



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER

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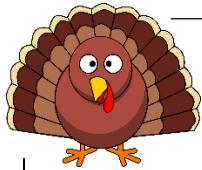


OUR LADY'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE



Wednesday, November 14th,
6pm-8pm. Volunteers are needed to show visitors how wonderful our school is!!! This is a great way to show some school pride AND earn Service Hours!

A sign up can be found on the school website.



TURKEY RAMA

Our Lady's Parish
Saturday, November 17th, 5pm.
Donations are greatly appreciated for this fundraiser and may be dropped off in the Parish office. Thank you!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 11/2** First Friday Mass 9am
- 11/2** Saints Day Assembly 1pm
- 11/6** NO SCHOOL
(Professional Day)
- 11/7** Early Release 11:30am
- 11/12** NO SCHOOL (Veterans Day)
- 11/14** Open House 6-8pm
- 11/14** PTO Meeting 7:30pm
- 11/16** Tag Day-Free Dress
- 11/21-23** NO SCHOOL
(Thanksgiving Break)
- 11/30** Class Basket Collection



Arts & Crafts

Introducing Art Instructor Diana Martocchia! And some exciting fruits of her work with our children



"I view art as an indispensable gateway of creativity that unlocks the keys to our imagination. When our imagination is nurtured by integrity and inspired by effective teaching it is free to fully and authentically express itself; developing communication skills, critical thinking skills, confidence, and an enthusiasm for learning. Regardless of the students' age, it is imperative to nurture the individuals' unique sense of inventiveness that inspires immense potential for well-balanced development. Within the classroom as a visual arts educator, I aspire to invite excitement and creativity while providing encouragement in a safe environment that fosters open communication and trust.

I believe that each child holds a unique relationship to learning, and it is my role to discover and meet those needs. Previously I was a Special Education teacher for over 5 years; I am cognizant to the need for a universal design for learners. It is in my experience that this approach captivates and encourages students as individuals to excel to their highest potential.

Through observation, experience, and reflection I have discovered that the uniqueness of children can empower and encourage them to celebrate and value their unique selves; thus activating their distinctive voice and expression of communication through their artwork. I nourish curiosity that will cultivate student's creativity, inspire investigation, deepen acquisition and discover a joy for learning. I hope that these views help you to understand who I am as a teacher and the philosophies I encourage with my students as a Visual Arts Educator."

Check out her inspiring blog <https://toinspirethemind.blogspot.com>

- A public exhibition at the National Archives building in Waltham is displaying Northwestern Native American "soap" **carvings by Grades 2-6** through Nov 16th.
- Check out the new **Artists Wall**. This will feature 3 new artists every month. (Art, writing and poetry, and/or anything that can fit in the designated space). The intention is to have the children recognize one another for their hard work. In turn, boosting confidence with their peers.
- **Craft Fair** the evening of the Christmas concert (12/17). All proceeds will go toward a field trip to the MFA Boston in early spring.

Our Lady's Academy now on AmazonSmile

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- We look forward to the Christmas concert (themed 'The Greatest Gift') being planned by Mr. Fallon and all the students.



DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/2	Breakfast with Santa 9am-12pm
12/5	Early Release Day 11:30am
12/5	Parent Teacher Conferences
12/7	First Friday Mass 9am
12/12	PTO Meeting 7:30pm
12/17	Christmas Concert Grades 1-8 6:00-7:30pm
12/18	Christmas Concert PreK-K 9:15-10:30am
12/21	Tag Day
12/24-1/1	NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)



Get involved in **Our Lady's Academy** and **Come to a PTO Meeting!** Meetings are held in the Conference Room outside the main office the **second Wednesday** of the month at **7:30pm**. We welcome all parents, guardians and faculty! Contact ptoboard@ourladysacademy.org with any questions.



- A big shout out to **Andrea Larranga**, committee and volunteers for a successful Middle School Dance.
- Special acknowledgement to **Kate O'Brien, Melissa Baptiste, Deb Kavey, Anna Kronewitter** for all their hard work making Our Lady's TRUNK or TREAT 2018 a great success! We are grateful to all the volunteers and families who came out to support this event.
- To **Mr. O'Callaghan** and the **8th Grade**, thank you for your contribution and for the Spooky Haunted Houses!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sunday, December 2nd

9am – Noon

Volunteers Needed!

Ticket sales will begin next week and will be open to the community for breakfast, raffles, silent auction and a visit by Santa Claus. Invite your family and neighbors to this OLA holiday event! Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful! Email olabreakfastwithsanta@gmail.com

