

OLV School Update

February 13, 2012

The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to the community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning.

Mitch Albom

In Our Prayers - We pray for all of those who are in need of God's healing presence. Especially: We pray for Mr. Mark Riddle, husband of Mrs. Susan Riddle our Technology Teacher and Brother of our Principal, Mr. Thomas E. Riddle. We also pray for all of the families of the Our Lady of Victory Community. Do you know of someone in need of our prayers? Please let us know and we will include it in our school update.

Our Lady of Victory School is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year in Grades Pre - K to Grade 8. Please remember the Parent Referral program that offers a \$250.00 discount for every student that you refer to our school. If the family that you refer is accepted, you will receive the credit on your last tuition bill of the school year. Refer three and receive a \$750.00 credit! There is not a limit on this program.

Valentine's Day Celebration - The Primary Department will be having a special snack and activity tomorrow in uniform. In addition, will be celebrating this special day on Thursday, February 16th as a school community. All students who bring in a canned good to school for St Martin's Home will be out-of-uniform. Also, the students in the middle

school will be attending a dance in the afternoon. Everyone will be attending a special "Motown" assembly at 11:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to join us for the assembly.

Trimester 2 Progress Reports - Students in Grades Pre-K - 8 will be receiving their Trimester 2 Report on Monday, February 27th. Please review the report and sign the envelope that needs to be returned to school by March 5th. This is the perfect time for a conference with your child's teacher should any weaknesses appear. Please be sure that all of your financial obligations to the school are up-to-date.

HSA Pancake Supper - The annual HSA Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, February 21st. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Adults \$6.50 - Children 4 - 14 \$4.50 - Children 3 and under - \$2.00 if purchased in advance. Adults \$7.00 - Children \$ 4 - 14 \$5.00 if purchased at the door. We have a great menu that will be prepared by the faculty and staff and it is all you can eat. Food is served until 8:00 p.m., and there will be arts and crafts activities for the children. Tickets are available in the school office or at the door.

Ash Wednesday - The children will be attending a special Ash Wednesday Prayer service at 10:00 a.m., on February 22nd, in church. While our space is limited, you are welcome to join us if your schedule permits.

OLV Bull and Shrimp Roast - Please plan to join the faculty and staff at our at Bull and Shrimp Roast on March 17th. ALL proceeds will be used to help offset the cost tinting in the classrooms. We are hoping that every family with a child in our school will attend. Ticket order forms are available on our web site and flyers were sent home this week. We are hoping for a sellout. Please show your OLV spirit and plan to attend.

HSA Tuition Raffle - Would a year of free tuition interest you? The annual tuition raffle is underway. A great prize will be awarded to the top seller. Each student is asked to sell a minimum of twenty tickets. A

volunteer hour is awarded for every \$100.00 sold in fundraising. Please support your HSA.

School Holidays - School will be closed on Friday, February 17th, for a Professional Day and on Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

STAND - Your STAND card can be renewed by submitting a new Volunteer Screening form to Ms. Hughes. Please call Ms. Hughes if you have any questions.

NJHS 3 On 3 Basketball - The NJHS is gearing up for their annual 3 on 3 basketball contest that will be held on February 23rd and 24th. A special flyer with all of the details was already sent home. Extra copies are available in the school office.

School Pictures - School pictures will be taken in uniform on February 28th and 29th. A special flyer will be coming home with additional information.

Faculty vs. Eighth Grade - The annual shootout has been scheduled for March 8th, at 6:30 p.m. The basketball game will be held at Mt. St. Joseph High School. It's a great time and a great cause. We are going to use the proceeds to help needy OLV families at Easter. We all hope to see you there to cheer for your favorite team. The faculty won the game last year, but it was very close. This year the game could go either way. Don't miss it. Tickets will soon be available in the school office or at the door. The gate opens at 6:00 p.m., and refreshments will be sold. Come at 6:00 p.m., and have dinner before the game. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students eighth grade and below.

Morning Drop Off - All students are to be dropped off in the front of school in the morning. Parents are asked not to come around the back of school where the faculty and staff park in the morning.

New Maintenance Man - Please join us in welcoming Mr. Michael Ramey to our maintenance staff. Mr. Ramey started last week and will be working the afternoon/evening shift.

Uniform Sale - Please see the attached flyer concerning a sale on school uniforms.

Drams Club News - On Monday January 30th, members from OLV's Drama Club walked to St. Martin's Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home to visit with some of the residents. The students talked with the residents and made Valentine's Crafts. Some of the students made extra crafts for the residents who were unable to attend. This was Drama Club's second trip to the nursing home this school year. The students really enjoy getting to know the residents and the residents really enjoy getting to know our wonderful students! Special thanks to Alicia Gluth, Aryn Dougherty, Liam and Isabella Bennett, Reagan Bird, Colleen Howard, Sal Romeo, Michael Lochary, Andrew Newton, Liz Doda, and Emma Walsh for doing such a great job! Thanks to Mrs. Lochary and Mrs. Murphy for their help!

Kudos - Hunter Eubanks an OLV graduate and student at Mt. St. Joseph High School has been awarded a full football scholarship to Rhode Island University. Way to go Hunter.

Mr. Clatchey's Mt. St. Joseph Varsity Basketball team has won the title for the Baltimore Catholic League. Their record this year is 23 - 5. More titles and tournaments await. We will keep you posted.

Guidance News - Standardized Testing for Grades 3-8 begins March 6th and runs through Friday, March 16th. There will be no testing on Friday, March 9th due to the NJHS Induction Ceremony. Testing is an important part of your child's academic record. It is extremely important that students are NOT ABSENT and that students arrive to school ON TIME throughout testing. Therefore, ALL appointments

(doctor, dentist, etc.) should be scheduled in the afternoon, or preferably after school hours. Testing will begin in the morning each day. A parent memo will be coming home next week, which includes the test(s) that are administered each day along with testing strategies. This memo requires a signature from you and must be returned to your child's homeroom teacher. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mrs. Cosgrove at [410.242.3688](tel:410.242.3688), ext. 228 or at olvguidance@yahoo.com.

Value Codes for the month of February: Respect & Courage
Please support our efforts and reinforce these values with your child(ren)!