



# School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the

October 2016

## From the Principal...



Dear School Families,

I LOVE this time of year, the crisp cool nights, crunching leaves and thoughts towards my beloved seasonal drink of choice; the Salted Caramel Mocha. We are trying to keep everyone updated with goings on at school by sharing photos of your precious children on Facebook. If you have not liked the Our Lady of the Lake School Facebook page yet, please do! Seeing a picture of your child in the middle of the day is always exciting.

Much has been accomplished this past month of school and students are really getting into the routine of things. We completed our NWEA MAP testing last week and our results are exciting. Although, it does add stress to teachers who see how great the kids are doing and know they need to move them even further ahead. Here are the schools Mean scores by grade compared to the national benchmark. The benchmark represents the average student score for the grade and time of test. So looking at 1st grade reading, the average student in the nation scored a 160.7 on the reading MAP test. So the score for 50% is 160.7. This looks scary when we are used to grades and wanting to see 100%, think of the bell curve. So, looking at this chart, you will see where the national benchmark (average score or 50%) for each grade and the average score for OLL students. Teachers will be sharing individual information at conferences on October 17.

Fall									
Reading	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
OLL Mean	150	182.8	184	201.2		219	219	231	242
National Benchmark	141	160.7	174.7	188.3	198.2	205.7	211	214.4	217
Math	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
OLL Mean	151.1	185	194.8	195		214.5	223.4	237.75	252.3
National Benchmark	140	162.4	176.9	190.4	201.9	211.4	217.6	222.6	226

This information not only allows teachers to better individual lessons for students and small groups but also allows us to see where are strengths and challenges are. One improvement made this year based on spring scores was the need for more review in math and more grammar practice. Both of these have been beefed up this school year and we look forward to seeing the success from our teachers and students hard work. We keep working hard, praising God, and loving one another!

Becky Kennedy  
Principal

So that in all things...God may be glorified.



Rake-a-thon 2016

The Rake-a-Thon kickoff was held on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with a rally in the gym, and will soon be off and raking. After the teams were announced, everyone got together to pick a name for their team flag:

- #1 – Raking in a Flash
- #2 – Bright Light Light Bulbs
- #3 – The Candlelight Rakers
- #4 – The Lit Leaves
- #5 – Outstanding Lit Lightening
- #6 – Flamin Rakers
- #7 – Be Someone's Sunshine Today
- #8 – Shine for Jesus



haven't turned in your permission form, please do so.

## Meet Our 2016-2017 School Board

The School Board of Our Lady of the Lake School supports and advises the school administrator in carrying out and fulfilling the Mission and Philosophy of OLL School. The Board meetings are open and held once a month.

The current Board members are:

- Danny Patterson, Chair
- Mary Ament Johnson, Vice Chair
- Rick Epple, Finance
- Matt Schrempp Finance
- Laurie Herder, Secretary/Education
- Aline Ostrowski, Marketing
- Kassie Ricke, Fundraising
- Kelly Monette, Marketing & Enrollment
- Gretchen Chilson, Education
- Moe Smith, At Large
- Melinda Young, Teacher Rep.
- Fr. Tony O'Neill, Ex. Officio
- Rhonda Eurich, Ex. Officio
- Becky Kennedy, Ex. Officio

## Fundraiser Frenzy

Please join us on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. at OLL where we will take off with our teams to take part in the Fundraiser Frenzy. At this event you will meet friends and head out as a group to blitz the neighborhoods and learn from one another. Most importantly, we will kick off what is going to be a FUN Fundraiser.



## Spaghetti Dinner

Join the students of OLL as they fuel up to prepare for their big day of raking. October 27, 4:30-8:30 p.m., enjoy a spaghetti dinner. There will be a contest for the best pumpkin dessert. All desserts must be in the Pace Center kitchen by 3:00 that day to be entered in the contest. Tickets are \$5/person or \$20/family.

## Lunch Accounts

A reminder from the lunch room. If you pay by check to add money to your child's lunch account, please make the check payable to ISD #277 or Westonka. You may write one check for more than one child but please include a note or designate in the memo line how it should be distributed.

## Directory 2016-2017

The popular School Directory for 2016-2017 will be published as soon as all of the permission slips are turned in. The directories may be purchased in the school office for \$1.00 sometime this month. If you

## Conferences

Teacher conferences are October 17 from 8am-8pm. Signups will be emailed out soon and will be found on School Speak. Please sign up for your conferences. Specialists will be available for conferences on at various time that day. Mrs. Hebig (Art/Title 1) will be here from 9:30-1:30, Mrs. Davis (Phy-ed) will be here from 4:00-8:00 & Mrs. Jones (Music/Band) will be here from 3:30-8:00.

## PTO 2016-2017

Our PTO officers for this school year:

- President- Pam Vogt
- VP- Megan Youngstrom
- Teacher Representative-Melinda Young

The purpose of the OLL Parent Teacher Organization is to enhance the educational facilities and opportunities for the students at Our Lady of the Lake School that may not otherwise be provided. PTO meetings are held once a month.

Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not need to be an officer.

## Dance Line

Our dance line has been working hard. This year we have 2 groups. We have a middle school group and a K-4 group. They will be performing at 6:30 at the spaghetti dinner on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Halloween

Kids can wear out of uniform as long as they are wearing orange and black that day.

## Books Are Fun

Here is a chance to get a start on your Christmas shopping. You will find gifts for all ages at ridiculously low prices. The Books Are Fun display is on the table by the office entry until October 12. You may order and pay anytime from now until then and your order will be delivered for you to pick up on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The school gets a free item for every 10 purchased.

## Playground Helpers

Have you signed up for Playground Duty? October is almost filled but it's pretty lean after that. The safety of our students is our top priority so we ask that everyone take on the task of at least seven times. We will love you more if you can sneak in a few extra days. You can sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094badae2bab9-201617>

## Picture Day

Picture day will be Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have sent home order forms. Students may have a **non-uniform** day for pictures. Please make sure there are no holes in your pants and no leggings. You may order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com). No need to send cash or flyer back to school. Picture day ID is **MI216151Y0**. For preschooler's pictures will start at 8:15 before their field trip. They will need to come early to get their picture taken before the bus leaves. If you are unable to take pictures that day, retakes will be November 8<sup>th</sup>.

The last day to wear shorts is

Friday, October 14.



There is no school on October 17-21<sup>st</sup>, but OLL+ will be open. Students who attend on those days will need to bring a bag lunch. To sign up, contact Mrs. A. at Ext. 180.

## Ongoing Fundraisers

**Box Tops for Education:** Those little tabs are worth ten cents each. We appreciate all the people who take the time to send them to school. Be sure to check the expiration date and if you could cute them out on the lines that would be great as well.  
**Campbell Soup Labels:** Please save only the bar code on the labels. These are good for special items to enhance our school programs.  
**Pop Cans:** The cage for aluminum cans is behind the school this year by the dumpsters so it is a little easier to access. We do get money for those too.

## HFCHS

### Holy Family Catholic High School Youth Night at Volleyball

Families are invited to join the Holy Family Catholic High School community for Youth Fire Fan Night at Fire Volleyball on Tuesday, October 18. Arrive by 6:30 p.m. for pre-game fun with Fire volleyball players. Enjoy special seating, a free meal from concessions, between game activities, and some fun giveaways. Print your family's free admission ticket to the game at <http://www.hfchs.org/events/youth-fire-fan-night-volleyball/>

### Join the FIRE Dance Program

Dancers in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join Holy Family Catholic High School's dance program. Dance is a competitive sport during the winter season. The pre-season meeting is Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 pm at Holy Family Catholic High School. Dancers and their parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about dance at Holy Family Catholic High School. If you are unable to make the meeting and would like more information, please feel free to contact varsity dance coach Megan Wieseler

at [holyfamilydanceteam@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilydanceteam@gmail.com). The season begins October 24, 2016.

**Shadow Day – Through May 15.** Students may experience a typical day at Holy Family under the care of a current student. The program operates from mid-October to mid-May. Please call the Admissions office in advance to schedule a school visit for your student at 952-443-1955.

**Open House.**

Holy Family holds two Open Houses throughout the year occurring on Thursday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to meet students, parents, alumni and teachers as well as gain information about the various programs, curriculum, opportunities and the new Leadership Institute.

## October Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Dance Line 2:30-4:30 PTO Mtg. 6:30	4 Fundraiser Frenzy 6-7	5 Mass 9:00 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser	6	7 Picture Day	8
9	10 Dance Line 2:30-4:30 Fundraiser Frenzy 6-7	11	12 Mass 9:00 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	13	14	15
16	17 Conference 8am-8pm	18 No School Teacher PD	19 No School Teacher PD	20 MN Ed. Convention	21 MN Ed. Convention	22
23	24 Dance Line 2:30-4:30	25 Book Fair 2:30-4:00	26 Mass 9:00 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Book Fair 2:30-7:00	27 *Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-8:00 *Book Fair	28 Rake-a-thon	29
30	31 Dance Line 2:30-4:30 Halloween					

God is Good—All the Time

