

Wednesday Notes



January 10, 2024

Dear OLM School Community,

We are back into the swing of things this week! Please read on to stay up to speed on all the details!

For Christ and Our Kids,
Patrick McNabb
Principal

The Week Ahead

Thursday, January 11 Choir Practice 2:30-3:15 pm
Thursday, January 11 Mock Trial Practice 2:30-3:30 pm
Monday, January 15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 16 Weekly School Mass 8:15 am
Tuesday, January 16 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Thursday, January 18 Choir Practice 2:30-3:15 pm
Thursday, January 18 Mock Trial Practice 2:30-3:30 pm

Staffing Update

Ms. Patricia McMahon, who has served as our Office Manager this school year, has recently informed us that she is leaving her position at OLM School for personal reasons. We of course thank her for her service to our school and wish her well in her future endeavors. While we search for a replacement, Mrs. Buonaccorsi will manage the front office. Please continue to email office@olmschool.org with attendance or other front office matters, and please contact Mr. McNabb with any questions!

OLM Athletics News

The Jaguars recorded a 2-1 record for the games played this past Saturday. Unfortunately our other four teams had their games cancelled due to Sunday's snow. This week we recognize the **Top Scorer** from each game. Congratulations to the following players:

Taylor Areson
Ben Calabro
Andrew Hayes

Our teams are back in action this weekend, so stay tuned for more results!

GO JAGS!

PTG News

It's a new year with a lot of new events on the horizon! Please check out the PTG News to see how you can lend a hand in 2024!



[Click Here for the PTG News!](#)

Upcoming Events

The Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 10 at 5:00pm at Valley Country Club. Invitations will be sent home Wednesday, January 17.

The Mother Son Event will be held in April. More details will be shared in the next few weeks.

Our biggest fundraiser, Spring Fling, will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 6:00pm at Quidnessett Country Club. More details to come!

Father Daughter Dance

Let's Light Up the Night on Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Valley Country Club, Warwick. The cost is \$35 per child and \$40 per adult. Invitations will be sent home on Wednesday, January 17.

RSVPs will be accepted via the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQL5cm1LGEsqiUcPmhwDe58d4yqOdx5-RMbqUkC_DUVkCcXPjg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers for the following events. Please email olmptg@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out.

We are looking for families to place OLM Open House lawn signs around town. If you are interested in putting a sign on your lawn or in your neighborhood, please reach out to olmptg@gmail.com by **Thursday, January 11**.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up at the Father Daughter Dance on Saturday, February 10. Please email olmptg@gmail.com if you would like to help.

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Yearbook Club Begins!

A colorful poster for the OLM 2023-2024 Yearbook Club. The poster has a teal background with a white central area. At the top, it says "OLM 2023-2024" in white text on a red banner. Below that, "YEARBOOK CLUB" is written in large, bold, orange letters. The text "Looking for middle schoolers interested in helping design the 2023-2024 yearbook!" is written in a red, cursive font. At the bottom, it says "WHEN AND WHERE:" followed by a list of times and locations. A hand holding a megaphone is illustrated in the bottom right corner.

OLM 2023-2024

YEARBOOK CLUB

Looking for middle schoolers interested in helping design the 2023-2024 yearbook!

WHEN AND WHERE:

- The Technology Classroom
- Mondays after school beginning 1/22
- 2:30-3:30 pm

Beloved!

Beloved continues in the new year! The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 23. **Please see the change of day to Tuesday afternoons.** We hope that this change alleviates some conflicts with other activities. **Beloved is open to all young ladies in Grades 6-8**, even if they have not attended previous meetings. Please reach out to Mrs. Thompson at ethompson@olmschool.org with any questions!



Interested in Music Lessons?

Earlier this fall, Mr. Jack Rametta, OLM alumni parent and former band director, spoke to students in Grades 4-8 about the possibility of signing up for private music lessons, building toward the re-establishment of our longstanding band program.

And he is still accepting new students in Grades 4-8! If your child may be interested in beginning one of the instruments listed below, please fill out the form (it has come home previously and is linked again at the bottom of this section), and return it to the main office. Thank you very much!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC SIGN-UP FORM

Dear OLM parents,

Your student's music class hosted an instrumental music demonstration today, where several band instruments were demonstrated by Jack Rametta. The OLM instrumental music program was started in 2001 by Jack Rametta when his children were OLM students, and he's been gratified to see so many prior OLM band students prosper in their careers.

Recently, Principal McNabb and Mr. Rametta met to decide the best way forward for the program, post-pandemic. It was decided that Mr. Rametta will offer OLM students private, semi-private and/or group lessons, based upon instrument selection and available scheduling. You can learn more about Mr. Rametta at johnrametta.com.

When are the lessons?

Our goal is to schedule students who choose the same instrument to have lessons together. We won't know the actual schedule until all students have registered, but the plan is to schedule all lessons **one day per week (TBD), between the hours of 5pm-8pm**. Lessons will last approximately 30 minutes. Parents will be responsible to drop-off and collect students at the music room.

What you'll need

AN INSTRUMENT - The instrument choices are pictured below. (Please note: piano, bass or guitar students must already have basic skills to participate). The instruments below can be purchased or rented at Robert's Music in Warwick (Papa Gino's Plaza). Robert's offers a rental/ex-change program that allows students to change instruments within the 1st six months with no penalty. Please remember to mention that your child attends OLM.



What's the cost?

The program fee is \$150, which covers the full school year. The cost of method books is included. Billing for the program will go through FACTS. The program will conclude in May 2024 with a concert for parents and friends.

Why instrumental music?

Musicians generally have higher SAT scores (about 100 points), favorable decisions by college admissions boards, increased brain development, lower levels of alcohol, tobacco, or drug abuse, and increased confidence in oral presentations.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO EITHER THE HOMEROOM TEACHER OR FRONT OFFICE

My child _____ in grade _____ is interested in playing _____.

Name

Instrument (can list more than one)

Please list any evenings that conflict with your student's schedule _____

Parent's Name(s) _____ Best Phone# _____

Email address(s) _____

I give my permission for my child to participate. I understand that if scheduling cannot be arranged, I won't be billed for the program.

parent's signature

date

[Click Here for Instrumental Music Sign-Up Form!](#)

Lost & Found

We've developed quite a collection in the Lost and Found! We will be emptying it out after school this Friday. If your child is missing a sweater, sweatshirt, jacket, or water bottle, we may have found it! Please encourage them to check the Lost and Found, which is on the stage in the gym, over the next two days. Thank you very much!



Preparing to Volunteer

Are you interested in volunteering at OLM School during the 2023-2024 school year? Because we take the moral and physical safety of our students very seriously, there are steps that all volunteers must take before beginning:

BCI and Safe Environment Training paperwork must be processed in order to allow parents/grandparents to volunteer at OLM on field trips, in classrooms, etc.

Here are the steps that all prospective volunteers must complete:

- [OLM Volunteer Application](#) - complete this form.
- [BCI application](#) - complete this form - which must be notarized by a Notary Public. Attach a copy of the **FRONT** and **BACK** of your driver's license. The school pays the \$5.00 processing fee.
- [Safe Environment Training](#) - complete this form once you have reviewed the following links:
 - [Safe Environment Training Link](#)
 - [Safe Environment Code of Ethical Conduct Link](#)
 - [Safe Environment Extract Link](#)

Please send/bring all these forms/documents to the front office once you have completed them so we can submit them for processing. **Please note the process can take a few weeks, so the time to act is now!**

Thank you for working with us to ensure the safety and well-being of all students at OLM School!

Wednesday Envelope

Nothing This Week!

Upcoming Dates

Monday, January 15 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 16 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Monday, January 22 Yearbook Club Begins 2:30-3:30 pm
Wednesday, January 24 Second Trimester Progress Reports Go Home
Tuesday, January 23 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm
Thursday, January 25 Class of 2024 Science Fair
Friday, January 26 Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm: Movie Night!
Sunday, January 28 Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm
January 28-February 2 Catholic Schools Week!
Friday, February 2 First Friday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)
Friday, February 2 Middle School Dance 6:30-8:30 pm
Friday, February 9 Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm: Lip Sync Battle!
Saturday, February 10 Father-Daughter Dance 5:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)
February 19-23 February Vacation
Tuesday, February 27 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm
February 25-28 OLM Parish Lenten Mission
Friday, March 8 Youth Ministry Meeting 6:00-7:30 pm: Soup & Stations
Saturday, March 9 First Confession, Last Names A-M 12:00 pm
Tuesday, March 12 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Friday, March 15 NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Day
Saturday, March 16 First Confession, Last Names N-Z 12:00 pm
Monday, March 18 Second Trimester Report Cards Go Home
Tuesday, March 19 St. Joseph's Day Mass 12:05 pm (Formal Uniforms)
Tuesday, March 26 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm
Wednesday, March 27 Grade 6 Field Trip to Gillette Stadium
Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday; 11:30 am Dismissal; No After-School Extended Day
Friday, March 29 NO SCHOOL: Good Friday
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday
Monday, April 1 NO SCHOOL: Easter Monday
Friday, April 5 First Friday Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)
Tuesday, April 9 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm
April 15-19 April Vacation
Tuesday, April 23 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm
April 27-28 Spring Drama Production @ The Prout School
Saturday, May 4 Spring Fling 6:00 pm @ Quidnessett Country Club

May 6-10 Reading Week!

Wednesday, May 8 Third Trimester Progress Reports Go Home

Thursday, May 9 Ascension Thursday & Grandparents Day; Mass @ 10:00 am

Friday, May 10 Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm: Team Trivia Night!

Saturday, May 11 First Communion Mass 12:00 pm

Tuesday, May 14 PTG Board Meeting 6:00 pm

May 15-18 Eighth Grade Class Trip

Tuesday, May 21 Beloved Meeting 2:30-3:15 pm

Monday, May 27 NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

Friday, May 31 Eighth Grade Final Mass 9:00 am (Formal Uniforms)

Friday, May 31 Middle School Graduation Dance 6:30-8:30 pm

Sunday, June 2 Class of 2024 Graduation Mass & Awards Brunch 10:30 am

Monday, June 3 Confessions for Grades 2-7 12:45 pm

Tuesday, June 4 Class of 2024 Graduation 6:00 pm

Friday, June 7 Youth Ministry Meeting 6:30-9:00 pm: Field Night & Ice Cream Social!

Friday, June 14 Last Day of School; 11:30 am Dismissal; No After-School Extended Day

Have a great evening, God bless, and go Jags!