

Wednesday Notes



May 11, 2022

Dear OLM Community,

Well, you can't say that things aren't interesting! Thank you to everyone for your patience with me as my family and I make our way through our little bout of COVID.

As our whole region is going through yet another mini-COVID wave, please make sure to re-familiarize yourselves with our current COVID-related policies, which you can find at the bottom of this email. We have not made any recent changes, but an awareness and a vigilance in adhering to these common-sense steps can go a long way in helping our kids' lives to proceed with as few interruptions as possible.

In happier news, a hearty congratulations to our second grade class, who made their First Communion this past Saturday. They did an outstanding job, and we extend our thanks to their parents and to Ms. Perretta and Mrs. St. Jean, who all did such excellent work in helping them to prepare. May this only be the first of many encounters with Christ in the Eucharist!

And please read on to see everything else that is happening at OLM. There is quite a lot, and you won't want to miss it!



The Week Ahead

Wednesday, May 11 Third Trimester Progress Reports Go Home

Wednesday, May 11 Girls on the Run Practice 2:30-4:00 pm

Wednesday, May 11 Soccer Game vs. St. Kevin's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm

Thursday, May 12 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:30 pm

Thursday, May 12 Band Practice 2:30-3:15

Thursday, May 12 Choir Practice 2:30-4:30

Thursday, May 12 Baseball Game @ Riverside Middle School 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 12 OLM Parish Families Group Rosary & Pizza 5:30 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

May 16-20 Reading Week (Stay Tuned for all the Exciting Details!)

Monday, May 16 Student Council Meeting 2:30-3:00 pm

May 17-18 Girls on the Run Bake Sale 2:30-3:30 on the Basketball Court

Wednesday, May 18 Soccer Game vs. St. Peter's @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm

Wednesday, May 18 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm

2022-2023 School Calendar

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

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

Annie, Jr.



Performances of Annie, Jr. are **THIS WEEKEND**, with a Saturday evening performance at 7:00 pm and a Sunday matinee at 2:00 pm, both at the Prout School! And tickets are officially on sale! Please click the button below to purchase your tickets!

[Click Here to Purchase Annie, Jr. Tickets!](#)

Sports Awards Mass & Banquet

Please join us for the **2022 Our Lady of Mercy Sports Banquet** as we celebrate OLM athletes from Cross Country, Basketball, Baseball, Soccer, and Girls on The Run!

The Our Lady of Mercy Sports Banquet will be held on **Sunday, May 22nd at 6:00 pm** at **Quidnessett Country Club** immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass at OLM Church.

Awards will be distributed at the 5:00 pm Mass before we gather at Quidnessett to celebrate our student-athletes and their coaches.

Student-Athletes and coaches will not require a ticket. Guests will require a ticket. Tickets are \$35.00 per person, paid via cash or a check made out to OLM and given to the front office with students' names and homeroom.

The last day to purchase tickets is **THIS FRIDAY 5/13/22.**

Please click the ink below to register and order tickets for the event!

[Click Here to Register for This Year's Sports Banquet!](#)

Grandparents' Day!



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!](#)

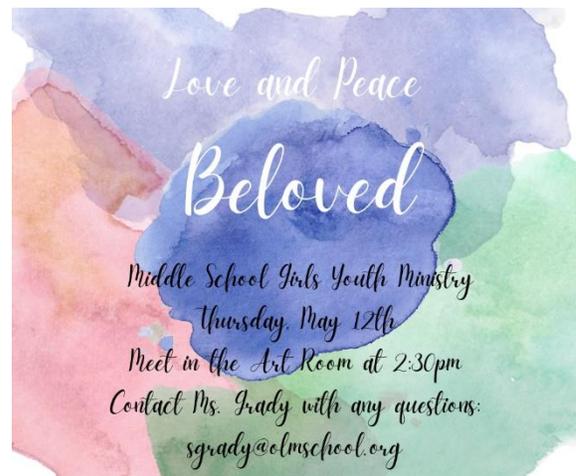
Thank you for your help and support. We can't wait for Grandparents' Day on May 26, 2022!

Mrs. Nygren and the Grandparents' Day Committee

Spiritual Life

BELOVED

The next meeting of Beloved, our ministry for middle school girls, is tomorrow, Thursday, May 12 at 2:30 pm in the art room. All young ladies in Grades 6-8 are welcome!



OLM Parish Families Group

The OLM Families group will host a final event tomorrow, Thursday, May 12th. They will meet in the church at 5:30pm to pray the Rosary as a group and then enjoy some pizza – hopefully outside, weather permitting (and the forecast looks good!).

Anyone interested in joining please email kate_jelinek@hotmail.com.



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!

Girls on the Run Bake Sale!

Girls On The Run is hosting a



Proceeds Benefit Catholic Relief Services: Ukraine

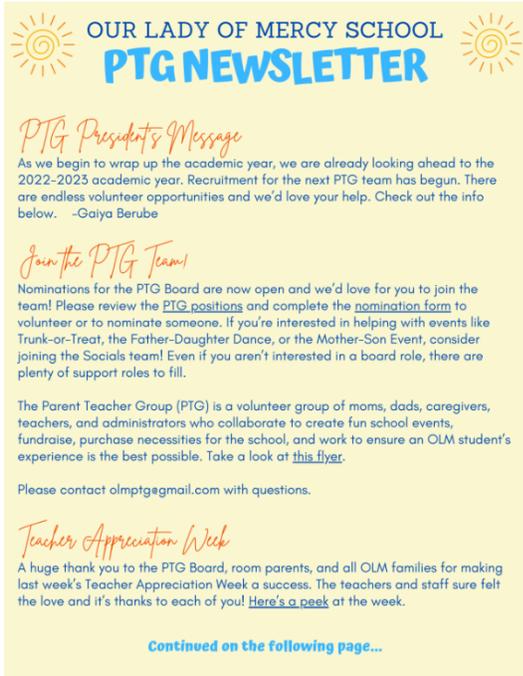
Basketball Court

**Tuesday & Wednesday
May 17th & 18th
2:30-3:30**

Cash preferred, but
Venmo available

Help support Ukrainian families

PTG News



As we begin to wrap up the academic year, we are 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! Check out the PTG Newsletter for details.

[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

COVID...Apparently It's Still Here...

**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.

Wednesday Envelope

Girls on the Run Bake Sale Flyer

Upcoming Dates

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

Sunday May 22 Sports Awards Mass & Banquet 5:00 pm

Monday, May 23 Soccer Game vs. St. Joseph @ Rocky Hill 5:45 pm

Tuesday, May 24 Eighth Grade Field Trip to Holiday Hills

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

Tuesday, May 31 Eighth Grade Retreat

Friday, June 3 First Friday Mass 9:00 am; Formal Uniforms

Friday, June 3 Eighth Grade Dance 6:00 am

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

Monday, June 13 Field Day!

Thursday, June 16 Pre-K End-of-Year Celebration 9:00 am

Thursday, June 16 Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration 10:30 am

Friday, June 17 Half Day: Last Day of School

Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us!