlin taking place in Providence. Please click on the link below to learn more about it, and if you are interested in attending, please email Mrs. Carol Cavanagh at [carolgcav9@gmail.com](mailto:carolgcav9@gmail.com) to RSVP.

[Parenting Without Losing Your Mind](#)

# Spiritual Life

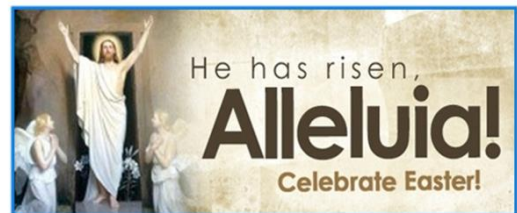


## BELOVED

The next meeting of Beloved, our ministry for middle school girls, will take place tomorrow from 2:30-3:30 pm in the art room. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome to attend, even if they have not been to previous meetings. We hope that they can make it!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School Youth Ministry will meet again this Friday from 6:30-9:00 pm. The evening will begin with Adoration in the church and end with an Easter party in the gym. All sixth through eighth grade students are welcome to attend!



### **"TO THE HEIGHTS OF PRAISE!"**

**Middle School Youth Ministry**

**Friday, April 29th.**

**6:30pm-9:00pm**

**Adoration and Easter Party!**

**Middle School students are invited to join in an evening of praise in the Church. Followed by an Easter party in the OLM School gym!**

**"WE ARE THE EASTER PEOPLE AND HALLELUJAH IS OUR SONG."  
- POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II**



# STOCK THE PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

Help Us Stock the Shelves of The Mercy House Food Pantry for the Upcoming Summer Months

OLM School will be collecting non-perishable food items to benefit Mercy House. Students are asked to bring in one item each week from the collection schedule below. Donation bins will be set-up at each drop-off door each morning. All items collected will be delivered to Mercy House where volunteers will sort and stock the shelves of The Mercy House Food Pantry for the upcoming summer months.

Week One	May 2nd - May 6th	Canned Meats & Protein: Ham, Spam, Chicken, Tuna and Beans
Week Two	May 9th- May 13th	Condiments: Ketchup, Relish, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Cooking Oils & Sprays
Week Three	May 16th- May 20th	Canned Meals: Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios, Chili, Baked Beans, Soups and Stews
Week Four	May 23rd- May 27th	Breakfast & Dessert items: Cookies, Canned Fruits Jams, Jellies, Cold Cereals, Pancake Mix & Syrup



*Thank you for your goodwill offering!*  
***Enjoy Your Summer!***

## PTG News



### Our Lady of Mercy School PTG Newsletter

#### *President's Message*

We hope you had a wonderful April break! As we begin to wrap up the academic year, we are already looking ahead to the 2022-2023 academic year. Recruitment for the next PTG team has begun! There are endless volunteer opportunities and we'd love your help. Additional information is provided below.  
-Galja Berube

#### *Spring Fling Post-Event Sale: Last Call!*

Didn't win your bid? No worries! There are a few remaining items available. Visit [olmspringfling.com/auctionanddonations](https://olmspringfling.com/auctionanddonations) for details. If you are interested, please contact [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto: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!

#### *Join the PTG Team!*

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is a volunteer group of moms, dads, caregivers, teachers, and administrators who collaborate to create fun school events, fundraise, purchase necessities for the school, and work to ensure an OLM student's experience is the best possible. Take a look at [this flyer!](#)

Nominations for the PTG Executive Board are now open and we'd love for you to join the team! Please review the [PTG positions](#) and complete the [nomination form](#) to volunteer or to nominate someone you know who is interested. Even if you aren't interested in a board role, there are plenty of support roles to fill. Please contact [olmptg@gmail.com](mailto:olmptg@gmail.com) with questions.

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[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

## 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. We have moved many aspects of our school day back to "normal," and 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 must 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
    - Must allow 24 hours after resolution of symptoms to return to school building
  - Vomiting or Diarrhea
    - Must allow 24 hours after resolution of symptoms to return to school building
  - 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 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.

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**Lifetouch Flyer**  
**Stock the Pantry Food Drive Flyer**

**Upcoming Dates**

**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 @ St. Philomena School 12:00-5:00 pm  
**Sunday, May 22** Girls on the Run 5K @ Colt State Park 10:00 am  
**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

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**Alleluia, He is Risen!**