



School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the Spirit

From the Principal...



Dear School Families and Friends,

I am so excited to share with you some celebratory news! This past January and February I was busy writing two grant requests for technology and preschool improvements. In the last two weeks, I have heard back from both. Our Lady received a \$10,000 grant to update staff technology and improve wireless, which will then result in growing our one to one program and provide training and resources for teachers on Google for Education. Our Lady's preschool program received a \$45,000 grant to update curriculum, create improved marketing materials, and purchase classroom materials, technology, and storage.

Both of these grants were from the Catholic Schools Center of Excellence (CSCOE). Not the distributor and marketer of food service, but a local nonprofit who believes in Catholic education. CSCOE has a simple two-part mission: to help Catholic elementary schools achieve and maintain excellence while increasing student enrollment. Their approach is to share innovative ideas, sound business practices, proven strategies and financial resources to help meet each school's specific business and academic needs. They believe that this approach will help our schools become self-sustaining for years into the future.

Gail Dorn is the president of CSCOE and we have asked her to speak at our Bash on April

April 2016

23rd. Gail has a rich history with Catholic education (she attended in Mankato and her children attended St. Therese and Holy Family) and her passion and excitement is infectious. I am looking forward to introducing our OLL family to her. Check out CSCOE's website at <https://cscoe-mn.org/>.

April is a busy month with field trips, Generation Day, and The Bash. We are busy working on enrollment and raising funds. We need all the help and support we can get from families and friends. I will be sending out a quick one question survey asking you to share why you pick Our Lady, please answer by April 11.

I pray your break and Easter celebration was everything you needed. As we are told, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more." Luke 12:48
Time to get to work!

Becky Kennedy

Generation Day

The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next. ~Abraham Lincoln

Generation Day is Friday, April 29th. That's a day the students invite a family member or friend to spend part of the day visiting the school, enjoying lunch together and attending Mass. We will be doing box lunches from Subway. Order forms have gone home with the students and

need to be returned by April 19th. There will be no hot lunch that day so if you choose not to do the Subway box lunch you can also bring your own lunch.

Twins Tickets

It's not too late to order your twins tickets. OLL families are able to buy tickets to the May 10th game against the Baltimore Orioles. Tickets are \$7.00. You will also receive a voucher for a hot dog and soda. Middle school students will sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with TC during the 7th inning stretch. Last date to order tickets is April 15th.

Registration Update

Please get your registration papers in. There are always some stragglers after the initial crunch of registrations. We really do need to know if you are sending your kids here next year so, even if you don't have the paperwork ready to send in, drop us a line and let us know verbally if they are (or aren't) coming.



TADS Business

With the registration forms coming in, the next thing to take care of is setting up your billing account in TADS. If you have already registered you should have received an email from Tads with instruction to setup your account for next year. Please go to www.tads.com and take care of that as soon as possible.

First day for shorts...

The big question: When can we wear shorts?
The short answer: April 15.
But please be sensible and take the weather into consideration if you are going to wear them. Remember, we do go outside for recess and it's not fun to be cold.

Bash

The Early Bird discount has been extended through Friday, April 15!

With all the commotion surrounding Spring Break, many of you missed out on the opportunity to purchase your Starlight Bash tickets, so we are extending the early bird registration through Fri., April 15th.

Now is the time to get your friends invited, secure the babysitter and get registered! This year's event is being held here at Our Lady of the Lake on April 23rd, and is being catered by Dakota Junction. Entertainment is Viva Las Vegas – so sharpen those blackjack skills and try your luck for a chance to win some fun prizes.

New this year is Mobile Bidding! No need to keep checking back to see if you have the high bid on that once in a lifetime piece of your child's classroom art! Learn more about mobile bidding. Register online. You will receive an email with instructions when bidding has opened.

Visit the event page at school.ourladyofthelake.com to learn more and to purchase tickets!

Win a Disney Trip

WIN A WALT DISNEY WORLD VACATION FOR \$100!!!

That's right, purchase your Golden Ticket (only 150 will be sold) today for your chance to win! This package includes 4 one day Park Hopper tickets to Walt Disney World and a Magical one-day Disney experience. That's not all! When you're not at Disney World, enjoy your week long stay at the beautiful Sheraton Vistana Resort Villas. Wake to picturesque garden or water views in your very own Two-Bedroom Villa (sleeps 6 comfortably), where a furnished balcony or patio invites you to bask in Florida's year-round sunshine and extra space encourages you to entertain family members and friends. To purchase your ticket and for more information, follow the link on our home page at school.ourladyofthelake.com.

Parent Coffees

Parent Coffees: Our Lady is looking for your help with meeting new families. Would you help us out by hosting a Parent Coffee? These coffees will be hosted by families who invite friends they feel would be a good fit for their children to attend OLL. No more than two families at each coffee with Becky and appropriate teachers in attendance. Meeting should be casual and appropriate. Registration and informational materials would be available to the families at that time. Contact Shawn Hogan if you can help us grow the school and host a coffee shogan@schoololl.com or 651-304-0656.

Preschool Events

Tea with Moms/Grandmas

The preschoolers will be inviting Moms and Grandmas for tea and a craft on Friday May 5th from 9-10 am.

Gale Woods Farm Field Trip

On Thursday, April 21, we will be going on our Spring Field Trip to Gale Woods Farm. This will be a morning field trip with a picnic bag lunch. Permission slips will be coming home.

5th & 6th Class Trips

Our fifth graders are looking forward to their overnight trip to the Science Museum on April 28th. The sixth graders will be going on an overnight trip to Baker Park on April 20th.

Lost and Found

We are accumulating a few lost and found items...lots of navy blue stuff without readable names inside, or no names at all. It would be helpful if there were names in the labels. If you are missing something, it might be here. Stop and take a look when you are in the neighborhood.

Kudos to Current Students and OLL Alum

Coco Sir's 6th Grade Basketball team got 1st place in the state tournament!

Nick Blood's pee wee A hockey team won the state championship. Luke Roelof & Trent Bowe, former OLL students, were also on the team.

Aidia Patterson 4th grader at OLL took 5th in the All Around Xcel State Gymnastics Meet.

Cara Sir and Kendra Franck former OLL alums were on the Holy Family girls' basketball team that made the school's first time appearance to the state tournament.

Lilly Johnson former OLL alum was named the Valedictorian of her 2016 graduating class at Benilde-St. Margaret's.

Rollie Lacy a sophomore at Creighton and OLL alum claimed his first BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week honor of the 2016 season. Lacy led the Creighton baseball squad to its third consecutive weekend sweep.

**Save the Date – Band Concert Thursday,
May 19.
8th Grade Graduation – June 1st**



OLL students showing support for Matt Olsen, a Totino Grace Alum, injured in a hockey game.

April Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28 OLL+ open	29 OLL+ open	30 OLL+ open	31 OLL+ open	1 OLL+ Open	2
Spring Break						
3	4	5	6 Mass Gr. 3-4	7 School Board 6:30	8 Morning Coffee 8:30	9
10	11 PTO Mtg. 6:30	12	13 Mass Gr. 2	14 K-4 Mill City Museum	15 Last day to order Twins tickets	16
17	18	19	20 Mass Gr. 1 6 th Gr Baker Parents in Prayer	21 Dare Graduation 1:00 Preschool to Gale Woods	22	23 Starlight Bash
24	25	26 Book Fair	27 Mass Gr. 7 Book Fair	28 5 th Gr. Science Museum Book Fair	29 Generation Day Book Fair	30



Stuff the Bus

