



School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the Spirit

April 2017

From the Principal...



Dear School Families and Friends,

Our MNSAA accreditation visit went so very well! The MNSAA board will be reviewing the report in May, but I can share with you key findings from the team.

The team was VERY impressed with the blended learning model that our teachers have embraced. As always, our students let their light shine, and the team stated that when in the classroom, "students were kind, helpful, and courteous to each other." Also noted, was that it is apparent that the parishioners at OLL are very proud and supportive of the school and they are committed to its success.

The top five commendations from the team follow:

1. The team commends the teachers for the development and use of unit design plans.
2. The team commends OLL for its dedication to training in blended learning and the use of technology.
3. The team commends the students for their appropriate and respectful behavior, as well as their commitment to learning.
4. The team commends OLL parish and school for their financial commitment to the long term success of the school.
5. The team commends the principal, pastor, and school board for their strong,

dedicated leadership to further the mission of OLL school.

Our Lady has a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. I know I am thankful for the dedicated staff, supportive community, and wonderful students; I celebrate that God has brought my family and me to this great village we call OLL!

Becky Kennedy

Note From Father Tony...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



April 16 marks the great feast of Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. "The Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ; a faith believed and lived as the central truth by the first Christian community. This is what our Catechism says of this great feast that we celebrate today. Pope Benedict says of this feast; "Faith in the resurrection of Jesus says that there is a future for every human being; the cry for unending life which is a part of the person is indeed answered ... God exists: that is the real message of Easter." So, it is a day to rejoice because God who loves us has raised us up, redeemed and forgiven us, and called us to new life in Christ.

As you gather in various places today to celebrate your Easter meal let me encourage you to pause for a moment and have each person at the table mention something that they are

grateful for. God is good and it is only right we acknowledge his goodness.

May God bless you as we enter into the Easter season and may you each know the joy of the Resurrection.

God bless
Fr. Tony

Yearbooks

We are getting ready to order the yearbooks. If you missed the deadline, you can have one more chance to purchase a yearbook. They are \$22 and you can make checks out to OLL. Please send payment to the office by Thursday, April 6th. You can also order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com yearbook code 2664717.

Living Stations of the Cross

Please join us in the gym on April 13th at 8:50 as the 7th & 8th graders walk us through a living stations of the cross.

Generation Day

Generation Day is Friday, April 28th. 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 2nd game against the Oakland A's. Tickets are \$10.00. 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 5th or until sold out.

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.

Starlight Gala

TIME IS RUNNING OUT – BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

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).

Win a Disney Trip

PURCHASE YOUR GOLDEN TICKET TODAY! Win a Disney Getaway • October 14th - 21st, 2017

Has that Disney Vacation been on your list of dream vacations to take with your kids or grandkids, but the cost of the vacation has kept it out of your reach? Well, do we have a deal for you! We are selling 150 \$100 Golden Tickets, so if you only buy one - you have a 1 in 150 chance of winning! The winning ticket will enjoy four, one-day Park Hopper tickets to Walt Disney World for a Magical one-day Disney experience. These tickets alone are valued at \$650 - but that's not all!

You'll be spending a full week at the Holiday Inn Club Vacations® Orange Lake Resort, located next door to Walt Disney World® Resort and Disney Animal Kingdom Theme Park. As a resort guest, you'll enjoy giant water slides, daily activities in Swampy Activity Center, and on-site golf courses designed by Arnold Palmer. After you've worked up an appetite, enjoy a delicious meal in your Orlando resort villa with full kitchen or dine-out at one of nine restaurants and dining options. So, whether you're vacationing with toddlers, teenagers or twenty-somethings, everyone will remember Holiday Inn Club Vacations at Orange Lake Resort as the best vacation resort in Orlando! This 2-bedroom villa is equipped with a full kitchen and enough room to give everyone their space, as it comfortably sleeps eight. Travel dates are Saturday, October 14th - Saturday, October 21st, 2017.

Lodging Courtesy of: Mike & Stephanie Greene. Total value of this package is approximately \$2,000, but can be yours for as little as \$100 if you're the lucky winner! So, what's stopping you - purchase your GOLDEN TICKET today!

Due to Minnesota Raffle Ticket Laws - Raffle tickets cannot be purchased online. To purchase a Golden Ticket, please contact Kassie Ricke, Our Lady of the Lake Advancement Director, at kricke@schoololl.com or [612-309-3549](tel:612-309-3549), or stop by the Starlight Gala Information table in the PACE Center following all three Masses on April 22nd & 23rd.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hop on over to meet the Easter Bunny, join in an Egg Hunt and make Easter crafts! Registration begins at 9:30am in the School Cafeteria. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 10:00am: ages 2-3, 4-6, 7-10. Crafts & treats are from 10:15 - 11:15am. All are welcome! Volunteers needed. If you have any questions, please contact Kassie Ricke, kricke@schoololl.com.

Used & New Uniform Sale

There will be a used and new uniform sale on April 27th from 3:00-4:30pm in the gym. If you have used uniforms that you want to donate, please bring them in before that date. Educational Outfitters will also be here to take any new uniform orders that you may need. If you have any questions contact Molly Jones at mjones@schoololl.com.

April Service Project

During the month of April our service project will be at Lake Minnetonka Shores. Each grade K-8 will have a dedicated Thursday to plan and do an activity with the residents. Before the students visit, the volunteer coordinator will visit classrooms to share more information about Lake Minnetonka Shores residents and expectations of their volunteers. Look for field trip forms.

Kudos to Current Students and OLL Alum

OLL Alum **Evan Epple** was a member of Holy Family Catholic High School's Math League that competed in the Minnesota Mathematics League State Tournament in St. Paul on March 13, 2017, and earned second place in the Gamma Bracket. This was the highest placement in the school's history. Competing on the varsity scoring team for this event were OLL alum **Evan Epple** and teammates Jacob Brekke, Emily Krier, Dominic Peichel, Gabi Schiffler, Tim Zeien, Megan Beulke, Colin Dosedel and Jacob Konz. Senior Dominic Peichel scored a perfect score in Event C.

Alumni Spotlight: Caroline Ellingboe

Attending Our Lady of the Lake Catholic school from the age of 3 to 14 impacted my life in the most positive way, because it led me to make decisions that got me to where I am today. Growing up in the Catholic faith and in a small, personalized community environment that OLL offers helped my class and I develop close relationships with each other and our faith. Attending OLL led me to choose to continue my Catholic education at Holy Family in Victoria, where I had an amazing high school experience. When the majority of your 14-person class decides that they want to go to Holy Family Catholic High School, it is only natural to feel like that is the right decision for you, too. I loved the college-prep style education and the challenges that I faced while I was there, and it all felt manageable because I was challenged in similar ways as I progressed in school at OLL. The education I received at OLL prepared me to feel at ease with the work-load of high school, and while I branched out and made new friends, I maintained the close relationships with my OLL friends that will always be there.

I always cherish the memories that we made at OLL, from the earliest memories of Kindergarten I still remember the last school mass as an 8th grader at OLL 9 years ago, where we got to choose our favorite songs to be played at mass,

we knelt in the first row of pews right over there as we said goodbye to the end of an era – and for most of us, it was a period of 11 or so years at the same school, growing up together and saying goodbye to the community that raised us – but it was definitely not goodbye. Our Lady of the Lake is a community that sticks together, and I am so happy that I grew up here and am still a part of this community.

I graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio last May of 2016, finishing up my collegiate gymnastics career on an amazing and emotional note, and graduating with a BFA in Graphic Design and minor in marketing. I am currently a graphic designer at the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, where I work on various digital and printed projects including the production of the Parade of Homes guidebooks. My fiancé, Windom and I are getting married this August! We are so excited to start the next chapter in our lives together. I have really enjoyed being home again after 4 years of college away from home, and I look forward to spending more time in the city and state that I love!

Congratulations to OLL & HF alum **Rollie Lacy** on his selection as the Big East Pitcher of the Week once again! **Rollie**, a Creighton junior, nabbed BIG EAST Pitcher of the Week for the fourth time in his career on Monday, April 3. It is Lacy's first honor this season.

Save the Date – Middle School Spring Program Thursday, May 18.
8th Grade Graduation – May 31st



April Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Family Fun Night	4	5 Mass Gr. 3-4 Last day to order Twins tickets	6	7	8 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30-11:30
9	10 PTO Mtg. 6:30	11	12 Mass Gr. 1-2	13 Living Stations 8:50 Gym	14 No School Good Friday	15
16 Easter	17 No School OLL+ open	18	19 Mass Gr. 7-8	20 School Board 6:30	21	22 School Board Elections at Mass
23 School Board Elections at Mass	24	25	26	27 Book Fair 2:30-4 New and Used Uniform 3pm gym	28 Mass 5-6 Generation Day Book Fair 8-4	29 Starlight Gala
30	1 Family Fun Night	2 Twins Game	3	4	5	6

