

PAW PRINTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2019

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

IMPORTANT DATES

September 25-26	Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3:10-8:00 pm
September 27	No School
October 1	Compressed Day—1:50 dismissal
October 2	Mass 8 am
October 7	First Communion parent meeting in church 6:30 pm
October 8	Virtus training session in Linus Hall Cafeteria 6-9 pm
October 9	Mass 8 am
October 11	No school—diocesan teacher professional development day
October 16	Mass 8 am
October 18	2 nd grade field trip to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
October 22	Picture Re-take Day
October 23	Mass 8 am
October 25	End of 1 st quarter

PARENT CONFERENCES

Parent conferences are scheduled to be held Wednesday, Sept. 25 and Thursday, Sept. 26 from 3-8 pm. Teachers will have a break for dinner from 5-6 pm both days. Students should have brought home a hard copy of the sign-up information. We ask that parents whose students have more than one teacher first schedule with the homeroom teacher. Once teachers' schedules are filled with homeroom students, they will be able to accommodate additional conferences as space permits. Parents are asked to sign up at https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Our_Lady_of_Angels (there are underscores between Our, Lady, of, and Angels) and locate the teacher with whom you want to conference. These are mandatory conferences; students in grades 3-8 are expected to attend the conference with their parent(s). There is no school on Friday, September 27, the day after parent conferences.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The OLA Scholastic Book Fair for 2019 will be held on Tuesday, September 24 through Thursday, September 26, 2019. It will be set up in the Primary gym; students will have the opportunity to shop the Book Fair during their regularly scheduled library times and after school through 6 pm on Wednesday and

Thursday during Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. An e-mail blast went out earlier this week with details and a schedule of when classes will visit. New this year is the opportunity to set up an “e-wallet” for your child to avoid sending in money. We will still accept cash, checks (payable to OLA), and credit cards as well as money in an e-wallet. Thank you for supporting our Book Fair once again.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Miss Stary will, once again, oversee a Virtus training session here at OLA. It will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019, in the Linus Hall cafeteria from 6-9 pm. Participants are limited to those associated with as soon as possible. The Virtus website also lists other locations for training if you wish to take part sooner than October 8. All volunteers must be Virtus trained as well as background fingerprint checked in order to help with school activities such as Peace Day, field trips, etc.

MAPGROWTH TESTING

Three times throughout the year (fall, winter, spring) students in grades K-8 are required to take MAPGrowth tests. These tests are taken throughout the Diocese of Cleveland and help provide teachers with a snapshot of the individual progress of students in their classes. All tests are taken online using iPads or Chromebooks in students’ homerooms. There is a two-week window for testing; each teacher finds a time best suited for her/his class to test. Classroom teachers will let you and your children know when the tests will be administered. There is no preparation for these tests other than making sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast. The first round of MAPGrowth testing is scheduled for September 9-27. Students in grades K-1 take a Reading and Math test; students in grade 2 take Reading, Language Arts, and Math; students in grades 3-8 take Reading, Language Arts, Math, and Science tests.

LATE PICK-UP

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have picked up their children in a timely manner since school started. According to the Parent/Student Handbook, any student not picked up by 3 pm is brought to the main school office where he/she may wait until 3:15. After 3:15 pm a late fee is charged; students picked up between 3:15-3:30 will be charged \$10; after that the charge increase by \$10 for every 10 minutes. The same is followed on Compressed Days when dismissal is at 1:50 pm. We will begin charging late pick-up fees on Monday, September 9, 2019.

OLA MAGNETS

OLA magnets are available through the main school office for \$5 each. There is no order form; simply send payment in an envelope marked with your child’s name, grade and homeroom number and your order will be filled.

PTU

PTU is sponsoring two fundraisers over the next few weeks. We hope you are able to participate in one or both of them. We are selling Butter Braids through the Stoller Fundraising Company. All parent emails were sent to the company to enable you to place orders online through a secure site; no emails will be used for any purpose other than this fundraiser. If you are not interested in participating, just opt out of the original email. Orders will be filled and able to be picked up at OLA. This fundraiser begins today and runs through Friday, October 4, 2019. Look for information coming home with your child today.

The second fundraiser for PTU this year is from Boon Supply; this company was formerly known as Mixed Bags and has now added many items to their inventory. Orders may be placed online or sent in

with your child. This fundraiser also begins today and runs through Friday, October 4, 2019. Thank you in advance for supporting OLA!

OLA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The OLA Athletic Association will have a very important meeting to inform parents of upcoming events and how they can be a part of this great organization. The meeting will be Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 8:00pm in Linus Hall. We are always in need of new people to keep the Athletic Association strong for our children. Also, Registration for 2019-2020 Winter Sports will begin in late September. The sports will be Boys Basketball Grades 3-8, Girls Basketball Grades 3-8 & Cheerleading Grades 4-8. Please set up physicals, if needed, as soon as possible. You will find the physical forms on the OLA Athletic Association website. Thanks in advance your OLA Athletic Association. Please contact Augie Mennen, Athletic Association President, with any questions 216-287-1250.