



School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the

May 2016

From the Principal...



Dear Parents,

During the month of May we will be filling our cafeteria wall with “God taught us” lessons. Our purpose of this wall is to share with others what God is teaching us every day, in the big moments, the small, during mass, in the morning or while at gym. Students are asked to write it down, draw a picture or share a word to represent what they learned from God. Feel to encourage your child(ren) to bring any lessons learned at home to school and post it on the wall. What greater educator do we have then God himself?

The staff and I are coming to the end of our self-study for our MNSAA accreditation. Our next steps are to indicate areas of strength and weaknesses. This is a lot of work and the teachers have been putting in many extra hours on ensuring that we have our best foot forward next year during our accreditation visit. Thank you!

This month is full of fun, excitement, and assessments. May 9 is the rollout for variable tuition and Potluck night. K-8 students will be taking their NWEA- MAP tests the week of May 16. We will have our first Read- A- Thon on May 26 starting with The Cat in the Hat and our reading buddies. May 27 is our track and field day. May 31 is Valley Fair and class picnics. June 1 is graduation and June 2 is the last day of school, which will end after our awards ceremony in the morning.

This is a busy month. But, looking back what month wasn't? Let's make sure we enjoy it and remember to take time to listen and hear what “God taught us”.

Becky Kennedy

Note from Father Tony

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The document on Education from the Second Vatican Council says; “Since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognized as the primary and principal educators. Among all educational instruments the school has a special importance. It is designed not only to develop with special care the intellectual faculties but also to form the ability to judge rightly, to hand on the cultural legacy of previous generations, to foster a sense of values, to prepare for professional life.” There are a myriad of reasons why parents choose the school that they do for their children and whether that school is Catholic or not the church says that the parents must have the right to freely choose. But the Catholic school and Catholic education is at the very heart of the Church's mission.

Pope Benedict in a message to educators said; “Education is integral to the mission of the Church to proclaim the Good News. First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.”

Our Lady of the Lake school is a place where children are able to encounter the living God and

understand the great love that he has for them. For sure, we are not perfect but God has blessed us, especially in the past year. I am very proud of the work we are doing and the commitment of our principal, our teachers and staff and all the volunteers who work so hard to make our school a success.

Together may we serve God and do our utmost to bring our children to a deeper knowledge of the great love that God has for them and enable them to achieve their full potential.

God bless

Fr. Tony



Class Pictures

Class Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, May 11 for Prek-8th Grade and Thursday, May 12th for the T/Th preschool. The students should be in their mass uniform.

Potluck & Information Night

Join us May 9th from 6:00 to 7:00pm In the Presentation Room at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church & School for a potluck dinner. The evening will include:

- Unveiling of OLL's new Variable Tuition Program! - Learn how we will fill our school with students!
- Potluck Dinner - Main dishes will be provided by the PTO. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert.
- Clothing Swap - Bring in any KIDS clothing, shoes, coats, etc. that are in good condition. For each item that you bring in, you can take a different item with you. Extra clothing will be donated. See attached flyer for more information.

PTO

Are you a parent or guardian of an OLL student? Then you are a member of the PTO! You are always welcome to come listen and share your ideas. Join us for our end of the potluck, Monday May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Presentation Room. Let us know if you are interested in PTO officer position for the 2016-17 school year.

If you have questions, ask Adrienne O'Connor, current president (AEO@OConnorCompanyPLLC.com) or Pam Vogt (pamelajvogt@gmail.com), current VP

It's Tea Time in Preschool

The preschoolers are looking forward to hosting a tea for their Mothers and Grandmothers on May 5. It will be held in the preschool rooms and cafeteria from 9-10:00 a.m.

Spring Band/Choir Concert

Everyone is invited to the Band & Choir concert Thursday, May 19, 6:30 p.m. in the gym. They will also be performing for the school at 1:00 on the 19th if you want to catch that performance.

Lunch Notice

May 27th is the last day of Food Service. May 31st middle school will be at Valley Fair and Preschool-4 will have class picnics so they will be doing bag lunches. All class will need to do a bag lunch on June 1st since there will be no food service.

Eighth Grade Graduation

Plans are in the making for Our 8th Grade Graduation and Brunch on June 1st after the 9:00 Mass. We are happy to announce that four students will be graduating from OLL on that day:

Tyler Franck
Zachary Hayes
Daniel Neve
Jack Skaret

Always remember to Praise
God, Work Hard and Love
One Another

You are invited to join us for the Mass and graduation program. The graduate families will take part in the brunch.

June 1st, Preschool Program and Graduation

The Preschool Program is on Wednesday, June 1st, at 6:30 pm. The program will begin in the Church with the preschoolers singing Spanish Songs with Senora Neve and Preschool Songs with Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Taggart. After they sing, the preschoolers will receive a graduation certificate from their teachers. Refreshments will be served in the school cafeteria where there will be an art display. All families and friends are welcome!

Middle School Valley Fair Trip

On May 31st the Middle School students will be going to Valley Fair just for fun. Watch for the permission slips which will be coming home.

Last Day of School Grades Pre-7

The last day of school is June 2. That is also an early dismissal day. The students will have an award ceremony at 10:00 and will be dismissed after that. There will be no buses at that time so parents will be required to pick up their children at 11:00.

Please Note: OLL+ will be open the last day after dismissal. Anyone who wants to stay should bring a lunch.

End of the Year Pool Party

Current 3-8 Grade Students

Catch a ride to Neve's after school for a fun afternoon in the pool celebrating the end of the school year! Bring: Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, lunch or snack item to share.

Thursday, June 2 - 11:00-3:30
Neve's - 930 Upper Cove Rd.in

Minnetrista
RSVP to Jesse:

jessedavidneve@frontiernet.net

Let her know how many and what you can bring.

Westonka White Hawks Football Fundraiser

All You Can Eat Belgian Waffles Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, May 15th, 2016 8:30-12:30 pm

Grandview Middle School Cafeteria

Adults: \$10.00 Youth (Ages 6-10): \$8.00 Ages 5 & Under FREE

Take out available! Silent Auction

5th & 6th Grade Overnights

Our 6th Graders went on an over-night at the Near Wilderness Settlement on April 20-21st. This rustic learning center is situated within Baker Park Reserve where the students connected with nature and explored the outdoors. The 5th graders spent the night at the Science Museum on April 28-29th and were able to explore the museum, conduct experiments, and watch a movie in the Omnitheater.



6th Graders at Baker Park



5th Graders at the Science Museum

May Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Mass K	5 School Board Mtg. 6:30 Preschool Mom & Grandmother Tea 9-10am	6 NO School Workshop	7
8	9 PTO Potluck & Parent Information Night 6:00 pm Join Us	10 Twins Game	11 Mass 5 th /6 th MWF PreK-8 Class Pics	12 T/Th Preschool Class Pics. Spanish Village Trip	13 Morning Coffee 8:30 Spanish Village Trip	14 Spanish Village Trip
15 Spanish Village Trip return	16 NWEA Testing	17 NWEA Testing	18 Mass 3 rd /4 th Parents in Prayer 9:45 NWEA Testing Band & Choir Concert Gr 4-8	19 NWEA Testing Band & Choir Concert Gr. 4-8 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm	20 NWEA Testing Middle school event Gr. 4-8 at Ricke's	21
22 White Hawks fundraiser	23 Band/Choir to MOA	24	25 Mass 2 nd	26 Read A Thon	27 Track & Field Day	28
29	30 Memorial Day-NO School	31 MS to Valley Fair Preschool-4 th Class Picnics	1 Mass 8 th Grade Graduation & Brunch	2 Last day of school Awards 10:00am		

God is Good—All the Time



The 5th & 6th graders completed the DARE program and had their DARE graduation on April 21st. Betsy Ricke & Luke Geadelmann won the DARE essay contest.