

October 25, 2018

November parent letter

Dear Parents,

Well, here we are quickly approaching November and it's time to get our homes ready for the fall/winter weather, making Thanksgiving Day plans, and getting our flu shots, etc. I love this time of year when the school is bustling! All of the students and teachers are involved in creative lessons. It's wonderful to see them using the Maker Space. Thank you again for your help!

Also, I need to report that the emails are back to normal. Please keep Mrs. Bernadette Connors, school secretary, in your prayers as she recovers from a broken ankle. We hope and pray that she will return to us mid-November. We miss her lovely smile and quick wit! Mrs. Colleen Ach will be in her place until she returns.

Beginning November 1st, all students should be in their fall/winter uniforms. If you know your child gets cold easily, he/she should wear the OLV School sweater. Students will not be allowed to wear their own hoodies during class time.

You may not know that November 1st is also known as All Hallows' Day, Hallowmas, Feast of the Saints or Solemnity of All Saints. One way to honor this day is to pray for the deceased. Students will attend mass at 8:15 and later that morning, our 8th grade students will visit all the classrooms dressed in saint costumes. This event has been a long standing tradition that everyone looks forward to each year.

On Friday, November 2nd, the 5th graders will lead our monthly Student Assembly and it will open with a JDRF special presentation talking about Juvenile Diabetes beginning at 10:00 in Msgr. Dalton Hall. Since it will be a special Tag Day, students are encouraged to wear blue in honor of Juvenile Diabetes and donate a dollar. All are welcome to attend!

Everyone is also looking forward to the Annual OLV Veteran's Day Celebration, led by Mrs. Joanne Hockenjos and the 8th grade students, which will be held on November 7th. All students must bring their own lunch to school that day because the cafeteria is being occupied by the veterans - it is a brown bag day for all students (the lunch calendar was revised... see website). All parents are welcome to attend the celebration beginning at 12:15. After the celebration all students go back to his/her classroom. If you want to take your child home early that day you must come to the office and sign your child out after the ceremony. Don't forget we have Brown Bag Days on Nov. 7th, 8th and 9th because of all of the festivities.

Buddy Day is scheduled for November 8th for children who do not attend OLV. This day is a great way to recruit our school to your friends' children in grades K – 6. If they have any interest in learning more about our school, and their child can be in our school for a day, they just need to fill out the form on the website and hand it to the office. We also have an open house planned on November 30th for new families.

Mark your calendars and come out to the OLV Christmas Bazaar on November 10th! There will be lots of vendors, fun activities for your children and delicious food! It's a great way to officially begin your Christmas shopping! The HSA worked very hard to make this day one of the biggest fundraiser events for our school. We appreciate all of their dedication and your support!

Parent conferences are held on November 15th from 2:00 – 7:00 by appointment. Your child's teacher will contact you to set up an appointment time. This is a very important time for you to talk with your child's teacher about the progress your son or daughter is making in school. It is also a wonderful time to learn more about the curriculum, teacher expectations and upcoming projects, etc.

All of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen are beginning the AdvancED reaccreditation process. Sometime this month, I will send you a link to complete a parent survey. More information will be given to you as we move forward.

Please be aware that Mrs. Namrata Singh, art teacher, will be out for the month of November because of plans she made before attaining the position. We wish her safe travels as she visits her family in India. Therefore, there will be no yearbook meetings for this month. No need to worry! The missing yearbook meetings will be made up. Ms. Jamie Wojcik will be the art substitute teacher during her absence.

If I don't see you, I wish you a blessed Thanksgiving Day with your family and friends!

Sincerely in Christ,
Cynthia Casciola-Kitts
Principal