



# School News

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School - Building the

May 2018

## *From the Principal...*



Dear Parents,

The sun is out, shorts are being worn, and the snow is *almost* all melted; it is SPRING!

This past weekend, during mass, Father Tony spoke about our life being like a tree and how sometimes we need to prune a tree for it to bare even more fruit. He went on to talk about sculpting and how to get to the completed project the sculptor needs to continue to remove parts of the original stone. This hit home for me and started some great self-reflection. To be better we often think we need to add something, but it might just be the opposite. What parts of my life need to be pruned? What is keeping me busy and are they what make me the best person I can be?

If you missed his homily this weekend, I recommend you listen to it on the church's website. I could never do it justice in a short paragraph.

<https://www.ourladyofthelake.com/homilies>

We are in our last month of school with a lot of time to learn, celebrate, and grow. I pray you take time to be "pruned". We will help sculpt your children as they spend their days with us.

Praising, Working, Loving,

Becky

## *Note From Father Tony...*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



In our Catholic tradition, the month of May has been one dedicated to honor the blessed mother. The Catechism says that; "The Virgin Mary most perfectly embodies the obedience of faith." And so, if we want to know what true faith looks like we look to our mother who is the perfect example of it. She is the one who definitively said her "Yes" to God her "fiat" meaning let it be done to me. John Paul II in his encyclical "Mother of the Redeemer" says: "Mary uttered this fiat in faith. In faith she entrusted herself to God without reserve and 'devoted herself totally as the handmaid of the Lord to the person and work of her Son.' This is a great summary of the faith of Mary; She entrusted herself to God without reserve and she devoted herself to the person and work of her son. And this also serves as our model as disciples of Christ; That we entrust ourselves to God without reserve and we devote ourselves to the person and work of Christ.

Let's make a special effort to honor the blessed mother this month. If you are not in the habit of it, I recommend praying the rosary. It is a beautiful way to reflect on the gospels and a special way to ask for the grace to be a disciple like our blessed Mother.

God bless,  
Fr. Tony



## Class Pictures

Class Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, May 9 for Prek-8<sup>th</sup> Grade. If you have a child in T/TH preschool, we are just doing one class picture on the 9<sup>th</sup>. If you would like your child to join the class picture, they can come and take the picture with their class at 9:00. Please send order forms back to school if you would like a picture. They are \$12 and checks can be made out to Rebecca Hicks Photography.

## PTO

Are you a parent or guardian of an OLL student? Then you are a member of the PTO! You are always welcome to come listen and share your ideas. Please join us Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Surfside Grill.

## Spring Band/Choir Concert

Everyone is invited to the Band & Choir concert Thursday, May 17, 6:30 p.m. in the gym. They will also be performing for the school at 1:00 if you want to catch that performance. The concert will have students from grades 4-8.

## Lunch Notice

May 30<sup>th</sup> is the last day of Food Service. May 31<sup>st</sup> middle school will be at Valley Fair and Preschool-4 will have class picnics so they will be doing bag lunches. All class will need to do a bag lunch on May 31<sup>st</sup> since there will be no food service.

## Kindergarten News

Kinders get their chicken eggs on Thursday. Always fun watching the baby chicks hatch. They are already watching their larvae (butterflies) and will be planting seeds as well. Can you guess what they are studying? Life cycles!

## Eighth Grade Graduation

Plans are in the making for Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Brunch on May 30<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 Mass. We are

happy to announce that six students will be graduating from OLL on that day:

Kathryn Collins	Luke Geadelmann
Bjorn Holm	Sophia Markstrom
Rachel Thurk	Ryan Thurk

You are invited to join us for the Mass and graduation program. The graduate families will take part in the brunch.

## May 31<sup>st</sup>, Preschool Program and Graduation

The Preschool End of the Year Celebration will be held on Thursday, May 31st at 6:30 pm in the Gym. The preschoolers will be having an art show, performance and they will receive a preschool certificate from their teachers. Refreshments will be served after the program.

All families and friends are welcome!

## Middle School Valley Fair Trip

On May 31<sup>st</sup> the Middle School students will be going to Valley Fair just for fun. Watch for the permission slips which will be coming home.

## OLL+

OLL+ will be closed on Memorial Day. There is no school Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please sign the sign up sheet by the OLL+ classroom if your child is planning on attending OLL+ on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Last Day of School Grades Pre-7

The last day of school is June 1. That is also an early dismissal day. The students will have an award ceremony at 10:00 and will be dismissed after that. Parents are invited to attend the awards ceremony. Students

Please Note: OLL+ will be open the last day after dismissal. Anyone who wants to stay should bring a lunch.

## End of the Year Pool Party

### Current 4-8 Grade Students

Catch a ride to Neve's after school for a fun afternoon in the pool celebrating the end of the school year! Bring: Swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, lunch or snack item to share.

Friday, June 1st - 11:00-3:30  
Neve's - 930 Upper Cove Rd.in

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RSVP to Jesse:

[jessedavidneve@frontiernet.net](mailto:jessedavidneve@frontiernet.net)

Let her know how many and what you can bring.

## Pennywise

Did you know that you can volunteer at the Pennywise and have proceeds from sales go to OLL school?

During the summer we're looking for more volunteers and hoping to engage the students as well. First and third Thursday sales go directly to the school and is run by school parents and grandparents. Pennywise is also looking for help on Saturdays as well. Pennywise / CCW will be looking into adding a credit card machine to accept credit cards and need some text savvy women to come to the next CCW meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm to help get this off the ground!

Did you know that you can donate items to Pennywise? They accept donations during their open hours of operations. Items include clothing, shoes, jewelery, small games and toys.

This year CCW donated \$32,500 to the church and \$7402 to other community and world programs. Their major source of revenue is Pennywise. If they are able to add a credit card machine, sales will likely be greater next year. Please consider getting involved with the CCW all women are welcome!

If you have further questions or would like to help out in the store please contact Megan Youngstrom at [lala09@frontier.com](mailto:lala09@frontier.com)

## Family Kickball Tourney

We will be hosting a family kickball tourney at OLL on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon. Contact Kassie Ricke if you are able to help. [kricke@schoololl.com](mailto:kricke@schoololl.com)

## School Board Election

Thank you to everyone who voted during the School Board Elections in April.

Please welcome the newest OLL School Board members: Sally Serie, Maddie Swanson, Amanda Markle, Kelly Geadelmann, and Paul Hinton.

## Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher's Appreciation Day is Tuesday May 8th!

Let's show our appreciation for the great love they've shown our families through a week of small things from May 7th - 11th. Please sign up to bring a treat or share your time to give our teacher's a happy break during the week. Please have items dropped off by 8:30 am in the teacher's lounge. Monday's breakfast items should be dropped off by 8:00 am. The sign up can be found on SchoolSpeak.

End of year is almost here too! The PTO will be collecting funds to go towards a gift from the families of OLL. Last year your generosity sent them to Fletchers for a surfside lunch, treated them to a manicure or pedicure, bought them Caribou Coffee gift cards, and a back to school lunch (WOW!). We would like to continue the tradition and encourage you to join us.

Collections can be dropped off in the main office or sent to school in an envelope addressed to Carol the week of May 7th - 11th.

Thank you in advance! Please direct questions to Shannon Norum [orv478@hotmail.com](mailto:orv478@hotmail.com) or Daynita Smith at [daynite03@gmail.com](mailto:daynite03@gmail.com).

# May Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Prayer Service 1/2 PTO 6:30 Surfside	3 School Board Mtg. 6:30 7/8 living wax museum at 12:30	4 NO School Workshop 4-8 Middle School Event	5
6	7	8 K-4 Field trip to Children's Museum	9 Mass Kindergarten PreK-8 Class Pics	10	11 Preschool field trip to Gale Woods	12
Teacher Appreciation Week						
13	14	15	16 Mass 5/6	17 Band & Choir Concert Gr. 4-8 1:00 pm & 6:30 pm	18 Family Kickball Tournament 5-7	19
20	21 Twins Game	22	23 Mass 3/4	24	25 Track & Field Day	26
27	28 Memorial Day-NO School OLL+ Closed	29	30 Mass 8th 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation & Brunch	31 MS to Valley Fair Preschool- 4 <sup>th</sup> Class Picnics	1 Last day of school Awards 10:00am Early release after awards	2

God is Good—All the Time



Mrs. Cooper gives a golden show to a class that shows good sportsmanship, teamwork, kindness each week. Grades 1/2 were the first class to win the award.