

March 1, 2018

Dear Parents,

We have only thirty more days before we celebrate Easter Sunday! Students have been reflecting on their Catholic faith by using their Lenten calendars and daily prayers. Please make sure to have your special Lenten Mission boxes filled with your extra coins. This a perfect way to teach your child the importance of giving to the poor.

School security is of the greatest importance to all of us at OLV School. Over the past several months we have developed a great partnership with the local Sayreville police department. Several Police Detectives have been present during our monthly routine Lock Downs and fire drills. The police have given us their undivided attention to our security drills, and share their feedback through conversations. I am most thankful for their overall dedication to ensuring safety to our students and staff.

Ms. Ellen Ayoub, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Metuchen, has made the decision to discontinue using Terra Nova Testing as the standardized tests. IOWA Testing is now replacing the Terra Nova Testing for all of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen. Principals and teachers will be given the necessary training to make this a smooth transition for the students. The faculty and I have been introduced to the tests and are in the process of creating testing schedules, ordering materials, attending training sessions, etc. The testing will take place after our return from the Easter break. Testing dates and additional information will be given to you in the April parent letter or as soon as we have additional information.

One effective way to recruit new students to OLV School is by word of mouth by our school parents. We are hosting our second "Buddy Day" for children in grades K-6 on March 12th and it's a great opportunity to get the good news out about OLV School! Please inform your friends with children, in grades K -6, who are interested in learning more about OLV School. There are forms that need to be filled out for parents with children that want to participate online. Contact Mrs. Connors, if you have a friend interested in Buddy Day.

Re-registration is now taking place for all of our current students and for new students. Please make an attempt to register your child(ren) as soon as you can. As you know, enrollment numbers helps us plan for the new school year in so many ways. If you are applying for financial assistance, applications must be in by March 31st go to the link for more information <https://diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/>

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the OLV Steak dinner. It was a great night of fun, laughter and delightful food! Mark your calendar for the "80's Dance" for parents March 24th and the "Father Daughter Dance" held on April 20th. We are very blessed to have a fantastic HSA committee and all of our parents who are supportive and devoted to OLV School. You make this school special!

Sincerely in Christ,

Cynthia Casciola-Kitts
Principal