

November 12, 2018

Dear Parents,

I am sending this letter home because I need to inform you that our secretary, Mrs. Bernadette Connors, will be out longer than expected. She will be out till sometime after the Christmas Break. It appears that she needs an extended length of time for her ankle to heal properly. During this time, please keep Mrs. Connors in your daily prayers.

We are blessed to have Mrs. Jackie Bagwell as our temporary office secretary during Mrs. Connors' absence. Mrs. Bagwell was the school secretary at Sacred Heart School and is knowledgeable with all of the communication systems that our school uses: PowerSchool, Honeywell, etc. You will communicate with her the same as you did with Mrs. Connors by using the same email address bconnors@olvnj.com

As I told you in the previous principal letter, we are beginning the AdvancED process and a series of surveys must be completed by our parents, students and teachers in a short window of time. As soon, I get the proper links for the surveys, I will forward them to you so that you can fill it out. It is critical that we get parents to complete the survey.

Next week, all **lunch orders must be completed and handed in by Wednesday, November 21st** because of Thanksgiving. Please remind yourself that there is **no after care next week on Wednesday, November 21st** which happens to be a half day dismissal.

This past Sunday OLV students presented the parish with the "Wreaths Across America" program that our OLV Dynamic Kids are working on. Wreaths that are purchased will be placed on veterans' graves on December 15th. Please refer to the letter that is being sent home today. This information is also posted on our OLV School website for further information.

Thank you to our HSA Team for doing a fantastic job with our Christmas Bazaar and thank you to all of the parents who came out and made this day a huge success! We are most grateful for your support!

By now, you should have signed up for a time for your parent/teacher conference which takes place on Thursday, November 15th. It's a great time to find out how your child is doing, teacher expectations and learn more about our curriculum.

Finally, December 2nd is the Breakfast with Santa after the 9:00 mass, which also begins our Advent journey. A letter is going home today with all of the details. I want to take this time to thank you for unwavering support and wish you all a Blessed Thanksgiving! Here's a parent prayer from www.lords-prayer-words.com.

Thanksgiving Prayer for Children
(a prayer for parents)
Thank you for our children.
Bless them with your love and peace,
Protect them with your truth and strength,
Engage them with your hope and vision.
Thank you for our children.
Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,
Cynthia Casciola-Kitts principal