



Our Lady's Academy PTO Newsletter

MARCH 2019

March Calendar

- 3/1 First Friday Mass 9am
- 3/6 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
- 3/6 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- 3/13 **PTO Meeting 7:30 pm**
- 3/13 Open House 6-8pm
- 3/15 Tag Day
- 3/19-3/21 Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/24 Basketball Mass 11am & Banquet
- 3/30 Trivia Night - 6pm
- 3/31 First Communion Parent Meeting - 10am

Ash Wednesday - Lent 2019

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head.

The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. Often as a priest applies the ashes in the sign of the cross, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Lent is a penitential season. That means it is an opportunity to examine your life, give your struggles to God, and invite him to help you become the-best-version-of-yourself. During Lent, there is a strong focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. All these spiritual exercises help prepare us for the celebration of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



OLA Wildcats Advance to the Archdiocese Playoffs

on your post-season run and good luck on your tourney journey!

Playoff Games: Boys Gr 5/6 - March 9th (TBD) Boys Gr 7/8 - March 9th (TBD)

A special thanks goes out to the program coordinators, Mike and Roberta Richards, who have continued to sponsor this program as alumni parents. We also thank all the parent coaches and student assistant coaches who contribute their time and talent to teaching team values and skill building to the players. All teams have shown tremendous growth throughout the season.

Coed Grades 1 & 2 - Coaches Stas Sadkowski & Jason Sweeney; Assistant Coaches Erin Lopez, Christina Richards, Jake Dooley & Alex Hananian

Coed Grades 3 & 4 - Coaches Ernie Palazzolo & Stas Sadkowski; Assistant Coaches Ava Palazzolo, TJ Dysart, Tia Larranaga, Alyssa Richards & Dallas Bradshaw

Boys Grades 5 & 6 - Coaches Hank DeSantis & Jason Mathew

Girls Grades 7 & 8 - Coaches Ernie Palazzolo & John Reardon

Boys Grades 7 & 8 - Coaches Jason Sweeney, Ari Miller and Susan Chagnon

Special thanks to Holly Ma, Eli Doane, and Ryen Chagnon for their technical support!

OUR LADY'S PTO

Come to a PTO Meeting, it's a great way to meet other parents and get involved in Our Lady's Academy. Meetings are held the **SECOND** Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm. We welcome all parents! Follow us on Facebook @olawalthampto or Email ptoboard@ourladysacademy.org with more questions.



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, March 30th at Our Lady's Academy

Doors open at 6pm, Trivia begins at 7pm
Proceeds support 8th grade trip to Washington D.C.
\$15/person in advance, \$20 at the door
Better yet muster a team of 8 for \$100
Must be 21 attend -1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes

New Dismissal Procedure

In the coming weeks, Our Lady's will be implementing a new dismissal procedure. This new procedure has been developed by a committee of teachers and parents and has been thoroughly discussed and revised. The new plan involves a pick-up line for children K-8. PreK (and older siblings of PreK students) will dismiss from the classrooms as before.

We feel that this is a necessary step in ensuring the safety of our students. We kindly ask that all parents are diligent in following this new procedure for a smooth and successful transition. The date of implementation has not been set but will be announced soon, so keep an eye out for information regarding this.



IS YOUR CHILD CELEBRATING FIRST COMMUNION?

The Our Lady's Parish office has a gently used clothing closet. Check it out, there are like new, suits, dresses, shoes and accessories. Donations are also welcome!



April Calendar

4/5 First Friday Mass 9am
4/10 PTO Meeting 7:30pm
4/12 Show of Talent
4/15-4/19 No School – April Vacation
4/21 Easter Services 9am & 11am

Save the Date: 4/27 @ 5pm

HAM-A-RAMA

Raffles – 50/50 – BBQ packages & Ham Galore

4/26 Tag Day (4th Friday)

4/27 Ham-a-Rama 5pm