



School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the Spirit

March, 2017

From the Principal:



Dear School Families,

It is here! We have been working towards this event for the past 18 months. Our MNSAA accreditation visit is happening next week, March 7th and 8th. We have a team of 9 principals and teachers from other Catholic schools coming to visit for the two days. During their visit they will validate the findings of our work through reviewing documents, observations and interviews. They will analyze our School Strategic Plan (an abbreviated version was presented at state of the school) and evaluate if there is sufficient evidence of compliance with the accreditation criteria. I am so excited to show off this great school and what we do!

What does this mean for students, teachers and parents? Well, we will have people interviewing us and visiting classrooms. If you see them in the building, please warmly welcome them. They will probably ask you a few questions. Someone may call you on the 7th or 8th and ask you questions about the school and confirm what we wrote. Please share with them what you love and where you would like to see improvements.

At the end of the visit they will present the findings to the MNSAA Executive Director, who then, determines the accredited status of the school. I will share final results with the school community once I have them in April.

On March 16 we get to do this all over again with the archdiocese team for our Catholic Identity visit, yahoo!

7th grade is at Wolf Ridge and 8th grade is in Chicago on their mission trip, please keep them in your prayers.

Becky Kennedy

Note From Father Tony...

Dear Friends,



March 1st is Ash Wednesday when we embark on the great journey of Lent. It is a time to get things in the right perspective and to attend to the things that are most important. This is a season of conversion when God wants to lead us into a deeper relationship with him. During the season of Lent we will be reflecting as a parish and a school on the story of salvation especially in considering how God saved his people in the history of the Old Testament. God led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and through Moses gave them the Ten Commandments. He made a covenant with His people saying that He would bless them if they followed Him. One of the main features of the history of Salvation is not just God's love and goodness but also of his people's rejection of his love. Time and time again God would save his people and time and time again they would turn away from Him. The season of Lent is a time for recognizing that the story of God's people is also our story. God has blessed us and yet we turn away from Him and sin. This is why we needed a savior, because we cannot save ourselves.

As we move onward towards the celebration of Easter may God open our eyes to see the

greatness of His love and may we know the joy of His salvation.

God bless

Fr. Tony

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Art Adventure Update

The volunteers in the Art Adventure program have been coming to school during the month of February to bring an art series to the students in grade K-8. March 14th is the date when the whole school will be going to the Minnesota Institute of Arts to see the pieces in person, so be sure to get the permission slips in.

OLL is the Best!

During the months of December and January, Sun Patriot newspapers (Laker & Pioneer Area) published a full page Readers' Choice Survey. The results show, **we are a Readers' Choice Winner!**



In the Education Category, Our Lady of the Lake was voted Best Private School & Best Preschool!

Keg & Cork

Join us Saturday, March 4th at the Our Lady of the Lake for the 2nd annual KEG & CORK. This is a beer, wine and cider tasting event to benefit Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School. There are a limited number of tickets that can be purchased. Purchase tickets at <http://school.ourladyofthelake.com/kegcork/>

Jump Rope for Heart

March 9th will be heart event day in your phy-ed classes. You can still bring in your donations.

Starlight Gala

Join us Saturday, April 29 at the Wayzata Country Club for the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School's Starlight Gala. The evening will include dinner, drinks, as well as a silent and live auction, and most

importantly – FUN! Registration for the event goes live on Monday, March 6 at <http://school.ourladyofthelake.com/starlightgala/>

Invite your friends, get your babysitter booked and enjoy a night out to support our great school! Can't be there for the Gala? Please consider, purchasing an ad, sponsoring a table, or donating a gift item to our live and/or silent auctions. Sponsorships and ads are a great way to promote your business to over 150 attendees and over 2000 of our supporters while supporting our school.

If you have any questions, or would like to be a sponsor, please contact Starlight Gala Chair, Tara Collins at tcollins@grenergy.com or [612-239-4110](tel:612-239-4110).

Twins Game

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!



Mark your calendars! Our second annual OLL group Twin's game is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 when the Minnesota Twins take on the Oakland A's.

Like last year, our middle school students will appear on the jumbo Tron singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with TC during the 7th inning stretch!

Tickets are only \$10. With your ticket you will also receive a hotdog and soda at the game. A portion of your ticket sale will go towards the OLL music program to help fund essentials needed for our school performances.

We are limited to 200 tickets and they will be given out on a first come first serve basis. Last year we sold out. The last day ticket request forms will be accepted is **Wednesday, April 5th**, or until sold out.

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the game. See you at Target Field!

Molly Jones
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Gala Donations

Do you have extra hotel points that you aren't using, sporting event tickets, vacation homes etc.? If you have something that you would like to donate to the Starlight Gala, contact Tara Collins at 612-239-4110 or tcollins@grenergy.com.

OLL+

There will be no school March 24 and March 27-March 31. OLL+ will be open. Contact Mrs. A. at Extension 180 to reserve your spots.

Urgent! Playground Helpers Needed

If you can spare a half hour during the noon hour (11:30-12:15), please consider adding an extra playground duty. Most days in March and April are open. You can sign up at the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094badae2bab9-201617>

Stuff the Bus

March is Food Share Month. Let's help stuff the bus on March 10. Food may be dropped off by the school office anytime between March 6-10.

HFCHS Summer Camps

Join the summer fun at Holy Family Catholic High School! Our summer camps are open to the community and provide a safe place to explore new interests and improve skills. From cooking to acting or fencing to volleyball, there is something for everyone on campus this summer. Learn more and register for camps at <http://www.hfchs.org/firecamps>

Kindergarten News

Kinders will be working intensely on vowels all month in reading and writing. They will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2 with Seuss-related activities all day. As part of their STEM lessons, they will be creating Leprechaun traps in hopes of catching a leprechaun.... Kinders will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17 with lots of green related experiments and math

estimations/graphing. In Religion, they have been busy learning about The Stations of the Cross and putting them in the proper order. The Kinders will also be hosting many preschoolers this month to learn about kindergarten. That means the Kinders will do lots of peer teaching and learning about the responsibility of caring for another (the buddy system).

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg hunt will be on the morning of April 8th. Watch for details to come. If you are interested in volunteering, contact the school office.

HF Middle School Track

Students in grades 5-8 interested in learning more about track and field are invited to join the **HFCHS Middle School Track Club** for a 5-week skill-building and competition clinic from April 17-May 20. Train with the Holy Family FIRE Track & Field coaches 2-3 days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, and some Fridays from 5:30-7 p.m.) to explore different track and field events, learn new skills, and meet new friends. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.hfchs.org/firecamps>. Contact Head Coach Ian Parzyck with any questions at parzycki@hfchs.org.

Preschool

The March service project will be to collect food for the Westonka Food Shelf To learn what the Food Shelf is all about Mrs. Taggart's class will be walking to the Food Shelf on Thursday March 2nd Permission slips went home Monday. As always, if your child doesn't attend school on Thursday they can attend with us. We will be leaving at 2:15pm and returning at 2:45pm. Mrs. Isaac's class will be going as well. Details on date will be coming soon.

Both preschool classes would like to have preschoolers to bring in a box of their favorite cereal to donate to the food shelf. If you are able, please bring in your cereal the week of 3/6-3/10.

Family Service Night

We will be making sandwiches again for loaves and fishes and collecting socks and towels for Deacon Del.

Engineering for Kids

We are offering an Engineering for Kids class on Tuesdays from March 14-Apr. 25 exc. Mar 28. We need to have at least 8 kids in each class for them to come out and do the class. Registration forms are going home with kids today.

Calendar of Events for March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8 th on Mission Trip	27 8 th on Mission Trip 7 th Wolf Ridge	28 8 th on Mission Trip 7 th Wolf Ridge Chess Club	1 Mass Gr. 3/4 8 th on Mission Trip 7 th Wolf Ridge	2 8 th on Mission Trip 7 th Wolf Ridge	3 7 th Wolf Ridge KC Shrimp Fry at OLL Daneline performs at MWS at 7:00	4 Keg & Cork
5	6 Family Fun Night 5:30- 7:30	7	8 Mass Gr. 1/2	9 Chess Club Jump Rope for Heart in Gym	10 Stuff the Bus 1:20	11
12 Daylight Saving Time Spring Forward	13 Family Service Night 5-7	14	15 Mass Gr. 7/8	16	17 Students can wear green	18
19	20	21	22 Mass Gr. 5/6	23 Chess Club	24 No School OLL+ Open	25
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Spring Break

God is Good—All the Time

Alumni Spotlight

Good afternoon. My name is Maggie Mahota and I am a life-long student of catholic education – from a 3-year old in the OLL Bright Beginnings preschool to a current junior at Holy Family Catholic High School. Mrs. Kennedy asked me to say a few words about how Catholic education has helped form me and prepare me for life. I found that to be kind of a hard question since Catholic schools are all that I’ve ever known. So I asked myself why it matters that I go to a Catholic school, and how I am different than I might otherwise be. After considering that, here’s my “short list” of just a few things that I believe are unique about Catholic education and have been continually shaping me for the past 13 years:

1. #1. The first is faith. Faith is practiced every day. It takes time to be spiritually fit, similar to how it takes time to be physically or mentally fit. We have always practiced this spiritual fitness throughout our day at OLL and at Holy Family and, I would guess, all other catholic schools. I’ve learned that prayer can be simple but needs to be a part of everyday life. One simple prayer that I really like now is the one that begins and ends each day at Holy Family: “Let us remember that we are always in the holy presence of God.” I find it to be a great reminder.
2. #2. Next is knowledge. Knowledge is important to success. Knowledge is important in any school and that is certainly the case with catholic education, as well. I have always felt that my teachers were fully committed to all of their students. They know their students individually. They come in early and stay late in order to help students gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed. Expectations are high, but so is the support. I have experienced for myself and witnessed through my older brothers how strong grade school academics at OLL led to strong high school performance at Holy Family which leads to strong college achievements, and I expect that it continues that way throughout life.
3. #3. Lastly service. Service is a part of daily life. Beginning in my years at OLL, I’ve witnessed that some form of service is meant to be part of our everyday lives. Not everything that Jesus did on earth was a great big miracle, but everything that he did was out of love and service to others. Catholic education has taught me that being the hands of feet of Jesus means living in that same way – serve big when you can, but serve in small ways every day.

I am grateful that catholic education has provided a solid and consistent foundation on which to base my everyday life. I know that these core values of practicing my faith, gaining and using knowledge, and serving others will stay with me as I head out into the world on my own in a couple of years, and I believe that they can make the world a better place.

Thank you for your time. Thank you for your support of catholic education. And I hope that you have a nice evening.

