

OLP's Weekly Update December 7, 2017



OLP's CALENDAR NEXT WEEK:

- ❖ **Monday, Dec 11: Specials Rotation C**
 - Christmas Fair, all day
 - K & 8th Buddies, 2:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Tuesday, Dec 12: Specials Rotation A**
 - Spelling Bee, 1:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Wednesday, Dec 13: Specials Rotation B**
 - All School Mass, Lector: Rose R.
 - Reconciliation for grades 6 – 8 following Mass
 - Teacher & Staff Christmas Luncheon
 - Christmas Musical, Grades 3 – 4, 6:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Thursday, Dec 14: Specials Rotation C**
- ❖ **Friday, Dec 15: Specials Rotation A**
 - DARE Graduation, 5th Grade, 1:30 p.m.
 - Advent Family Movie Night, 6:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BUSINESS:

Q & A OF THE WEEK:

Q: How will we know if school is cancelled for inclement weather this winter?

A: Be sure you are signed up for [Mrs. Briggs's Remind Group!](#) Mrs. Briggs's group is an all-school notification system, which allows her to send notifications via text message and/or email. These notifications include important reminders for families throughout the school year, but would also be the first notification you would receive if school is cancelled. In addition to the Remind notification, school closings will be listed on local news stations as "Our Lady of the Presentation School."

SERVICE PROJECT: "O tidings of comfort and joy!" Generosity means sharing what you have with others, with a happy spirit. Generous people give their time, talents and treasure to help others. The 5th graders will be Christmas caroling at Little Sisters of the Poor on Monday, December 18. They will also be taking personal care items for the elderly residents, following in the footsteps of the daring disciple St. Jeanne Jugan. Please consider helping by sending a donation of personal care items to school. Suggested items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, wipes, tissues, lotion, Dove soap, knee high nylons, sugar free candy, etc. If it is possible for you to donate any of these items, please send them **by MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**. Thank you for your generosity!

SERVICE PROJECT - TAKE TWO: Light the Way for Jesus! Did you know that candles can provide light and warmth to the homeless? This year the 6th grade will be holding a candle drive for Uplift Organization, one of their service

End of Quarter Reminders

The end of the 2nd Quarter is quickly approaching, on **Wednesday, December 20**. As a reminder, all accounts must be current, as indicated below, in order for your child's report card to be released.

- ◆ **Tuition payments:** Thank you to all who have been making their Tuition Payments. Tuition Payments must be current **through November**. Payments can be made online, at www.olpls.org/onling-giving, as a one-time payment, and/or to set up recurring payments. Checks are also accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Karen Storck in the Parish Finance Office at kstorck@olpls.org.
- ◆ **Lunch Accounts** must be current and pre-paid **through Friday, December 15**. If questions, please contact Mrs. Melissa Wade, at mwade@olpls.org.
- ◆ **ACED Accounts** must be current as follows:
 - ◆ **Part-time families, through November.**
 - ◆ **Full-Time & Full-Time Plus families, through December.**If questions, please contact Mrs. Sharon Cornell, at ACED@olpls.org.

partners. This organization provides basic needs to the homeless, living in the Kansas City area. On **December 18 and 19**, bring in a new or used candle. Any type of candle is accepted, however tea lights are not recommended.

LOST & FOUND: OLP's Lost and Found cabinet is overflowing! **Please take time (or instruct your child to take time) to stop by the Lost and Found cabinet to see if anything belongs to you.** The Lost and Found cabinet is located at the base of the North stairs (across from the courtyard). Items in the lost and found are purged a couple of times a year, and everything left in the cabinet is donated to charity. **The first purge of the year will take place when school releases for Christmas Break, on December 20. So BE SURE to reclaim any lost items by then!** The cabinet contains most anything found around the OLP campus, but is especially full of uniform sweatshirts, jackets, lunch boxes and water bottles. So, be sure to check for anything missing. Please also remember to put your child's name on all of his/her belongings!

LEADERSHIP EVENT: All OLP families are invited to attend the Leadership Team's Advent Movie Night on **December 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Auditorium. The movie will be *The Polar Express* and festive treats will be served! Please consider showing your support for the Leadership Team by attending this **FREE event!**

EXTRACURRICULAR:

CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL CAMP: The Bill Waris Blue Jays Basketball Club will be hosting a two day Christmas Basketball camp at the new St. Michael the Archangel High School, on **December 28 and 29**, for boys and girls in grades 2 - 8. Students in grades 2 - 4 will practice from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.; and grades 5 - 8 will practice from 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per camper. Campers will focus on drills to get ready for the upcoming basketball season.

In addition, there will be a raffle for Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook, and Kyrie Irving jerseys, and some other great prizes. Register at <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/BillWarisBluejaysBasketballClub>

CHEER AND DANCE: Come Perform with the SMA Cheer and Dance Team on **Saturday, January 13!** Students will learn a cheer and dance routine from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.; break for a pizza lunch; then perform during the Girls' Varsity game at noon. Details are noted below, and can be found in the [SMA Cheer and Dance Flyer](#).

- ◆ Cheer and Dance routine will be taught for K-8 students, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Girls will perform during halftime and quarter time outs at the 12:00 p.m. Girls' Varsity game.
- ◆ T-Shirt and poms will be provided for every girl in attendance.
- ◆ Wear comfortable clothing and dance shoes, or lightweight tennis shoes.
- ◆ A pizza lunch will be provided at 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ Registration, including t-shirt size is due by **Friday, January 5.**
- ◆ COST: \$25 / Make checks payable to **SMA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.**

To RSVP and receive more information, CONTACT: Coach Loftis, at cloftis@smacatholic.org, and Coach Wiehn, at mwiehn@smacatholic.org.

CHORISTERS: 2nd Grade + OLP Choristers make a great match. **Beginning January 16**, Elementary Choristers will be open to receiving 2nd Graders and other new members in grades 2 - 4. Elementary Choristers meets every Tuesday afternoon, in the Cooper Room, at 3:15. To join Elementary Choristers, parents can download the [Enrollment Packet](#), complete it, and return it to Mr. Armstrong at practice on January 16. For additional information, visit the [Choristers Page](#) on the parish website, or contact Mr. Armstrong at darmstrong@olpls.org, or 816-251-1100.

PTO:

STAFF CHRISTMAS GIFT: Looking to get a head-start on Christmas? PTO is offering a Christmas Cash gift giving option for staff again this year, and starting even earlier! This program was created to provide a convenient gifting option to parents when looking to purchase gifts for multiple teachers and staff. Additionally, PTO supplements the gift to our dedicated staff. See the [Christmas Cash Flyer](#) for more details.

There are multiple ways to contribute:

1. **New this year!!** Contribute online, through the OLP Spirit Store: <https://www.olpspiritstore.com/>;
2. A donation box and greeting card will be available at the school office from **November 17 - December 11**; or
3. The donation box and card will be available at pick-up on **November 21 & 28, and December 5, 6, & 11**. Look for Sabrina Henry in the parking lot, or wherever Scrip cards are being sold on those dates.

Questions? Contact Sabrina Henry at sabrina.henry5@gmail.com.

THE CHRISTMAS FAIR IS HERE! As a reminder, this coming **Monday, December 11**, is the annual PTO Christmas Fair, where your children have the opportunity to shop for their loved ones!

- ◆ Items will be priced from \$1 to \$3.
- ◆ Students may buy for their immediate family, up to 4 gifts total.
- ◆ Presents will be wrapped and ready for the tree.

If your child is interested in participating, please have him/her **bring shopping money to school on Monday, December 11, in an envelope or ziplock baggie**, (it may be helpful to write the names of whom they are buying for on the outside).

All proceeds from the fair are donated to the OLP Parish Emergency Fund. Merry Christmas!

BOXTOPS CONTEST RESULTS: Congratulations to the Third and Sixth Grades for winning the Fall Semester BoxTops collection challenge! Both grades won a dress-down day, and an hour of fun. They collected 1870 and 1450 BoxTops, respectively. The grand total was 10,741. That translates to \$1,074.10 for OLP! **WOW and THANK YOU!**

THE PANTHER'S PEN: *The Panther's Pen* is OLP's yearly student publication, showcasing the artistic talents of grades K-8. The submission period is open now through **Wednesday, December 20**. Click the link for more information and to print a copy of the [Submission Form](#). Questions? Contact Denise Stoll at ddstoll@sbcglobal.net.

SCRIP FOR CHRISTMAS: Consider doing your Christmas shopping and gift giving with Scrip and earn a rebate towards your child's tuition!

- ◆ Use the weekly order forms to place an order.
- ◆ Download and print a form at tinyurl.com/olpscriporderform.
- ◆ Buy Scrip cards on Tuesdays after school - look for Bridget Bahr in the parking lot or Etue Room.
- ◆ Purchase Scrip after mass on the weekends in December.
- ◆ Order online at shopwithscrip.com

Remember that December 20th is the FINAL day to place a Scrip order for Christmas!

CHIPOTLE NIGHT: Shop, Dine, and support PTO! **On December 20, the Chipotle restaurant in the Summit Woods Shopping Center** will donate 50% of proceeds to OLP, between 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Take the [Chipotle Flyer](#) in printed form, or show it on your smartphone, and come hungry! See the flyer for details, and please note that the Summit Woods location is the only location participating in this event.

CUSTODIAL STAFF APPRECIATION: Ever year, PTO is happy to be able to provide our custodial staff with a yummy spread of snacks and treats to enjoy over the Christmas break. Please consider signing up to help bless them in this way, by clicking the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49aba828a7fd0-custodial>

COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED: Do you enjoy making sure our teachers and staff know they're thought of and appreciated? If so, please consider joining the **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Committee**. There are many opportunities like the one above to let our teachers and staff know we care! Questions? Contact Lauren Styer at styer.lauren@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING:

PANTHER PARTNERS - A COMMUNITY THAT CARES! OLP is blessed all year by the support of our [Panther Partners](#)! Remember to support them when making holiday purchases... some offer **Scrip cards** for purchase!

Know of anyone looking for a **2017 tax deduction**? There's still time to [donate to OLP](#) this calendar year! All Panther Partners will receive an official school tax receipt for their tax records.

Questions? Visit the [Panther Partners Page](#) on the school website, or contact the Panther Partners Committee at pantherpartners@olplsschool.org.

