



# OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER

## February 2018

### NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 CONTINUES FEBRUARY 1 and FEBRUARY 2



An annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 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.

- Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Movie Day! Students bring a blanket and water bottle and we provide the popcorn and movie!
- Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – School Mass 9am AND Ice Cream Social, special thanks to the Sweeney Family for their generous contribution of Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER, we cannot host these fun events without Parent involvement**

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank You to everyone who has helped make CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 such a success so far! Thank you to Mr. Fallon for organizing the middle school CSW songs, Amanda Normoyle and Deb Kavey for Movie Day, Deb Kavey and the Sweeney Family for Ice Cream Social, and Angela Dooley for organizing the Assemblies! A big thank you to OLA Bingo for coordinating & Sean Noel for calling our Family Bingo Night!

Check out some pictures from the week on Facebook - Our Lady's Academy PTO

#### FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 2/1 Movie Day (Catholic Schools Week)
- 2/2 Song Performance 8:45am
- 2/2 First Friday Mass 9am
- 2/2 Ice Cream Social
- 2/7 Early Dismissal 11:30am
- 2/12 MARC Anti-bullying Workshop
- 2/12 School Board Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2/14 Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
- 2/14 PTO Meeting 7:30pm
- 2/16 Tag Day
- 2/19 – 2/23 No School-February Break
- 2/27 Internet Safety Seminar 6pm

#### SUPPORT OUR LADY'S ACADEMY

**Wednesday February 7, 2018**

(Early Release Day)

Visit **LAUNCH Trampoline Park,**

**4 – 8 pm**



625 Pleasant St, Watertown  
25% of the sales benefit  
Our Lady's Academy

#### OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO IS SELLING GIFTCARDS



PTO will be selling gift cards to popular retailers at most school events. The gift cards cost the same and work the same as they do when bought elsewhere, but a percentage of the sale is donated directly to the PTO to help fund our events and field trips. Brands include Dave & Buster's, LL Bean, Starbucks and more.

## INTERNET SAFETY & NETIQUETTE:



OLA Parents - Are you concerned about the increased amount of time your kids spend online or engrossed in electronics? So are we.

We know that technology can be beneficial for our children's education, but we also worry about what else they are exposed to, reliance on screen time for entertainment, and inability to regulate themselves! That is why we are bringing an Internet Security and Safety expert from IBM. On February 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be providing 2 seminars, one for students in grades 4-8 and in the evening for parents. You do not have to be a middle school parent to attend. For parents who want to attend but not sure how to manage it with younger kids, we will be providing childcare for OLA families if you RSVP!

We will also follow up with a viewing of *Screenagers* in March, which discusses how adolescents can learn to regulate technology dependence in their lives. This can also provide some useful tips for all of us who cling to our mobile devices. For an overview of this program,

visit <https://www.screenagersmovie.com/about/>

There are lots of great resources available: <https://www.common sense media.org/parent-concerns>

<https://audreynay.weebly.com/safer-internet-day.html>

<http://planetnutshell.com/netsafe/>

Dates to tune in:

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Internet Safety Program at Kennedy Middle School, 6-7pm (Adults only)
- February 6<sup>th</sup>: Internet Safer Day
- February 12<sup>th</sup>: MARC Anti-Cyberbullying Seminar at OLA
- February 27<sup>th</sup>: Internet Safety Program at OLA



### 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! Contact [ptoboard@ourladyacademy.org](mailto:ptoboard@ourladyacademy.org) with more questions.

### 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!



### MARCH CALENDAR

<b>3/2</b>	First Friday Mass 9am
<b>3/6</b>	Science Fair 6pm (Grades 3-8)
<b>3/7</b>	Early Dismissal 11:30am
<b>3/10</b>	Trivia Night 6pm
<b>3/14</b>	PTO Meeting 7:30pm
<b>3/16</b>	Tag Day
<b>3/30</b>	No School – Good Friday



### SAVE THE DATE:

Trivia Night  
Saturday March 10, 2018  
6-10pm

Our Lady's Academy Parish Hall  
Tickets \$140 per group of 10  
\$15/per person in advance, \$20 at door  
Proceeds benefit: Our Lady's Academy  
National Junior Honor Society