



School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the Spirit

November 2016

From the Principal...

Dear School Families,



Our Lady of the Lake is accredited by Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). The cycle for accreditation is a seven-year cycle with year six being a self-study that the school performs and writes a School Strategic Plan, then year seven is when a team of people come out to the school and performs an evaluation of our self-study and School Strategic Plan. This is year Seven (7) for the school and we are busy finalizing the School Strategic Plan. The staff and school board have played a large role in the self-study and writing the School Strategic Plan as well. The proposed School Strategic Plan will be shared with families at the State of the School address in February.

The MNSAA team will visit our school March 7th and 8th to ensure that we are doing what we are saying and following their guiding standards. The team is made up of school principals and teachers from around the archdiocese. Visits are always exciting and being part of a team is a great experience. I am looking forward to showing off our great school to colleagues.

Going through the self-study to write the School Strategic Plan is a hefty project, but a necessary one to ensure that we are continually improving and moving forward as a school community. I ask for prayer for the staff, board members, school and me as we continue through this journey together.

Becky Kennedy

From Father Tony...

Nov 1 we celebrated the feast of All Saints. In a famous homily for this feast St. Bernard wrote; "Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feast day mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them." In our Catholic Tradition we have a host of men and women saints who have gone before us who were outstanding in virtue and holiness. They serve as signposts for us, pointing the way to Jesus and giving us a model of how we are to live. We are all called to holiness yet we know that we need help. The saints are interceding for us that we may have more of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Of all the definitions of a saint, the one that I like the most was given by the Scottish writer, Robert Louis Stevenson who said that "Saints are sinners who kept on trying."

May God grant us the grace of perseverance and greater measure of His Holy Spirit.
God bless,

Fr. Tony



The CCW is hosting a fall luncheon and show on Saturday, November 5th. ENJOY A GIRLS' DAY OUT! All are welcome! Bring a friend, come for lunch, enjoy the show, and stay for the raffle! Please see the attached flyer for more information. programs at our Church and benefiting our school.

Rake-a-thon Update

As this newsletter is going to print, we don't have the complete results of the Rake-a-Thon totals; however, we can tell you that we have exceeded our goal of \$25,000 with more money still coming in. We wish to thank our rake-a-thon chairs, Stephanie Greene and Julie Roelofs for their awesome work in organizing the event, and to all of the volunteers who helped in all areas. Also, a big thank you to Kelly Monette & Danielle Witschorik for chairing the spaghetti dinner and the many volunteers that helped out with that. Great job, everyone!

OLL Band & Choir

Our Band and choir is off to a good start this year. They are going to be performing at Eden Prairie Mall December 16th at 10:30. If you would like more information on the band program, contact the school office.

Health Office Notes

We will be doing hearing and eye exams for students in grades 1, 3, 5 & 7 the week of November 14th. If you have any concerns about your child's hearing or eye sight, please let Nurse Julie know before that time.

Also, we would like to remind you before the cold and flu season starts, that if a child has a fever they should be kept home until their temperature has been normal for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing meds. If your child has been ill during the night with vomiting, diarrhea, fever or excessive cough, we ask that you keep him home the following day to rest.

What is the weather doing?

Please pay attention. Now that the weather is getting a little cooler, your child should be putting on a coat...and hat...and mittens and when it snows they will also need boots and snow pants (snow pants for K-4). They do go outside for recess and our playground is markedly cooler than anyplace else in Mound.

Speaking of recess – have you signed up for your recess duty? You can find the url to the sign up genius on the school Website or contact Julie in the health office, #149 or Carol in the school office, #150. We are in need of volunteers the next 2 months.

OLL+ Days Open...Closed

November 11th is a workshop day and the 23rd is Rake a Thon Reward Day, the 24th & 25th is Thanksgiving vacation. OLL+ will be open on November 11th and November 23rd but will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after. If you wish to use OLL+ for the 11th or 23rd, please contact Mrs. A. to reserve your space.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are Tuesday, November 8 from 9-10:30 am in the Fireside room. If your child was absent that day, there are order forms in the office. If you are doing retakes you need to bring back your photo package. If you don't have the packet they can still retake the pictures but they won't be ordered until the package is returned. Students should wear their picture top to school and bring their uniform to change into right after they have their picture taken.

November Service Project

We are hosting a service night on November 14th from 6:30-7:30 in the Presentation Room. We will be making sandwiches to donate to Loaves and Fishes meal program at St Stephen's in Minneapolis. We will provide the bread and lunch meat. We are also looking for donations of wrapped snacks, such as granola bars, fruit snacks, lunch box size cookies, chips, crackers, etc.

Family Fun Night

Please join us Monday, November 7th from 5:30-7:30 in the Presentation Room and Gym for a light dinner. There will be speedway games and activities. Open to all ages.

Missing Items

We have a few extra rakes and tarps and also a youth fleece 10/12 North Face jacket. They are up by the office.



Virtus Training

We are offering another Virtus training session at OLL on Saturday, November 12th from 9-noon. You can register at virtusonline.org.

HFCHS Open House

Holy Family Catholic High School wants to be the high school of choice for your family. Learn more about us by attending our Fall Open House on Thursday, November 3, at 6:30 p.m. The evening begins with an activity fair followed by information on financial aid and grants, curriculum, and the college preparation process at Holy Family. Students, staff, parents and alumni will be here to answer questions and

share information. Please join us! Learn more about the open house and RSVP at <http://myschool.hfchs.org/openhouregistration.php>

Kudos to Current Students and OLL Alum

We love to hear about the successes of our current and former OLL students. Please let Kassie Ricke and Carol Franck know if there are things you want to share with the OLL community and we will put them in our newsletters.

Congrats to Patrick Ricke, OLL 8th grader, for getting 1st place in the Jr. High Conference Cross Country meet.

Kendra Franck, former OLL alum and Holy Family senior, qualified for the State Cross Country meet for the 4th consecutive year. The meet is at St. Olaf November 5th at 11:00.

Evan Epple, former OLL alum and Holy Family senior, has been recognized as a commended student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Only 2 students from Holy Family received this recognition.

Kate Johnson, former OLL alum, successfully passed the July 2016 Minnesota bar exam and participated in the MN Court of Appeals Swearing-In Ceremony on Friday, October 28, 2016. Kate is currently clerking for the Honorable Judge Denise Reilly at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. Kate has accepted position as an Associate for Foley and Mansfield upon completion of her clerkship.

Thanksgiving 5k

Looking for something to do on Thanksgiving morning? Howard Lake Waverly Softball is sponsoring a 5K race Thanksgiving day at 9:00am. If you would like more information there are registration forms on the table by the office or contact Chris Johnson at chrisj@christiansinc.com.

November Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mass Gr. 5/6	2	3 Middle school retreat at Holy Family Holy Family Open House 6:30-8:30 Board Mtg.	4	5
6	7 Family Fun Night 5:30- 7:30 PTO Mtg.	8 Picture Retakes 9- 10:30	9 Mass Gr. 3/4	10	11 No School PD Day	12 Virtus Training session 9-12
13	14 Dance Line 2:30-4:30 Service Night 6:30- 7:30	15	16 Mass Gr. 1/2	17	18	19
20	21 Dance Line 2:30-4:30 K-4 Field Trip to Sea Life	22 Mound Christmas Tree Lighting	23 No School Rake a Thon Reward Day OLL+ Open	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School	26
27	28 Dance Line 2:30-4:30	29	30 Mass Gr. 7/8			

