

January 2, 2018

Happy New Year! May you feel the joy and peace of Jesus throughout the year! I hope you and your family had some peaceful time during the break. Thank you for all of your Christmas gifts and treats! I am truly thankful for your thoughtfulness and welcoming spirit! I enjoyed being with my children and family and staying home during this terrible cold weather. Please dress your children with coats/jackets, gloves and hats during these bitter cold temperatures. When the temperature falls below 32 degrees your child may wear his/her gym uniform to school.

We are still in the Christmas spirit! It is important to remind ourselves and the children that this coming Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> is Three Kings Day or the Epiphany. The three wise men visit baby Jesus on this day and the word Epiphany means "manifestation", the church celebrates the manifestation of our Lord to the entire world. To learn more about our faith click on the link below:

<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2018-01-07>

School will be closed on Monday, January 15, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Let us continue to pray for those cities in our country where there is racial tension.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation for children in Grade 2, will be celebrated on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00. We invite all families to pray for them as they celebrate our God's unconditional love and mercy

The HSA committee is busy planning for the upcoming OLV "Mother and Son Dance" held on January 19<sup>th</sup> and the CSW "Polar Plunge" on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please try to participate in our monthly activities. Your support is greatly appreciated and our sense of community is one of the many things that makes OLV special.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed". Thank you for promoting OLV where Faith, Knowledge and Service are our top priority. You are our best representatives in our community. Please proclaim the Good News about OLV wherever you go and invite friends to our open house. The CSW (Catholic School Week) schedule is listed below. We will keep the OLV traditional CSW schedule which begins with our opening mass at 9:00, breakfast at 10:00 and open house ending at 12:00 The Polar Plunge, in Seagirt, begins at 2:00. (Additional information will be given out.)

CSW Schedule:

Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Opening Mass 9 AM, HSA breakfast 10 AM Open House till 12:00

Monday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> Student Appreciation - 8th Grade teachers

Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> Grandparents visitation and lunch beginning at 9:30

Wednesday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> Parent visitation and lunch beginning at 9:30

Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Senior Citizen Technology Day or Viking Bowl in AM (TBD)

Thursday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Conferences 2:00 – 5:00

Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> CSW closing Mass 8:15 ½ Day; Student Skating Party

May you be peaceful, and hopeful, aware of, and grateful for God's love and presence in your life.  
Happy New Year!

Sincerely in Christ!  
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