

November 26, 2018 - December Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

Parent input is critical in the AdvancED process. All parents are asked to go to the link below and complete the parent letter. All surveys must be completed no later than December 14th. The survey allows parents to share vital information about OLV School in a confidential manner. The survey will be available to you on **Monday, November 26, 2018** and will remain open into December. To access the survey, please go to:

<https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/84135/p33469>

Thank you parents for coming to our Christmas bazaar and supporting the HSA efforts! The day was a lot of fun for both parents and children! Last month, the students collected nearly 500 food items for the poor. This act of service reminds all of us what it means to be a Christian and the importance of serving others. Thank you to all!

We are now entering the season of Advent! This is a special time when we prepare our hearts for the birth of our Lord! OLV School will begin the season by having a school-wide Advent prayer service in church after the 8:15 mass on Tuesday, December 4th by the 8th grade students. All are welcome to attend this service. On Friday, students will receive an Advent calendar which I recommend you read daily with your child. This will allow you to have daily discussions on ways to prepare for the coming of the birth of Jesus. You can sign up for daily Advent Gospel Reflections to help prepare yourself by going to <https://adventreflections.com/> It only takes a moment each day!

There are many Christmas activities planned for this month! Here are just a few: the HSA is holding a "Breakfast with Santa" on December 2nd after the 9:00 mass. Please come out for the fun of seeing Santa in person and eat delicious pancakes! HSA is also hosting our "The Penguin Holiday Shop" on December 3rd and 6th. This is a great way for children to purchase small gifts for their family members. Please make sure your child is ready for these special days. Your child's teacher will give you the dates/times. The OLV Penny Wars begin! See OLV Website for details!

Our talented music teacher, Mrs. Lucas, has been very busy preparing the students for the upcoming OLV Christmas Concert – December 14th at 7:00 pm. The children have been practicing their Christmas songs! I'm very excited about seeing them perform the songs! Students will participate in the "Wreaths Across America" will take place on Saturday, December 15th. I believe this type of act of service will have a major impact on our students and their family.

December 7th is an early dismissal day with NO AFTERCARE because it's the OLV faculty and staff Christmas Party. In case you were wondering, student dress down days allows OLV School to give money to the Catholic missions and the Tag Days are ways for the student government to raise money for their activities. We appreciate your support and understanding.

May you feel God's love this Advent season and always!

Have a wonderful and restful Christmas break!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Cynthia Casciola-Kitts

Principal