

PAW PRINTS

SEPTEMBER 13, 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 16	Cleveland Browns/Sports team \$1 t-shirt day
September 18	Mass 8 am Peace Day PTU meeting 7 pm in library
September 20	Progress Report available online
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

CLEVELAND BROWNS \$1 SHIRT DAY

As part of this year’s service projects, the 5th and 6th grade classes are sponsoring a Cleveland Browns/Cleveland Sports Team \$1 t-shirt day. On Monday, September 16, any student donating \$1 to the Blessing House may wear a Cleveland Browns/Cleveland Sports team t-shirt with his/her uniform pants, shorts, skort, jumper, or skirt along with uniform shoes. The Blessing House is located in Lorain and provides assistance to children experiencing crisis in their homes. Please consider supporting this worthy cause and celebrating our Cleveland sports teams!

PEACE DAY

Peace Day will be celebrated on Wed., Sept. 18 beginning with our Mass at 8 am. Students will spend the morning walking through the West Park neighborhood and creating crafts to be shared locally. **Students**

may wear their Peace Day t-shirts with uniform bottoms and school shoes that day. Peace Day t-shirts purchased this year or in the past may be worn. If your child does not have a Peace Day t-shirt he/she is expected to be in full uniform. T-shirts ordered this year will be distributed as soon as they arrive; we have a limited number of extra Peace Day t-shirts available in the main office for \$8 (cash only, please). Sizes are also limited and sales are first-come, first-served.

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.

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

The OLA PTU (parent teacher unit) will hold its first meeting of the school year on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. The meeting will take place in the school library; it will begin at 7 pm. Prior to the meeting parents will have access to the Uniform Closet (formerly known as the Uniform Exchange). Mark your calendars to come and be part of this important parent group!