

January 2018

From the Principal...



Welcome back!

I pray that your Christmas holiday was everything you planned for and needed. This month is a busy month for us at school with growth assessment, MAP consultant professional development, Literacy Fair, Kindergarten Round-Up, registration for next year opening up, Prek-8 Open House, Catholic Schools Week, and Preschool Round-up.

Over break I was able to take some time and reflect on my time at OLL during 2017. We have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for. A few highlights for me are:

- Passing our MNSAA accreditation visit with flying colors!
- Improved registration numbers for the 17/18 school year and adding a 3rd preschool class
- Sending off three great young men to high school
- Coming together with great supports of the school at the Gala and doubling our Gala fundraising goal (save the date- April 14, 2018)
- Celebrating our grandparents and other VIP's at Generation Day
- Earning the High Achievement-High Growth status with our 16/17 school year MAP results
- Starting the school year off with a Red Carpet
- Surpassing our Rake a Thon goal and spending the day serving others
- Wonderful social events for families

- Having the best faculty and staff any principal could ask for

The list could go on, but I must stop somewhere.

Please look over the calendar inside and see what is happening. We have a lot of fun activities planned this month and I hope to see you then!

Becky

Note From Father Tony...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



A Happy New Year to you all!
This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The word Epiphany literally means an appearance or manifestation and traditionally this feast has been a commemoration of the moment when the magi came from the east to pay homage to the new king and to bring their gifts. The church has always seen in this event of men from a foreign, non-Jewish, land a manifestation that Jesus the messiah came for all men and women both Jews and gentiles. Over these past couple of weeks as we have recounted the great Christmas story and we have been reflecting on the various participants in this drama. One of the things that has occurred to me is that all the holy men and women who play a part in the story have something in common; they all find their identity in something other than themselves – they find it in God and his promises. They all exhibited faith in something other than their own gifts and abilities.

In this New Year, my prayer for us all is that we find our true identity more and more in the One who made us and who loves us.

God bless,
Fr. Tony

Family Fun Night

Our next Family Fun Night is Monday, January 8th. All families are welcome to join us for dinner, fun and games.

Growth MAP Assessment

Our K - 8th students will start their NWEA MAP growth assessment January 16. These assessments are a great benchmark to see how students are progressing and if there needs to be any changes in their learning plans. We also need to remember that these assessments are a snapshot and do not make or break our student's education. They help our teachers plan for the next few months and allow our students to familiarize themselves with standardized testing. Depending on grade, students take a total of 2 or 3 assessments that last on average of 45 min each. Teachers work hard this week to balance activities and set our students up for success. As always, please help students prepare by ensuring enough sleep and healthy breakfasts in the morning. If you have questions about your student's schedule, please contact their teacher.

School Open House

We will have an all school open house on Sunday, January 28th from 12:00am-2:00pm. All students are invited to present a literacy project for the optional literacy fair that will be held during the open house. Please spread the word to your friends & neighbors.

Thank You

Thank you!
The entire OLL faculty and staff would like to thank all of the families that contributed to the PTO Christmas fund. It was very much appreciated.

We are all so fortunate to work with all of the wonderful families in our community.

Again, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Kindergarten Roundup



"What impresses me most about Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School is the way the older kids look out for the younger kids, how every child is included with every other child and their really is a sense of family across the board. Every student and teacher and staff member know my child by name."
-Amanda Moodie, mother of Landon (1st), and Lincoln (Preschool)

Join us January 18, 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Our Personalized Learning provides a rigorous individualized curriculum rooted in Faith to engage, encourage and challenge our students but also inspire their emotional intelligence through monthly service projects. Our students learn to love learning while loving others.

- + Personalized Learning
- + Service to Others
- + Small Class Sizes
- + Family Community
- + Strong Moral Compass

Schedule for Roundup Evening:

- 6:00 - 6:20pm Check-in & dinner provided
- 6:25pm Welcome and Prayer
- 6:30 - 7:00pm Small group tour
- 7:05 - 7:20pm Parent breakout session
- 7:25pm Student surprise

Child care available, please RSVP to kricke@schoololl.com to reserve your space.



Contact us today! We'd love to answer any questions you may have!

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Catholic Schools Week January 28 - February 2, 2018



Catholic Schools Week (CSW) starts on Sunday, January 28th with a pancake breakfast after masses. Danceline will perform after the 10:30 mass. CSW is celebrated with special events and themes each day, such as the favorite talent show and winter fun day. We will start the week off with Holiday Dress Day, wear your favorite holiday attire. Watch for a more detailed schedule of events and activities.

State of the School Meeting

Mark your calendars for the important State of the School Meeting which will be held on February 22nd at 6:30pm. You will hear how we are doing and where we are heading. You won't want to miss it!

Spelling Bee



A Spelling Bee for students in 5-8 will be held in January. Three contestants will be selected to compete at HFCHS against the other six CSC schools on Thursday, January 25th.

End of First Semester Means Changes

January 23rd brings an end to the first semester. During the Second Semester, 5th and 6th graders will have art & writing and 7th and 8th graders will have speech & health.

From the Health Office

Here are some general guidelines for when to keep your child home:

If your child

- Has a fever of 100 or more. The student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal without the aid of medicine.
- Has vomited or had diarrhea. Please keep your child home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Has any rash for which you do not know the cause. Check with your health care provider before sending your child to school.
- A persistent cough that makes it difficult for the student to take part in class.

Remember: Good hand-washing stops the spread of many communicable diseases.

Playground helpers needed – Please!

We have an on-going need for playground helpers. January, February and March have openings, so if you can help, please let us know. You can find the sign up on SchoolSpeak under the school tab. Thank you to those who have stepped up to help us out on the playground. Some of you have done double duty and we appreciate it greatly!

January Service Project



Sports equipment, book and school supply donation project collection until January 16th

Our Lady of the Lake has teamed up with the National Football League, the Minnesota Vikings, the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee, Verizon and Braemar Field for a Super Bowl community initiative that benefits local children in need. We are taking part in a Super Bowl donation project called *Super Kids-Super Sharing*.

Our school is collecting gently used (or new) books, sports equipment, school supplies and games. Donated items will be distributed to local schools and youth programs that serve children in need.

We're also collecting used cell phones for the Verizon Foundation to help all students engage in STEM education.

Please check your closets, toy boxes and garage for balls, gloves, cleats and other sports equipment you are no longer using, and take a moment to clear unwanted books and games off your shelves.

Beginning January 9, 2018 bring those items to school and place them in collection boxes located near the entrance of the school. All types of sports equipment and school supplies, books of all reading levels, video games and complete

board games (with all their pieces) are needed. All types of cell phones and accessories are also welcome.

Join us as the Super Kids here at Our Lady of the lake share with others and make a difference in the lives of local children this Super Bowl season.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Kennedy, bkennedy@schoololl.com. Thanks!

Literacy Fair

Our school is celebrating reading this year with a Literacy Fair, and we have a special project for our students! It's similar to a science fair, except it's about books! The fair will be set up during Catholic Schools Week Kickoff on Sunday, January 28. This is an optional project and is a fun way to share what we are reading between classes and within the community!

- With your help, your child will choose a skill-level appropriate book to read for their project.
- Complete a tri-fold board (that can stand on its own) that has book title, author, character, plot summary (3-10 sentence, age appropriate), and picture.
- Create a project to display to go along with your poster! Some ideas are below. Remember, if your child picks a presenting project such as a song or skit,
- They will have to be present at the Kick Off to present it for viewers!
- Have fun! This is a great time to showcase interesting books and creative students!

We are so excited to see what students come up with. If interested in participating in the literacy fair, please fill out the form below and return to your child's teacher by January 12. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

Virtus Session

We will be holding another Virtus session here on Thursday, March 8th from 6-9pm. To register for the session go to www.virtus.org.

HFCHS Dance Camp

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



FRIDAY, JANUARY 26 - 4:30 TO 8:00 P.M.
HFCHS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

REGISTER BY
1/15/2018
TO RECEIVE
A T-SHIRT

OPEN TO GIRLS
IN GRADES
K-6

HALFTIME
PERFORMANCE AT
THE HOLY FAMILY
BOYS BASKETBALL
GAME

CAMP FEE ONLY \$25

Details and registration at hfchs.org/firecamps

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Super Bowl Tickets

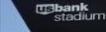
Super Bowl raffle tickets are going fast. Purchase yours in the school office. Only 300 tickets will be sold! Drawing will be held January 20th at 6:00pm.

THE BOLD NORTH
PRESENTS
SUPER BOWL LII
★ Raffle ★

WINNER RECEIVES 2 TICKETS TO SUPERBOWL LII
(2) UPPER DECK SEATS, PRE-GAME PREMIER CONCERT WITH
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD AND DRINKS AT *NOMADIC LIVE!*
AT THE ARMORY IN DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS!

PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR \$100 EACH
300 tickets to be sold. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check at
Our Lady of the Lake school or church office until January 20th, 2018 at 5pm,
drawing is at 6pm. Winner need not be present to win.
QUESTIONS? Contact Kassie Ricke at kricke@schoololl.com

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LIVE STREAMED
ON FACEBOOK AT
6PM, JAN. 20TH

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January 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Dance Line Family fun night 5:00- 7:00	9	10 Mass 9:00 Gr. 7 & 8	11	12 Parent Volleyball	13
14	15 No School	16	17 Mass 9:00 Gr. 5 & 6	18 Kindergarten Roundup 6:00	19 End of First Semester Parent Volleyball	20
21	22 No School	23	24 Mass 9:00 Gr. 3 & 4	25 Spelling Bee at HFCHS	26	27
28 All school open house 12:00 - 2:00	29 CSW Holiday Day Dress as your favorite Holiday Pep Rally Time 9:00	30 CSW Pajama Day	31 *Mass 9:00 Gr. 1 & 2 *CSW Family Photo Attire *Stump the Teacher Family Game Show 1:30- 2:30 *Middle School to Simpson House	1 CSW Favorite Character and hat day	2 CSW Spirit Wear Middle school ski trip to Afton Lower grades & Preschool to MN Zoo	3