

February Newsletter - OLMC

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Message From The Principal

Dear OLMC Families,

Catholic Schools Week is here! I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our Catholic Schools Week Committee: Miss Emily Ricard, Sr. Isabel, Mr. John Reynolds and Mrs. Gina Feijoo for their creative ideas and for organizing the activities this year. Bringing meaning to this important event under the unique circumstances of this year has been a challenge. That said, we are excited and look forward to a weeklong celebration filled with faith, fun, and fellowship. Please read on for highlights of the week.

Later this month, our 7th and 8th grade students will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are excited for our students as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please keep our 16 Confirmandi in your prayers as they finish their preparation for this special Sacrament.

Please note that we will kick-off our 2021-2022 enrollment efforts the week of February 1st. We appreciate the new families who have joined us this school year as well as the welcoming atmosphere our school always displays.

Let's continue to pray for good health for all and for peace in our hearts, in our country, and in our world.

Blessings,
 Shelly Schenek
 Principal

Important Dates

Jan 25 - Feb 7

Scholastic Virtual Book Fair

Jan 31 - Feb 6

Catholic Schools Week

February 1

No School - 3rd Quarter
 Prep For Teachers

February 4

Confirmation Retreat

February 5

Noon Dismissal
 School Mass Grades 1-4

February 10

8th Grade Graduation
 Confirmation Picture Day

February 11

Accreditation Meeting K-8

February 14

Happy Valentines Day

February 15

No School

February 17

Ash Wednesday
 School Mass Grades 1-4

February 18

EYM Grades 5-8

February 23

Progress Reports
 Confessions 12:30
 Grades 3-8

February 25

March Lunch & Recess
 Drink Orders Due

February 27

Confirmation

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday - 31

We are celebrating our Parish by encouraging all families to attend mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (in-person or virtually)

Wednesday 3

We are celebrating our nation by having a red, white, and blue jeans day

Monday 1

We are celebrating our community by starting our "Love your Neighbor Challenge"

Thursday 4

We are celebrating vocations by having the sisters share their vocations stories with the students

Tuesday 2

We are celebrating our students by providing fun activities for them to do throughout the day. These include a door decorating contest and a Saints Hall project.

Friday 5

We are celebrating teachers with a staff & faculty dress down day

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

The competition will be between grade bands:

Wednesday: Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, & Kindergarten

Thursday: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Friday: 4th, 5th

Saturday: 6th, 7th, 8th

The winners from each grade band will be decided by the number of points each class gets. Points will be given out by you through social media! Each day after school the decorated doors from the classrooms of that day will be posted on social media. The points will be distributed like this:

1 point - Like | 2 points - Comment | 3 points - Share/Retweet (1 comment per account)

The classes with the most points at the end of their day will win **ICE CREAM** at lunch & one class will win a **PIZZA PARTY!** Make sure to follow us on **Facebook**, **Instagram**, and **Twitter** to give out the most points possible!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR 30 DAY CHALLENGE

1 Have dinner as a family.	2 Clean out your closet and donate clothes to a local shelter.	3 Read a book to your brother, sister, or with your parent.	4 Every time you enter a doorway today say a quick prayer for those living in poverty.	5 Write a thank you note or draw a picture for a teacher. Make sure to give it to them!
6 Help do the dishes without being asked.	7 Read independently for 20 minutes.	8 Do a random act of kindness for a family member or friend.	9 Give your friend or sibling a genuine compliment.	10 Pray a decade of the rosary by yourself or with your family.
11 Help your family do the laundry.	12 Every time you get in or out of the car today, pray silently for those that are sick.	13 Take a night off from electronics and spend time with your family.	14 Pray a Spiritual Bouquet. (Our Father; Hail Mary, Glory Be)	15 Write a note of encouragement or draw a picture for a friend.
16 Be grateful for what you have by going a day without complaining	17 Help a family member with homework or a chore.	18 Help pack or make lunches for your family.	19 Call a family member or close friend who could use your company.	20 Smile or wave to everyone you see
21 Write a note to your parents, thanking them for all they do	22 Every time you change activities today, offer a prayer for your parents.	23 Play a game as a family today.	24 Help clean around your house.	25 Thank your teacher for all they do
26 Be on your best behavior at school mass	27 Leave "happy notes" around town	28 Offer to help a classmate, teacher, sibling, or parent.	29 Only use kind words	30 Bring in canned food to the school to be donated to those in need



On February 4th, 16 of our students will be attending their confirmation retreat. This will be a very important time for these students as they are finishing up their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please pray that they will have a fruitful experience and allow God to work in their lives.

On February 27th, at the 5 pm mass, we will have the honor of witnessing these students receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are blessed to have been able to see these students grow and mature in their relationship with God. Please continue to keep all of the following students in prayer as they enter into this new chapter in their Catholic faith:

Isabella Chesragi
Sophia Colon
Nereyda Cruz-Santos
Noah Emerick
Reilly Gavin
Irene Gudino
Jacob Joseph
Victoria Kustra

Ruth Miza-Merino
Jadiel Pietri
Olivia Taylor
Dayanara Torres
Gemma Walton
Miah Welling
Jaycob Landis

Teachers Corner



Hi my name is Yamarie Martinez and I am the 7th grade homeroom teacher. I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio and in my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and cooking new recipes. I attended school at Cleveland State University. There I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Middle School Education and a Masters Degree in Special Education. I have been teaching for 16 years. I started my teaching career in the inner city. The opportunity to teach at OLMC was presented to me when searching for a school for my daughter. I have been teaching at OLMC for 7 years. I became a teacher because I wanted to make a difference. I treat my students like family. I want them to feel comfortable knowing they have a teacher who cares. OLMC is a great school. Having attended Catholic schools my whole life it gives me great pleasure to teach at a Catholic school that allows me to lead by faith. I enjoy teaching junior high and love seeing the students grow and mature with each passing year. Their laughter, mischief, creativity, and imagination make teaching worthwhile. My homeroom class is very unique. Given the hectic year all of us have faced, the 7th graders always find ways to bring one another joy.

Yamarie Martinez - 7th Grade

Christian Rodriguez

Birthday: June 22

Grade: 7

What I like Most About OLMC: There are really cool teachers, that make the lessons interesting and really make you want work hard

Favorite Subject: Science

Favorite School Lunch: Orange Chicken

Favorite OLMC Memory: When I was in third grade, we were going to edgewater and I was so excited. Once we got there I played football. We ate lunch and then we played some more. That was one of the funnest days ever.

Leilanny DeAza

Birthday: March 28

Grade: 7

What I like Most About OLMC: My favorite thing about my school simply is the teachers. Especially my favorite teacher, Mrs. Martinez. She is an amazing teacher and person in general and is very funny, caring, accepting, etc.

Favorite Subject: Science

Favorite School Lunch: Tacos

Favorite Memory: My favorite school memory is very recent and consists of me and a group of my peers trying to spread some holiday cheer even through the pandemic. During this time my two friends and I purchased Christmas decorations (tinsel, stockings, Covid-tree, etc.) and Santa hats to try and bring enthusiasm to our class before the holiday season.

FEBRUARY LUNCH MENU

Lunch Served Daily With Milk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 NO SCHOOL	2 Turkey & Swiss Sandwich Broccoli Applesauce	3 Hamburger Carrots Mixed Fruit	4 Taco Bowl with Red Beans Fresh Fruit	5 Early Dismissal NO LUNCH
8 Popcorn Chicken Cheesy Breadstick Mixed Veggies Tropical Fruit	9 Swedish Meatballs Brown Rice Broccoli Pineapple	10 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Spinach Salad Pears	11 Hard Shell Taco Red Beans Fresh Fruit	12 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Carrots Fresh Fruit
15 NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	16 Chicken Patty Sandwich Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Fruit	17 Teriyaki Chicken Spring Roll Broccoli Pineapple	18 Beef Burrito Red Beans Fresh Fruit	19 Cheese Ravioli Tossed Salad Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit
22 Corn Dog French Fries Fruit Cup	23 Chicken Nuggests Sweet Potato Fries Dinner Roll Pears	24 Pizza Burger Broccoli Tropical Fruit	25 Cheesy Beef Nachos Red Beans Fresh Fruit	26 Pierogis Carrots & Peas Fresh Fruit

February Birthdays!

Teachers/Staff

- 2 - Mrs. Schenek
- 4 - Mr. Reynolds
- 11 - Mr. Rivera
- 23 - Ms. Capitena

Students

- 2 - Harper Joseph
- 4 - Jayla Rodriguez
- 6 - Meng Xin Deng
- 7 - Dallis Washington
- 10 - Nashla Olivares Checo
- 13 - Tiffany Jun
- 13 - Emanuel Gudino-Bernal
- 13 - Marcelo Hernandez
- 14 - Ayden Suttles
- 15 - Tori Ballard-Johns
- 16 - David Cisneros
- 16 - Emma Sulo
- 18 - Denver Howard
- 23 - Gianni Colon
- 27 - Jimena Quinones
- 28 - Ariana Rivera



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