

Falcon Flyer

DECEMBER 5, 2017

Dear Families:

God bless you during this season of Advent. May it be a time of peace and happiness as we make our preparations for Christmas. Please be sure to look at the calendar of events for December found on the second page of this Falcon Flyer. Please note that there will be no aftercare on Tuesday, December 19

We want to take this time to wish Mrs. Anne Hribar, our technology teacher all the very best.

Mrs. Hribar is leaving Our Lady of the Lake School to pursue other opportunities.

We thank her for her many years of service!

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT IT SEEMS AS IF THE COLD WEATHER HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! WE HAVE OUTDOOR RECESS AS LONG AS THE TEMPERATURE IS ABOVE FREEZING SO BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN GRAB A JACKET, COAT, HAT GLOVES, ETC. ON THEIR WAY OUT THE DOOR.

SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- **EMAIL/TEXT ANNOUNCEMENT THROUGH DIGITAL ACADEMY**
- **TELEVISION STATIONS – CHANNELS, 3, 5, 8 & 19**

**WATCH FOR EUCLID CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED
OR OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL CLOSED.**

An Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeing the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?



- December 5 – Life on the Lake Mtg.-6:00 p.m.
- December 6 – Feast of St. Nicholas
December 6 - Band Concert for school at 1:30 p.m.
- December 7 – Mary Mavec to visit OLL
December 7 - Band Concert at 7:00 p.m.
- December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception All School Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Advent Prayer Service – 1:40 p.m. in Church
- December 10 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 11 - Picture Re-Take Day and Yearbook Pictures
- December 13 – OCSAA Internal Validation – See article on page 4.
- December 13-14 – PTO Santa Secret Shop
- December 14 – Cookies with Santa – 7:00 p.m.
- December 15 – 1st grade to VASJ for Christmas party 8:30-1:30
Advent Prayer Service – 1:40 p.m. in Church
- December 17 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
- December 18 – Christmas Concert performance for school at 1:30 p.m.
- December 18 – Christmas Concert K-2-7:00 p.m.
- December 19 – Last day of school before Christmas/New Year Break
NO AFTER CARE TODAY
December 19 – Red & Green Dress Down Day

**CHRISTMAS BREAK –DECEMBER 20, 2017-JANUARY 2, 2018
SCHOOL RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2018**

OCSAA – Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association

On Wednesday, December 13, we will welcome assistant superintendent, Susan Pohly from the Diocese of Cleveland. She will be conducting our school internal validation, which is part of our school's accreditation process. All Catholic schools in the State of Ohio are accredited by the Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association (OCSAA), whose mission is to strengthen the Catholic Identity of schools and to insure continuous quality improvement. This process requires the school to develop at least one goal that will lead the school toward improved student performance and one goal that will focus the school's attention on its Catholic Identity and mission.

“Accreditation engages schools in an ongoing, comprehensive process of evaluation, accountability, enrichment and improvement. The Standards of the OCSAA constitute a framework for education within Catholic elementary and secondary schools that seek to obtain and maintain accredited status.”
- OCSAA Handbook

We began the accreditation cycle last year with a self-study, an always useful endeavor. You may remember filling out surveys last year asking for your input on our school's operation. Teachers and students also filled out surveys and these became an integral part of our self-study. From our study, we will be developing two goals that we will work on for the next four years as part of our school improvement plan. The first goal has to do with our Catholic identity and the second with academics.

On December 13, Mrs. Pohly will be looking at the information we have gathered from our self-study and at our suggested goals. She will also spend the day in a thorough review of our operating procedures. Keep us in your prayers, as we keep you in ours during this important time in the life of our school. We will continue to send information on the OCSAA process and on our progress.

**PICTURE
RE-TAKE DAY
RIPCHO STUDIOS
MONDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2017**



Event Reminders! P.T.O.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH: Skating Party, 6-8:30pm- This is a fundraiser event at United Skates of America (30325 Palisades Pkwy, Wickliffe, OH 44092). \$2 admission and 50% of the proceeds return to OLLS. Invite your friends!



WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13-14TH: Santa Shop, School hours- Children love to give presents at Christmas time, but can't always get out to purchase a gift. The Santa Shop is in the Church Hall for children to buy presents for their family and loved ones during school hours.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH: Cookies with Santa, 7pm- Christmas is almost here and Santa has arranged for a stop at Our Lady of the Lake! Please join us in the Church Hall for cookies and milk, a visit from Santa, and fun crafts. The Santa Shop will be open for anyone that needs a last minute gift.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH: PTO Meeting in Church Hall, 7pm- Please join us for our third meeting. Your children will earn a dress down pass for your attendance.



December 5, 2017

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Families:

Washington D.C. Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
6:30 p.m. in the Church Hall

Please note that there is a slight change in the dates for our Washington trip.
The trip is now set for:

Tuesday, April 17, Wednesday, April 18 and Thursday, April 19

This slight change in the dates will allow us to see more, as Tuesday there will be much less traffic than on Friday. It is very important that you attend this meeting yourself or have someone gather the information for you. We have an exciting trip planned and cannot wait to tell you all about it.

On another note.....

If your child was involved in an academic challenge/brain brawl activity with Mrs. Hribar, and are involved in any upcoming competitions, please know that these have been canceled. We are very sorry for any inconvenience. As was announced in today's Falcon Flyer, Mrs. Hribar is leaving Our Lady of the Lake to pursue other opportunities. Again, we are sorry for the need to cancel these activities.

Mrs. Kingsbury