

October 2, 2017

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the first month of school is finished and we are already rolling into October! We are honoring our Blessed Mother Mary during this month of prayer. Did you know? "The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. October falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green." And the anniversary of Fatima is honored on Oct. 13th www.catholicculture.org You are welcome to attend one of the following 12:30 rosary pray times in the church and pray the Mission Rosary with us: Oct. 3 grades K and 4, Oct. 4 grades 1 and 3, Oct. 10 grades 2 and 5, Oct. 11 grades 6-8.

As you will see on this month's calendar, we have an exciting month planned for your children! On October 2nd, the 7th and 8th grades will have several Catholic High Schools come to OLV to highlight their programs. The local Fire Department is coming to visit our Pre-K – 3rd grade students on October 3rd which should be a lot of fun! Don't forget about our Picture Days on Oct. 3rd and 4th! The Student Government will be installed during our 8:15 Mass on Oct. 13. All parents welcome to attend!

This month we will begin monthly student led assemblies. Each month a class will lead the entire OLV School in an assembly program and teach their peers about their class' saint. This month the 8th graders will lead our first assembly! I'm curious how they will present their material: rap song, poem, dance, video, etc. I am sure they will be creative!

Student of the Month is now called "*You Are the Light of the World*" award which emphasizes our Spiritual theme for this school year. Each teacher will honor 1-4 students with a special certificate at our monthly assemblies. A picture of the group students who receive the award will be posted monthly our OLV website.

This year we are planning to celebrate Halloween in a different way. Students can come to school with a costume that represents their class saint. This should be a creative way to celebrate Halloween in our school and our 8th graders will walk down the hallways in their Saint Parade! The teachers and I will make additional plans for the day at our next faculty meeting. Your child's teacher will give you additional information.

We are collecting gently used coats for St. Vincent DePaul, the deadline is October 6. We will also hold a monthly dress down for \$1.00 known as "Nut Day" beginning this month. October 27th is a first dress down for the students. All monies collected will be held to help the poor and needy and on occasion help with special treats for both students and teachers.

I am extremely grateful to our HSA committee for their continued support with our fundraisers. Please make sure you get your raffle tickets. Our first draw is planned on October 3rd. Boscov's shopping is held for October 17th – it's a great way to help OLV and begin your Christmas shopping. I'm looking forward to attending our Annual Wine Tasting held on October 21st. This is a great night to gather with friends and have a great time! I am in the process of creating my own website page where I can communicate with you on a regular basis about all of the wonderful things we are accomplishing at OLV School!

Sincerely in Christ,

Cynthia Casciola-Kitts
Principal