



OLV NEWS & NOTES



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PRINCIPAL GORMAN'S CORNER

We are back and in full swing after some heat related disturbances! Routines have been established as we *Gear up for God* with our daily instruction. A few new additions to OLV for the school year are: Fr. John Rapisarda, Fr. Josh Laws, Ms. Kaitlyn Bolesta- kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Justine Mudd-4th grade homeroom teacher, Mrs. Dorothy Registe-Shelton- counselor, Miss Goodale is our resource teacher, a new position, and we now have an **engineering program!** For the first term, The Baltimore Robotics Club will be providing experienced coaching and curriculum using main-stream robotic systems. This will enable our students to learn and experience a full range of training, from basic assembly, engineering and control to advanced task-specific design and programming in addition to teamwork, cooperation, project management and other important life-skills. Our 1st and 2nd graders will use Lego Blocks to learn about simple machines while completing daily building projects. (Lego Simple Machine) Our 3rd and 4th graders will explore real world applications for robots while working in groups to complete guided builds and create autonomous programs for their robots to do various tasks such as space exploration, cleaning the ocean and search and rescue missions. (Lego WeDo) Our 5th-8th graders will be introduced to the day in the life of professional engineers, basic building and design skills and autonomous programming using RobotC software. (VEX IQ)

We will also have a Stem Student of the Week!

Congratulations to Nathan Kaman and Jarrod Blackwell for being the first two Stem Students of the Week!

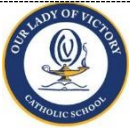
I'd like to thank the Archdiocese of Baltimore for believing in our engineering program and giving us a \$30,000 grant for this program to be possible. We are the only school in the Archdiocese to have this during the school day, a part of our curriculum. Our students will be gaining valuable information during this experience.

Something else that is new this year is that we will be having two masses each month! A schedule was sent home earlier for you to put on your calendars and join us whenever possible! If you need a new one, let us know~

Teacher updates will be available on each teacher's website instead of in this newsletter. We are all in the process of either updating or beginning this new way of communication. Thank you for your patience as we all get on board!

Everyone learns differently and we are determined to best meet your child's needs. We have conducted a multiple intelligence survey which will assist teachers in planning for their lessons to reach all learning preferences.

The Parent Wishes Box in the lobby of the school is for you to place any suggestions or comments you would like to share with me. So far one of the suggestions has been for more communication, and now we will begin with Wednesday Updates starting in October. Another asked about air conditioning- I suggested this when I first came to OLV and it is something the school board is working on. One request was for a father daughter dance, however, I already have on the February calendar a Sweetheart Dance. This will allow any of our students, to participate with a sweetheart!



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More new news....

The Campus Ministry between UMBC and OLV! This is exciting to have additional team players with our community. We will have many opportunities to partner with UMBC – I am excited to hear all of Fr. John’s ideas and welcome new ideas for providing support to the church and Campus Ministry!

One of the services I would love for us to support and help grow is the Food Pantry. We will gather items in the school lobby any day and be sure they get around to the pantry. Items that can be brought in at any time are:

Canned / jar items – vegetables, juices, spaghetti sauces, gravy, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, nuts, seeds, popcorn, soups etc.

Cereal, coffee, tea, oatmeal, pancake mix, grits, pasta, beans, lentils

Laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning products, deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste

Paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex

Thank you for your support as we help those in need~



Another addition has been TABATA. We start every morning with a 4 minute exercise that energizes us for the day. On Wednesdays, we get an extra health tip and on Fridays we sing the school song! We begin every day on a positive note at OLV!



Upcoming Events~

10/4 - 9:15 Mass

10/14 – Race for Education

10/17 – 10/21 National Chemistry Week

10/20 – Ice Cream Cottage 3:30-7

10/21 – 12:30 dismissal

10/24 – 10/28 Red Ribbon Week

Need to Complete Your HSA Volunteer Hours?

Each family is required to volunteer 25 hours during the school year at fundraisers and school functions or pay an additional \$250 (\$125 Single Parent-12 ½ hours). Any family member may complete volunteer hours, however, **ALL** volunteers are required to register and complete the SHIELD THE VULNERABLE training – *except weekly Friday night bingo volunteers* (www.shieldthevulnerable.org). This fee will be applied to your FACTS account in May, if the hours are not complete.

OLV Bingo is in need of additional support. If you are interested in becoming a caller, please contact Lindsay Bobian. A training will be set up. Got a spare hour or two on Friday night? Come help with Bingo! Volunteers are needed to work in the kitchen, sell instant, stock packages, and work the floor. You earn **double hours** and an out-of-uniform pass for your child.



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FROM THE EXTENDED CARE DIRECTOR

STAND/Shield the Vulnerable Training

Please remember in order to volunteer at school, attend class parties, and chaperone field trips, you **MUST** be STAND/Shield the Vulnerable trained. Many notices have gone home over the last year and a half to get those who were previously STAND trained registered and updated on the new Shield the Vulnerable website. There are still numerous people who completed the older version of STAND training, but have not registered on the new website or have not updated their training or background check if it has been more than 5 years since your last screening. Contact Ms. Erin Hughes at ehughes@olvictory.org if you are unsure about your status. Field trip time will soon be upon us!

Extended Care

Just a reminder about half-days – Please remember to send your child with a bagged lunch if they are staying after school. The cafeteria **does not** serve lunch on 12:30 dismissal days. An afternoon snack is provided at 3:00 for all children in aftercare.

Reminders – When dropping off students in the morning, please pull up in front of the church near the stop sign.

Spirit Days are every Friday – These are not out of uniform days. Please refer to your handbook for clarification.



The flu season can begin as early as October lasting through April. The CDC and BCHD recommend the current season's flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older. The Baltimore County Department of Health is holding free flu shot clinics at various locations in the county on October 22, 2016 from 9am to noon.

See their website at www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/resources/flu.html for more details. Please continue to reinforce good hand washing techniques at home, and remind your children to keep fingers out of their eyes, nose and mouth.

It is very important that the school has current contact numbers (home, work and cell) in case we need to call you for illnesses or emergencies. Call Ms. Alley in the office with any corrections. According to the OLV handbook, a child who is sick needs to be picked up within one hour of the school's notification to a parent or guardian. Now is the time to make advance plans with your spouse, family, friends and/or boss as to how a school emergency will be handled. Being prepared now will save a lot of headaches later!

Mrs. Wood

