



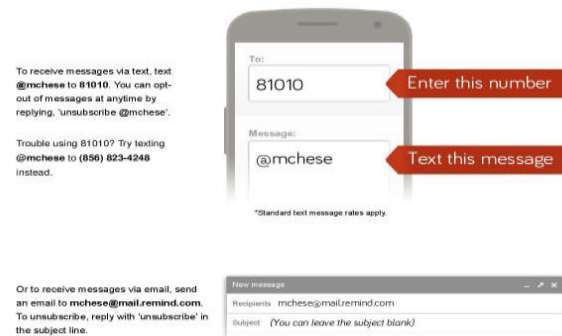
February 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Notes:			 Catholic Schools Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.	1 Book Fair Spirit Night	2 Book Fair 12:15 dismissal Faculty meeting Pasta Dinner/Talent Show	3 3rd Annual OLMC Mercy 5K
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day School Mass 9:00 AM	15	16 School closed	17
18 First Sunday of Lent	19 Presidents' Day School closed	20	21	22 "Thirsty Thursday" Art night ~ 6:00 PM	23	24 PTA Father/ Daughter Dance
25 Second Sunday of Lent	26	27	28 Progress reports		Keep saving General Mills Box Tops!	

Remind Text Messaging Service

M. Chesebro would like you to join General Announcements!



We've received a lot of positive feedback from parents about the "Remind" text messaging service that we introduced last school year.

If you haven't already enrolled, don't worry, there's still time before the bad weather hits us. This is a quick, easy and free way for us to communicate important information and reminders to you. This will also be the primary way that we communicate school closings.

It is easy to subscribe and unsubscribe as well. Phone numbers are always kept private!



February 2018

Reminders...

- Wednesday, February 14th school Mass 9AM.
- February 16th and 19th school closed for President's Day.
- Saturday, February 24th, Father/Daughter dance!
- Kids Canvas Night & Mother/Son event postponed. More information to follow!

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School

Mission Statement: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Regional School was founded by the Sisters of Mercy as a Catholic community with a foundation deeply rooted in Christian teachings and traditions. While fostering relationships with the family and community, we aspire to explore and develop future leaders who seek to serve the Lord and global community while responding to the needs and challenges of our time.

A Letter from the Principal

Hello OLMC families! With Catholic Schools' Week behind us, it is time for all members of the Mt. Carmel community to regroup and refocus on learning and academics. February and March provide an uninterrupted stretch of time for teachers and students alike to really delve into topics and make progress on some of the more intricate areas of their curricula. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, and this year coincides with Valentine's Day. In order to keep the true spirit and meaning of Lent, I am asking that any class celebrations for Valentine's Day take place on Tuesday, February 13. This day, the day before Lent begins, is celebrated in many cultures around the world ~ Mardi Gras, Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, Fastnacht Day, etc. Students will continue on their Lenten journey throughout February and March, participating in Stations of the Cross weekly, Penance services, and a Tenebrae service during Holy Week. We will also be remembering our brothers and sisters in need by collecting non-perishable foods for the St. Vincent dePaul food pantry, and loose change for Project Rice Bowl. From March 5 -9, grades 3 through 7 will be taking the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. While most students do not look forward to these tests, they are one of the many methods the school uses to assess student progress in

specific areas, as compared to students across the country taking the same series of tests. Please make every effort to send your children to school well-rested and fed. Study after study shows that test performance is directly related to a student's physical state. There are a few items of a very general nature which need to be addressed. Our school day begins at 7:40 AM. Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:20, no sooner. Students should be dropped off at the Maple Avenue door if they are able to exit the car quickly *by themselves*. For younger students, or students who may need assistance, parents should park in the lot closest to the church and walk their students to the courtyard entrance near the kitchen. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the hard work that went into making Catholic Schools' Week such a success. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the members of OLMC who supported the activities...PTA, faculty, staff, parents, grandparents, students, etc. Whatever the level of assistance, none of these events could occur without your help!

Student Congratulations!!!
Eighth grader Aidan McKeon will represent OLMC in the All South Jersey Junior High Honors Band.

The following junior high students qualified for the



Regional Finals of the National History Bee: Joseph Bilella, Joseph Calabria, Nathaniel Covone, Danielle Drialo, Nathan Garcia, James Mantuano, Nicholas Marino, Demitriyus Martinez, Samuel Millenbach, John Tracy, Marissa VanAtter, and Natalie Ward.

Fifth grader Tyler Morovich won the school round of the National Geographic Bee, and took the state qualifying test on February 1. We are anxiously awaiting the results of this exam.

The inaugural class of the National Junior Honor Society was installed during Catholic Schools' Week: Amanda DeAugustine, Danielle Drialo, Sydney Guerreiro, Brendan Johnson, Sara Mead, Nina Velasco, and Natalie Ward.

Alice Malloy

Kids Canvas Night and Mother/Son event postponed! More information will follow as it becomes available.

Father-Daughter Masquerade Ball

Date: Saturday, February 24
Time: 6:30PM
Location: OLMC - Father Bourke Memorial Hall
Age: 3+
Fee: \$25 per couple
\$5 for additional Daughter

Dress in your best and let's make memories together! Dinner, Dancing and fun will be provided. The theme of the dance this year will be "Masquerade." Wear your own mask or decorate one when you arrive. DJ, Dinner, and a complimentary photo are included in your ticket price.

Contact the school office for tickets - 856-767-1751

Available for \$1 each: Hair glitter application, eye jewels, roses and accessories!

"Thirsty" Thursday is Back!

"A Night with Van Gogh"
Wine and Paint Night
Thursday, February 22nd
Only 24 seats are available!

Location: OLMC School Art Room
Time: 6:30 - 8PM
RSVP to Jodi Wilhelm
856-767-1751 ext. 312
or jwilhelm@olmc-school.org

All art supplies, canvas and light appetizers included!
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2017 Goal: \$65,000
Raised to Date: \$28,379
Needed to Reach Goal: \$36,621

Annual Fund

Total average cost per student 2016/17
Tuition rate first child \$4,750
Cost to educate a student \$6,764

Category	Percentage
2016/2017 Revenue	54%
Tuition & Fees	13%
ICSF Grant (Diocesan Subsidy)	13%
PreK & Aftercare	10%
Win Big	6%
Annual Fund	4%

ATHLETICS UPDATE ...

The Athletic Department would like to thank all of the students and Parents who attended the 2018 Spirit Night. It was a huge success!



Human Hungry, Hungry Hippos

Catholic Schools Week at a Glance ...

