



October 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

Finally, we are getting some autumn cool mornings! We are beginning the month we lots of excitement! On October 1st and 5th, the 7th and 8th grades students will have several Catholic High Schools come to OLV to highlight their programs. The local Fire Department is coming to visit our primary grade students on October 2nd which should be a lot of fun! The Student Government Installation mass will take place on Friday, Oct. 12th at 8:15 and all parents welcome to attend! Mission Rosary beads will be made by our 3rd and 4th grade students led by our senior citizens which we are very thankful to them for sharing their expertise!

This month we will begin the monthly student led assemblies. The 8th graders will lead our first assembly on October 12th which will feature the first of the Beatitudes series! I am looking forward to seeing the 8th grade students' creativity and I am sure their assembly will be great! Student of the Month award will also be given out to the students during the assembly which emphasizes our Spiritual theme, "Love One Another as I Have Loved You".

The STOPiT has been launched and students downloaded the app onto their devices. I will keep you informed as this program moves forward. The Diocese of Metuchen School's Office is sending a photographer to the school next week to take pictures of the students for printed materials and advertising which will help us brand our school.

Parents are asking about Halloween costumes. We will do the same as last year; all students are invited to wear a costume that represents either the class saint or a character from the bible (no Satan's costumes) and the 8th graders will continue the tradition of walking down the hallways for the Saint Parade! Your child's teacher will give you additional information.

October 25th is a student dress down. All monies collected will be held to help the poor and needy and on occasion help with special treats for both students and teachers.

The family dinner was a big success! Thank you parents for supporting our efforts. Please make sure your get your raffle tickets which begins on October 3rd. The Boscov's shopping discount day is held for October 16th – it's a great way to help OLV and begin your Christmas shopping. I am extremely grateful to our HSA committee for their continued support and all their work.

Our new Maker Space is in full bloom and is filled with materials because of your generous contributions. Today I witnessed the 7th graders working in the room while Mrs. Hockenjos helped a student with the 3D printer. Very exciting to watch! The money raised from the September Family Dinner is going to allow us to purchase additional items such as Code-A-Pillar. Thank you again for your generosity! I'm looking forward to attending our general HSA meeting held on October 10th at 7:00.

**Sincerely in Christ,
Cynthia Casciola-Kitts
Principal**