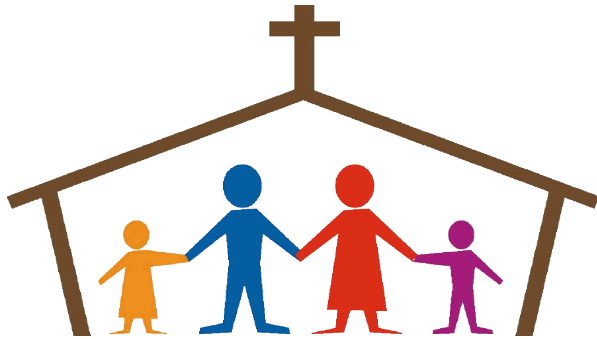




OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER

January 2019



Continuing the theme of getting to know OLA faculty and staff - here is some insight into the important role of our Religious Education teacher and After-School Program Director Jackie Ashba.

"It has been a blessing to be part of the Our Lady's community, being both a parishioner since 2007 and a faculty member since 2013. I have enjoyed my dual role in serving as Religion teacher for the primary grades (PreK-3rd), and as director of the After-School Program. As a mother of two high school boys, who graduated from OLA, I firmly believe in the value and strength of a Catholic education in the moral formation of children. It is a joy and privilege to teach the basics of the Catholic Faith and help the children understand that we are all members of God's family with a divine purpose in life. Sharing the gift of Jesus and following his example and teachings, gives us the anchor and the compass we need to stay on the right path as we journey together in faith.

At the end of the school day, I welcome the children to the Little Saints After School Program, where they enjoy the time to relax, get some homework done, and socialize with friends. The Holy Family is the model and core approach of the after-school program which also reflects the Mission of OLA. Thankfully, with the help from a team of dedicated and caring after school teachers, we strive to create a nurturing environment for the children. Through a variety of engaging activities, from cooking, arts/crafts, sports, and Chapel time, the children witness that true companionship is Christ-centered, and they learn how to develop happy and healthy relationships in their community. Being part of a family, we encourage love for one another by respecting the needs and feelings of each other while fostering unity."

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1/2 First Wednesday Early Dismissal 11:30am
- 1/4 First Friday Mass 9am
- 1/9 PTO Meeting 7:30pm
- 1/18 Tag Day (Free Dress Day)
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Day – NO SCHOOL
- 1/26-2/1 Catholic Schools Week
- 1/30 Open House 10am & 6pm

Happy New Year!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

As we begin the New Year excited about plans and resolutions for the upcoming months, we would like to take a moment to acknowledge so many who contributed to making 2018 such a great success. Thank you Our Lady's Academy Families and Parishioners for all your support last year! Breakfast with Santa was a huge success!!! A Big Thanks to everyone who participated and helped to make this event great! Special Thanks to Melissa Baptiste & the Noels (event co-coordinators), Denise Diviney (Class basket Coordinator), the Menashas (Tree Game), Andrea Larranaga (Silent Auction), Susan Chagnon and Andrea Morris (Breakfast Coordination), Anna Kronewitter and Shelli Waetzig (Ticket Sales), Charles Manero (Catering). Thank you to our OLA Faculty for their time, talent and donations: Art Department-Diana Martocchia, Father DiPerri, Miriam Dorovsky, Mrs. Minor, Mrs. G., Music Department-Mr. Fallon, OLA Bingo-Susan Chagnon and Sam Menasha

Thank you for individual raffle and auction donations, Degirmenci, Larranaga, Lyons, Magee, Mathews, Miller, Philcox, Sadkowski, Sweeney, and Sulahain Families!

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK, Jan 26 – Feb 1 2019



An annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, Parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Saturday, January 26th: Family Bingo Night 5:30-7:30pm.
A FREE, family-friendly, social event to kick off Catholic Schools Week.

~Prizes-Pizza-Bake Sale~

Sunday, January 27th: OLA Family Parish Mass at 9am.
Reception to follow in the Parish.

Monday, January 28th: School Spirit Day & Door Decorating Contest!

- Students can show their school spirit by dressing in blue and gold today!
- Pre-K-4th grade: Each class will participate in a door decorating contest, winner to be chosen by Councilor Diane LeBlanc!
- Pre-K & TK Assembly with New England Aquarium.
- Grades 5-8th will make care packages for the Elderly, sponsored by Thrivent Financial, to be donated to Leland Home.

Tuesday, January 29th: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

- Wear your craziest hat (made or bought) or do your hair in a wacky way today! Student Council will pick the most creative!
- Childhood Mission Assemblies (Maureen Heil, Archdiocese of Boston)

Wednesday, January 30th: Assembly Day & Open House

- Open House at 10am and 6pm – tell your friends and family with school-age kids

Thursday, January 31st: Movie Day

Friday, February 1st: First Friday Mass & Ice Cream Social

- Please join us for Mass at 9am.
- Celebrate the end of Catholic Schools Week with the Ice Cream Social, right after lunch! Thank you to the Sweeneys and Ben & Jerry’s on Newbury Street.



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, guardians and Faculty! Contact ptoboard@ourladysacademy.org with more questions.

POLICY REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSING – WEATHER

In the case of inclement weather Our Lady’s Academy follows the “No School” decision of the Waltham Public Schools (**if Waltham Public Schools are closed, Our Lady’s Academy is closed; if Waltham Public Schools has a delayed opening, then the Academy has a delayed opening**). Announcements are made on the major radio and television stations and their websites. A 2 hour delayed opening means that school starts at 10 a.m. and school buses pick up students on their routes 2 hours later than normal.



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/1 First Friday Mass 9am

2/6 Early Dismissal 11:30am

2/13 PTO Meeting 7:30pm

2/15 Tag Day

2/18 – 2/22 NO SCHOOL - February Break