

Wednesday Notes



June 1, 2022

Dear OLM Community,

We send a hearty thank you to Mrs. Nygren, Mr. Belanger, and our outstanding Grandparents' Day Committee of Mrs. Christie Cambio, Mrs. Courtney Cavanagh, Mrs. Trisha Lynch, and Mrs. Lee Mita for their excellent work in preparing last Thursday's Grandparents Day. It truly was a day to remember, and we are most grateful to all the people who made it possible.

We are looking forward in the coming days to all the festivities surrounding our Class of 2022's graduation. Please see the section below on eighth grade graduation events for all the relevant information.

And, on a more somber note, please know that, while we have robust safety protocols already in place around our campus, we are undertaking a review of those practices in light of the tragic events in Uvalde, Texas to ensure that we are taking all reasonable steps to protect our students while they are at school. We will keep our whole community informed should any substantial changes need to be implemented.

Please read on to get all the details for what's coming up, and we hope to see many of you at our upcoming events!



The Week Ahead

Thursday, June 2 Third Grade Field Trip to Arnold House in Lincoln, RI

Thursday, June 2 Band Practice 2:30-3:15 pm

Thursday, June 2 Choir Practice 3:30-4:30 pm

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

Friday, June 3 Eighth Grade Dance 6:00-8:00 pm (Open to all middle schoolers)

Sunday, June 5 Graduation Mass & Awards Brunch 10:30 am

Monday, June 6 School Confessions 12:45 pm

Monday, June 6 Class of 2022 Graduation 6:00 pm

Eighth Grade Graduation Events

It is going to be a very busy week for our Class of 2022! Here is some information about our graduation weekend events that is helpful for our whole school community:

Friday, June 3

- **First Friday Mass 9:00 am**
 - This Mass will particularly honor our departing faculty and our graduating class.
 - All students should wear formal uniforms for this Friday's Mass.
 - Families of all students are most welcome to attend.
- **Eighth Grade Walk-Out 2:30 pm**
 - We will recognize all of our graduating eighth graders as they exit Our Lady of Mercy School on their final school day as OLM students.
 - All families are welcome to stick around, decorate their cars, and support our graduates.
 - We will ask any families not sticking around for the eighth grade walk-out to leave the parking lot promptly after picking up their children so that we may properly recognize our graduates.
- **Eighth Grade Dance 6:00-8:00 pm**
 - Our first dance in over two years (!) is open to all students in Grades Six through Eight.
 - Permission forms went home with middle school students today. We ask all families who would like their child to attend the dance to sign the permission form front and back and return it with their child tomorrow.
 - Dinner from Chipotle as well as light snacks and drinks will be available at the dance, funded in part by our Student Council.

Sunday, June 5

- **Graduation Mass 10:30 am**
 - Our graduates will be recognized in front of our entire parish community at this Sunday's 10:30 am Mass. Mass is open to the public and all members of our school community are welcome to attend.
- **Graduation Brunch**
 - An awards brunch at Quidnessett Country Club will follow Mass. This brunch is open to graduates and their invited guests.

Monday, June 6

- **Class of 2022 Graduation 6:00 pm**

- Our Class of 2022 will graduate from OLM School at 6:00 pm in OLM Church. The graduation is open to the public and will also be available via livestream. All members of our school community are welcome to come and recognize our graduates.

Fifth Grade Book Sale!



5th Grade Book Sale “A Buck A Book”

Friday, June 10

All proceeds benefitting Catholic Relief Services in Ukraine

The 5th grade will be hosting a school-wide book sale in our classroom on Friday, June 10th. Gently used books will be sold for one dollar. The books will be organized according to grade levels (primary, intermediate, and middle school) Students are welcome to purchase any book. Please consider supporting this cause and send your child to school on Friday, June 10th with money to purchase a book or two.

Thank you!

PTG News



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Hello Summer

President's Note
Be sure to save yourself time and stress by ordering your SchoolKidz Kit for the first day of school! Additional details are below. -Gaiya Berube

Order Your Student's SchoolKidz Kit
Save yourself time and let SchoolKidz provide your child's school supplies for you! SchoolKidz assembles student supply kits based on what each teacher has indicated is needed. Kits are shipped directly to the school. No muss, no fuss. For order details, please refer to the [SchoolKids Kits flyer](#). The deadline to order is June 17!

Join the PTG Team!
Nominations for the 2022-2023 PTG Board are now open and we'd love for you to join the team! Take a look at [this flyer](#) for additional details about what the PTG does. If you're interested in helping with events like Trunk-or-Treat, the Father-Daughter Dance, or the Mother-Son Event, consider joining the Socials 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 with questions.

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Check out the PTG Newsletter for details on a discount code to use in the School Store! Also, be sure to save yourself time and stress by ordering your SchoolKidz Kit for the first day of school. Order information and deadline details are provided in the newsletter.

[Click Here for PTG Newsletter](#)

2022-2023 School Calendar

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

[2022-2023 School Calendar](#)

COVID...It's Stickin' Around...

**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

Eighth Grade Dance Permission Form (Grades 6-8 Only)

Upcoming Dates

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

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Sunday, June 5 Class of 2022 Graduation Mass & Brunch 10:30 am

Monday, June 6 School Confessions 12:45 pm

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Friday, June 10 Fifth Grade Book Sale!

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