

January 7, 2019

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for all of your Christmas gifts and treats! Your acts of kindness and thoughtfulness are overwhelming. As we begin this New Year, keep in mind Pope Francis' words on the importance of a mother's love. Below is a segment of his comments: *"from ROME - Pope Francis started the New Year heaping praise not only on the Virgin Mary but on all mothers, saying their love is the foundation of humanity and the cure for a world often divided and filled with bitterness. He praised mothers for the "heroism" they show "in self-giving, strength in compassion, wisdom in meekness," saying they are people who know how to take their children by the hand and "lovingly introduce them to life."* Click link below to read the entire article: <https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2019/01/01/on-new-years-day-pope-says-theres-nothing-like-a-mothers-love/>

As we enter the winter season, just a reminder to dress your children with coats/jackets, gloves and hats when needed and if the temperature is forecasted to drop below 32 degrees, for the entire day, your children may wear their gym uniform to school. School will be closed on Monday, January 21st, for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Let us continue to pray for those cities in our country where there is racial tension. We welcome Mrs. Connors back to OLV School; she returns mid-January. We thank Mrs. Bagwell for her professionalism and her sense of humor!

The HSA committee has an important General HSA meeting scheduled for January 16th to talk about the Tricky Tray fundraiser and other events being held this year. Your attendance and input are greatly appreciated. Don't forget to sign up for the upcoming OLV "Mother and Son Dance" held on January 18th and make the pledge to participate in the CSW "Polar Plunge" on January 27th. Please make an effort to participate in our monthly HSA activities. Your support is greatly treasured and it helps us build a sense of community which is one of the many things that makes OLV School special.

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 27th. The theme for this year is Catholic Schools is "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed". The CSW (Catholic School Week) schedule is listed on the opposite side of the letter. We ask that you and your child, in full uniform, attend the January 27th opening CSW mass at 9:00, breakfast at 10:00 and open house ending at 12:00. Don't forget about the Polar Plunge at Municipal Beach – Sea Bright, which begins at 2:00. Additional information is on the OLV School website.

Please note: ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME THE WAY THEY NORMALLY GO HOME ON PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DAY. IF IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE DISMISSED IN A DIFFERENT WAY, HE OR SHE MUST HAVE A WRITTEN OR EMAILED NOTE – PRIOR TO 9:00 AM – STATING WHO IS PICKING HIM/HER UP. AGAIN, WE HOPE ALL CHILDREN GO HOME AS THEY ALWAYS DO. THIS BECOMES A SAFETY ISSUE AND THIS DAY SHOULD BE SEEN AS FULL DAY OF SCHOOL (it's not a half day of school).

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. **Don't forget to read the CSW Schedule - it is printed on the opposite side of this letter.**

May you be peaceful, and grateful, for God's love!
Happy New Year! Sincerely in Christ! Cynthia Casciola-Kitts

Catholic School Week (CSW) - 2019

Our Lady of Victories School

- January 27th Sun. 9:00 Opening Mass
10:00 Breakfast
10:30 - 11:30 – Open House Tours
Polar Plunge 2:00 Municipal Beach, Sea Bright
- January 28th Mon. Student Appreciation: Student/Teacher Turn around Day, 8th grade students dress like teachers and teachers dress like students
Movie Day – all students select from a lineup of movies
- January 29th Tues. Grandparent Visitations and Lunch Times
Session I Grades PreK, 3, PreK 4, K, 1, 2, 3,
Visit classrooms from 9:45 – 10:15
PreK 3, PreK 4, K, 1, 2, 3 - Lunch in cafeteria from 10:30 – 11:15

Session II Grades 4,5,6,7,8,
Visit classrooms from 10:45 – 11:15
Grades, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - Lunch in cafeteria from 11:20 – 12:05
- January 30th Wed. Parent Visitations and Lunch Times
Session I Grades PreK 3, PreK 4, K, 1,2,3,
Visit classrooms from 9:45 – 10:15
PreK 3, PreK 4, K, 1, 2, 3 - Lunch in cafeteria from 10:30 – 11:15

Session II Grades 4,5,6,7,8
Visit classrooms from 10:45 – 11:15
Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 - Lunch in cafeteria from 11:20 – 11:55
OLV Parents vs 8th Grade Volley Ball Tournament 12:00
- January 31st Thurs. 12:20 – 12:45 Lunch Senior Citizen Appreciation Day
9:30 Viking Bowl - Students wear your Blue and Gold!
(All parents are welcome to attend)

Parent Conferences 2:00 – 5:00 (assigned times)
- Feb. 1st Friday 8:15 CSW Closing Mass, Full uniform, Teacher Appreciation Day
11: 40 Dismissal
Student Skating Party @ South Amboy Roller Magic Rink
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
(No Aftercare)

++++ Scholastic Book Fair Monday – Thursday (schedule to follow)

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