



# School News

*Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the Spirit*

February, 2018

## *From the Principal...*



Dear School Families,

Happy Catholic Schools week! For those of you who were unable to attend mass this past weekend, I wanted to share with you what I said during mass. All is true and from the heart. My husband and I have found an amazing village here at OLL. I firmly believe in the education and would send my kids here even if I wasn't working here. I hope you see the greatness too!

*Hi Everyone, I am Becky Kennedy, Principal here at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School. When in my interview with Father Tony a short 2.5 years ago, he asked me "What is the purpose of a Catholic School?" I paused for a second and thought of a sign that had been hanging in my classroom for the past 13 years that said "Yes, this school is a conspiracy. It is a conspiracy to put you in charge of the world--- and thereby Further the Kingdom of God".*

*There was my answer. The purpose of a Catholic School is to educate children not only to be great citizens, but be great faith filled people doing what they choose to do. Catholics Schools do this by not only starting and ending their day in prayer but incorporating the Catholic values into every part of their students moments with them.*

*I want that for my own kids. I want them to be great faith filled people.*

*I don't know about other parents, but my husband and I need help raising our three*

*amazing, wonderful, crazy kids. We need a village. In school our students experience and learn that faith is not only for Sunday. They live and further their understanding and deepen their faith throughout every day. OLL partners with parents to help further The Kingdom by not only having strong academics, but by teaching our students that faith should be integrated into their daily life.*

*My husband and I have found our village and I invite you to come and experience the great things happening in the school.*

*The staff at Our Lady are so blessed that God has given us this mission. We are so thankful that you, the parish community, continue to not only support but embrace OLL and our students by partnering with us in furthering the Kingdom. Thank you!*

## *Note From Father Tony...*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



February 14<sup>th</sup> 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

## Keg & Cork

Join us Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual KEG & CORK. This is a beer, wine and spirits tasting event to benefit Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School. Your \$35 ticket gets the opportunity to taste some of the best craft beers in the local area, as well as delicious wines and spirits. Doors will open at 6pm and the event will wrap up at 9:30pm. Returning this year is the Chili Cook-Off. Enter your chili for a chance to win \$500. For more information & to buy your tickets go to <http://school.ourladyofthelake.com/kegcork/>

## KC Father/Daughter Dance

**Presented By:** The OLL Knights of Columbus on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6pm to 8:30pm in the Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church & School, Gymnasium.

This free event is an enchanting evening for all ages. Princesses may be escorted by their dad, grandpa, uncle or any other special person who fits the role. Your magical night will be filled with music, laughing, singing, refreshments and

dancing all night long. We can't wait to see you all dressed up!

## OLL's Starlight Gala

### SAVE THE DATE

This year's Starlight Gala is being held on Saturday, April 14, 2018. The Starlight Gala is a special celebration of our community. We appreciate the hundreds of supporters who contribute cash, become event sponsors, donate silent/live auction offerings, sponsor faculty, attend the event, purchase auction offerings and support our fund-a-need efforts to provide tuition assistance.

We want to thank you for your continued commitment to our school. Your support truly makes a difference in the lives of our students and the quality of the education we are able to offer. May God bless you always for your dedication and generosity to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School.

Should you have any questions, or if you'd like to make a donation, please contact, Starlight Gala chair, Tara Collins at [tcollins@grenergy.com](mailto:tcollins@grenergy.com) or [612-239-4110](tel:612-239-4110).

With sincere appreciation,

Kassie Ricke, Advancement Director  
Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School

## OLL+



Our before and after school child care, OLL+, will be open February 16 & 19. Contact Mrs. A. if you wish to have your child stay on any or all of those days. 952-472-8244.

## Conferences

Conferences will be held on February 13 from 4-8 and February 15 from 4-8pm. Signups are on School Speak.

## Art Adventure

February is Art Adventure Month! Art Adventure is an outstanding program provided to us by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and organized by our PTO. Through this program, we have the opportunity to experience, understand, and enjoy a variety of works of art. Volunteers are trained at the MIA and then bring that appreciation and excitement to the classrooms and the students at Our Lady of the Lake School. This February, the set of eight works to be presented is part of the theme, Let's Celebrate Life. Our Art Adventure field trip to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts is planned for March 8th.



## Health & Wellness Fair

Our students in 6-8 will be joining with other area Catholic Schools at Notre Dame Acadamey for a Health and Wellness Fair on February 22. We will have several healthy stations for kids to get active, learn healthy tips and interact with other middle school students in our Catholic School Collaboration. If you have anything healthy to donate, or if you know of anyone who would like to lead a session, please contact Mrs. Cooper at [ccooper@schoololl.com](mailto:ccooper@schoololl.com).

## February is Dental Health Month.

Everyone smile! On Friday, March 2nd, West Lakes Dental will be at OLL to talk to all student PreK-4 about Dental Health. You may even notice an increase in teeth brushing for a few days after.

## Five Weeks on the Catholic Faith.

The church is offering a 5 week teaching series and you are all invited. Each week we'll explore an important aspect of our Catholic beliefs - the Church, Mary, the Sacraments, Reconciliation,

& the Eucharist. There will be a light meal served at 6:00pm, followed by a video lasting about 30 minutes, and then time for discussion and questions. Because we are serving a meal, please RSVP as soon as possible. See the enclosed flier for more details, or contact Carla at [clabore@ourladyofthelake.com](mailto:clabore@ourladyofthelake.com) or 952.472.8204 February 12, 19 & 26 and March 12 & 19.

## Middle School Track

### Holy Family Middle School Spring Track Club

Dates: April 16th – May 19th  
Cost: \$100  
5th-8th grade



Twitter: @HFTrackField

Join the Holy Family Catholic H.S. Track & Field team for a 5-week skill-building and competition clinic. Train with the Holy Family FIRE Track & Field coaches 3 days per week (Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 5:30-7pm) to explore the different events of track and field, learn new athletic skills, make friends, improve your overall fitness, and find your niche! This clinic also includes 2-3 local Saturday afternoon meets where participants will be able to track their growth.

#### Questions?

Contact Assistant T&F Coach Alex Krause ([alexkrause13@gmail.com](mailto:alexkrause13@gmail.com))

Or Head XC/Assistant T&F Coach Ron Hoffman ([ronald\\_hoffman5@yahoo.com](mailto:ronald_hoffman5@yahoo.com))



Feeding the homeless at Simpson House.

# February Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday                       | Tuesday                                | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday                    |
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|        |                              |  |  | 1<br>K & 5/6 to<br>Minnetonka<br>Shores   | 2<br>Ski and MN<br>Zoo field<br>trip  | 3                           |
| 4      | 5<br>Family Fun<br>Night 5-7 | 6                                      | 7<br>Mass 9:00<br>Gr. 5/6  | 8   | 9<br>1/2 to<br>Minnetonka<br>Shores<br>Father<br>Daughter<br>Dance 6-<br>8:30 | 10                          |
| 11     | 12                           | 13<br>Conferences<br>4-8<br>Chess Club | 14<br>Valentine's<br>Day<br>Ash<br>Wednesday<br>Mass 9:00<br>Gr. 7/8 | 15<br>7/8 to<br>Minnetonka<br>Shores<br>Conferences<br>4-8<br>Middle<br>School<br>Dance                     | 16<br>No School   | 17                          |
| 18     | 19<br>No School              | 20                                     | 21<br>Mass 9:00<br>Gr. 3/4   | 22<br>3/4 to<br>Minnetonka<br>Shores<br>Middle<br>School<br>Health Fair<br>State of the<br>School<br>6:30PM | 23<br>\$1 to wear<br>red all day  | 24                          |
| 25     | 26                           | 27<br>Chess Club                       | 28<br>Mass 9:00<br>Gr. 1/2   | 1   | 2<br>West Lakes<br>Dentistry<br>visits  | 3<br>Keg & Cork<br>6-9:30pm |

God is Good—All the Time!

