



OUR LADY'S ACADEMY PTO NEWSLETTER

March 2018

MARCH CALENDAR

3/2	First Friday Mass 9am
3/3	Cardinal O'Malley Celebrating Mass with the Parish
3/4	Basketball Mass & Breakfast
3/6	Science Fair 6pm (Grades 3-8)
3/7	Early Dismissal 11:30am
3/10	Trivia Night 7pm
3/14	PTO Meeting 7:30pm
3/16	Tag Day
3/30	No School – Good Friday

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 the door
 Proceeds benefit: Our Lady's Academy
 National Junior Honor Society

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.



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@ourladysacademy.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!



APRIL CALENDAR

4/1	Easter Services 9am & 11am
4/4	Early Dismissal 11:30am
4/6	First Friday Mass 9am
4/7	Middle School Dance
4/8	First Communion Parent Meeting
4/11	PTO Meeting 7:30pm
4/16-4/20	No School – April Vacation
4/27	Tag Day (4 th Friday)
4/28	Ham-A-Rama



Stayed Tuned for our next Tech Talk night where will hold a screening of *Screenagers*. The film 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/>



Thank you to everyone who came out to hear the Cyber Security Tech Talk on Tuesday. It was enlightening and a little frightening to understand how vulnerable our information is. Thank you especially to the Antonyraj's for connecting us with Etay Maor from IBM, who came to clarify some of the pitfalls we can fall prey to when using the Internet. We also want to thank the NJHS members who volunteered to provide a kids' zone while the parents attended the seminar.

Here are a few tips from Etay for maintaining privacy and reduce your exposure:

- There is no such thing as “free” Apps, websites, etc. they collect information from their users by accessing their mobile or personal devices (phones, tablets, laptops).
- Though tedious, it is worth it to understand the terms and conditions of the Apps you download. All Apps take much more information than they need and report it out to interested companies. Think about how much you value your security and privacy over an App. Contrary to what we are told, we do not need an App for everything!
- Run updates and virus scanning software often and proactively to avoid malicious software and look alike pop-ups that may convince you to “update” a piece of software or plug-ins.
- Do not fall prey to “phishing” scams requesting personal information or threatening language in electronic communication often disguised as a bank, IRS or email provider.
- Check the URL when you are sent a link for abnormalities or inconsistencies. Do not click on anything that looks remotely suspicious or from someone you do not know.
- When using Apps like WhatsApp, Facebook messenger, etc. your messages are being routed through multiple storage devices and servers, these are not as private as you think!
- There is no such thing as deleting information from the Internet. Once you post it, type it or send it, you are committed. So make sure that you are comfortable with what you do, show or say at all times! If you are talking about a friend “behind their back” digitally, do not assume that is private.
- Limit livestreaming and constant posting on social media, it makes personal information accessible to anyone who is committed to obtaining it.
- If involved in online gaming sessions Xbox, PlayStation, etc. do not ever divulge personal information, location or agree to meet anyone that you met through gaming. Some people may not be who they pretend to be. Parents should monitor these gaming sessions to make sure that gamers their children are connected to are not behaving inappropriately. It is a good idea to only play online with people you know personally.