

# Our Lady of the Lake + Catholic School Newsletter

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### Dates to Remember:

May 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 Field Day Meeting  
5:00 Booster Club  
6:00 School Committee

May 12<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Church  
K-4 Spring Concert

May 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 Church  
5-8 Spring Concert

May 24<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Island School

May 28<sup>th</sup> "Snow White" play

June 1<sup>st</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grader's Last day

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation  
6:00 Mass

June 4<sup>th</sup> Early Release  
Last Day of School

## Now Enrolling for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Catholics \$1350.00 (that's just \$7.50 a day!)

Non-Catholics \$1550.00 (that's just \$8.61 a day!)

- ✓ Open to all faiths
- ✓ Safe Environment
- ✓ Academic Excellence
- ✓ Sports - Basketball and Volleyball
- ✓ Choir and Band
- ✓ New Computer System
- ✓ Small Class Sizes
- ✓ Individual Instruction

Contact the  
school office at  
682-7622  
Or stop in to fill  
out the  
Registration  
Papers.

### An Education You

Can Have Faith In!

\*\*\* Remember, registration  
must be done every year.

Stop by and check out the Lost and Found as it is  
full of items.

Make Sure to make your payments for  
Hot Lunch and Tuition.

School Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 – Meeting

OLL Elementary Library

### Tuition/Lunch Balance Sheet

will be send home next week. If  
you are not getting this form,  
please contact the school office.



## Hot Lunch

K-4 \$2.05

5-8 \$2.35

Extra Milk 40¢ (with hot lunch)

Extra Main Course 50¢

- Order in morning

**Our lunch system is  
PRE-PAY.**

**Please send money in before  
they eat.**



## School Day

School begins with the first bell at 8:10 am and ends with the last bell at 3:08 pm.

Any student coming late or leaving early must report to the school office. All visitors must register in the school office.

All before school drop off and end of school pick up must take place in the parking lot behind the Elementary School and Church. No students are to be picked up in the Jr. High parking lot.

## All are welcome to attend Our Lady of the Lake Catholic School

Registrations are always being welcomed for our Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you know of a family that is looking for a quality, 21<sup>st</sup> Century education, in a kind and caring environment, tell them about OLL.

## From Mrs. Nelson – Title 1 Teacher:

If so, I would like to ask all current and former Title I families to return any books or materials that might have accumulated at their homes over the years. I need to do a major inventory, so book retrieval now would be helpful. Also, if anyone has a binder of Barton dyslexia materials that they used at home, I would like those to be returned also.

## Ms. Amanda – Preschool

April in the Preschool room has been lots of fun! We've been talking about Spring and rainy weather and the new life it brings. We were very excited to be able to do an Easter Egg Hunt on the day before Easter break due to the gorgeous weather we had. We have been busy working on letters R, S, T and working with themes of Easter, the Circus, Spring and Life at the Pond.

Many of the preschoolers are getting excited for Kindergarten as they were able to attend our Kindergarten Readiness Day! We are gearing up for our Preschool Graduation to happen at the end of May. It's hard to believe how fast the year has gone!

## Ms. Smith – Kindergarten

During the Kindergarten Readiness Day, the Kindergarteners visited and spend the day with the First Grade. They had a delightful time and are all very excited about being in First Grade next year.

## Mrs. Urling – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Have we ever been busy in first grade! With the Easter themes of new life and spring, along with Earth Day, we've done a lot. Units on butterflies, the forest, spring rain and plants, have kept us busy with science. We are also each growing a potato plant that we can take home! Currently we are in a bird unit and are learning some calls of favorite backyard birds. Even Jesus taught about the birds when he said, "Look at the birds of the air... they neither toil or spin, yet their Heavenly Father feeds them." Matt. 6:26

We love to take timed math facts tests and try to beat our fastest time. We also think it's so cool to add and subtract two digit numbers. And there are only three more stories left in our reading books!! We have been busy and happy readers---- and writers. School is so much fun!

## Mrs. Newago – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

We had seven students make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>! It was a great day! Ed Monroe took the pictures for us. Thanks, Ed, for doing this for us! We can't wait to see them!

May 12, our class will be going to MMC for the annual second grade Kids' Day. It's a fun learning experience for our children.

In Math, we are well into subtracting two- digit numbers with regrouping. In Reading, we will be starting our 6<sup>th</sup> and last theme. We'll be learning more irregular verbs and lots of phonics. In Science, we are learning about weather. Some art projects we'll be doing will be for May Day, Cinco de Mayo, and our May quilt squares to go with the books The Great Kapok Tree, and The Umbrella.

### Mrs. Punjak – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

April??? Where has all the time gone? We only have twenty-six days left! I'm not ready to let them go. They are still eager to learn.

In religion we just finished up Unit 3, The Body of Christ. We will skip over to Unit 5, The Church Leads. We will be discussing what is Jesus' law of love, how does God give you faith, hope, and love, and how does the Church help you make right choices? We are getting towards the end of our English book. I started doing DLP (daily language practice) on the board daily. I write sentences that have several mistakes in them, could be spelling, punctuation, capitalization, mistakes. (Example: its an story that has ben retold in meny different ways ). In this sentence I'm looking for capitalization, contraction, adjective, spelling and punctuation.

In science we have read about the water cycle, which includes where is water found, what is the water cycle and what is weather? I hope to finish up this chapter in the next week so we can get started on earth's place in the solar system. When we go to UMD Planetarium I would like the kids to have a little understanding about the constellations and the solar system. The next project I want the kids to do is draw or design the water cycle. We will discuss this in the next coming weeks.

In art we have been trying our hand at making different kinds of spring flowers with different kinds of media and designs. Flowers are not some kid's favorite art project. But they are will to try anything as long as it's not a worksheet or test.

### Mrs. Worrall – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been very busy this month. We have been learning about charity and service learning projects in religion, and we are excited to put our talking into action by having a bake sale to raise money for Haiti. We also finished reading the book, Little House in the Big Woods. The students had to complete a final project and many of them chose to make a model of the cabin that the Ingalls lived in. I am very impressed with how they turned out! We also shared a Little House themed feast in celebration of the book. We made butter, listened to songs from long ago, and some students made recipes out of the Little House cookbook to share with the class. The students were surprised at how good Pioneer food could be. We have been studying ecosystems in science and planted our own

miniature greenhouses. We also were able to go on a walking field trip with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade where we picked up garbage along the path from school to Pamida Beach in honor of Earth Day. The students also received a tree of their own to bring home and plant.



### Mrs. Levings & Ms. Setzke – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ah, the warmth of spring...wait, now it's cold...ah, it's warm again! And how can we have any May flowers if there are no April Showers? Yes, the weather has been interesting, and so have many events in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Here are a few highlights:

In **Language Arts** we have been creative with a lot with different poetry forms. Our goal is to create individual poetry anthologies. Be watching out for invitations to a poetry/story reading event an evening in late May.

In the classroom during **Science** we have been conducting a quarter-long Biology experiment where we learn about plant growth and the effect of fertilizers on seedlings. Once a week, Mrs. Debra Ollanketo, a "Master Gardener," comes to monitor plant health and share expertise. We're also wrapping up a Geology study of rocks and gems.

In **Math** we've added, subtracted, multiplied and divided up fractions for weeks. Now we're on to Geometry: classification of polygons, and equations for perimeter, area, and volume are just around the angle (sorry, I mean corner).

We've had a couple of recent trips away from the OLL campus. Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Owen helped us enjoy the musical stylings of the Ashland High School Jazz Band and Choirs. Mr. Hart and Mrs. Jablonski-

Root trekked in the freezing cold off-shore breeze April 21 for our pre-Earth Day trail clean-up field trip. Yes, it was cold (snowflakes were spotted) and it was dirty, stinky work. We appreciate your help (and we hope you've thawed out)! We will have a couple more field trips in the coming weeks, so watch for more permission slips! Have a wonderful May, with or without flowers!

### **Ms. Shields – Jr. High & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom**

**Family Life-** We read chapter 10 in our Family Life book on Worldwide Family. We talked about how we are all part of God's family. We are all brothers and sisters and have inalienable rights.

**Math-** We worked on algebraic inequalities in math class. ex.  $w + 2$  is less than or equal to 12 and we had to create number lines to represent our equations.

**History-** We read chapter 8 lesson 2. We defined all of the vocabulary in the lesson and answered the questions. We talked about the Colosseum, slaves, and Gladiators. We also learned about Hannibal the leader of Carthage that rides elephants, Julius Caesar, one of Ancient Rome's great leaders, and his great grandson Augustus Caesar who was equally as powerful.

**Geography-** We did the review for chapter 11 Northwestern Europe pg. 293 #1-9 #1-9 & #-10. We reviewed France, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, and Lichtenstein. There is a lot to remember, but the test will be on Friday!

**PE5,6,7,&8-** Warm up with 5 laps jogging around the gym. Then we reviewed the different ways to stop on rollerblades: 1. toe or heel stop 2. t-stop/hockey stop 3. circle turn stop. I reminded the students that the fast skaters skate on the inside and the slower skaters skate on the outside of the floor. I reminded the slower skaters that the carpet and wall are there to give them a sense of comfort and safety. We skated awhile and randomly practiced the different styles of stops. We reversed our skating to go counterclockwise. We tried a little backward skating and we even played a skate version of limbo. It was lots of fun! We are so glad the Knight's of Columbus has donated the money this year for us to try this program.

**Power Plant Field Trip-** We went to the Xcel Energy Center for a tour and presentation. We learned a lot

about how the plant operates by burning mostly wood chips. This is known as Biomass electricity. It is one of the first power plants to switch to burning the renewable resource. It only has 36 employees which is so surprising considering the size of the power plant.

### **Mrs. Marita – Jr. High & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom**

The Jr. High Students held their Science Fair on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall. This year they made a conversion from a Science Fair to a Science Museum. There were many great projects to see.

### **Mrs. Swiston – Jr. High & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Homeroom**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade Religion:** We have finished our book on Church History through the present day and have started our unit on Morality. We are learning about God's Laws and how to make good choices by applying what we have learned. Along with how we have developed our knowledge of right and wrong through our experiences, through observations of adults in our lives and through our culture and our church.

**US History:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class has progressed through present day history and is now studying the development of our US Constitution and how our three government branches work together to make laws, carry out laws and see that the laws are just and true to our Constitution. We will be learning about each branch of the government in the weeks to come.

**Language Arts for Jr. High:** The students have been learning the 6 traits of good writing through peer editing during writing workshops. All levels are reviewing capitalization rules and applying them in their assignments

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