



KNIGHTLY NEWS

NOVEMBER 10, 2017

Jesus Calling: Focus your entire being on My living Presence. I am most assuredly with you, enveloping you in My love and peace... I am recreating you into the one I designed you to be. (Young, 329).

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** OMC hosts a Diversity Awareness Presentation on Thursday, November 16 for our parent community. We will offer this presentation at three times for your convenience: 8:00AM, 1:00PM and 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. *Ms. Imana Legette, Director of Diversity and Inclusion from William Penn Charter School will lead the discussion.* All are welcome!



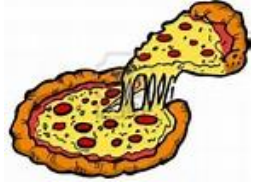
2. Parents, please be respectful of pick-up times for after school activities. Teachers/moderators have other commitments and are unable to wait for late pick-ups. The main office is not always open and it is a liability for our staff to wait alone with children.



If you are unable to arrive on time, please make alternate arrangements for your child. Lateness will result in the dismissal of your child from the program. **Thank you for your consideration and respect for our staff.**

3. We will offer “**Pizza Friday**” lunch on *Nov 17, Dec 1, 8, 15*.
Orders DUE MONDAY, Nov 13.

To place your order, go to.... <https://goo.gl/forms/YWQapf7GXRJsZHTD3>



4. **Reading Olympics Informational Meeting** will be held on
Thursday, Nov 16 from 3:15-3:45PM for interested students in Grades 4 – 6.
Mrs. Weir and Mrs. Logan will facilitate.



Parents are welcome to attend, but not necessary.

5. ***Designer Bag Bingo***, Saturday, Nov 18 at LaSalle HS.
Tickets ON SALE NOW at <http://school.omcparish.com/upcoming-events/omc-bag-bingo-november-18-2018/>



The last day to order via PayPal is November 15. After that, cash or checks will still be accepted.

6. ***A NEW Catholic high school has an Information Night/Open House on Wed Nov 15 at 7:00PM!***

OMC Dad, Chris Roberts leads a team who have opened a new high school ten minutes away from OMC, in nearby Orelan. **Martin Saints Classical High School** is named for the Martin family, a family where mom, dad and one of the kids (Therese the Little Flower) have all been canonized. Martin Saints HS is a family of families who are focused on Catholic faith formation and identity. The “classical” element means that the school emphasizes the liberal arts: think Plato and Aristotle, Dante and Shakespeare. Math and science are first rate and integrated with philosophy and history (how do you talk about Darwin or Galileo?). The school also features regular outdoor adventures (canoeing, hiking, camping), cultural excursions, and the corporal works of mercy.

Contact Chris Roberts with questions, christopher.c.roberts@gmail.com or visit the school website for more details.

<http://www.martinsaintsclassical.org/index.html>



7. **Nutritional Development Services kicks off their Holiday Food Drive!** Each homeroom has been assigned designated items for donation below. Please begin to send in your donations. *Food items will be picked up on December 14.*

Thank you for your generosity and support during this season of giving!

PreK/Kinder – Dry milk

Grades 1 and 2 – Canned meats/fish; Peanut butter; Dried/canned beans

Grades 3-5 – Canned fruits and vegetables

Grades 6-8 – Cereal; Pasta; Rice



8. **TAG DAY – Monday, November 27**

All staff and students may dress down to support the efforts of St. Joseph's House in Camden, NJ. A representative from the organization will speak to our students about their mission, work and experience. **\$1.00 to participate.** *For more information about the works of St. Joseph's House, visit <http://josephshouseofcamden.org/>*

9. Any family that has a younger sibling at home interested in PreK or Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact Mrs. Sue Lasek at slasek@omcparish.com or 215-247-1060 to make certain your child is on the waiting list.



10. **Pretzel and Milk Orders** can be ordered online at

<http://school.omcparish.com/resources/lunchsnack-orders/>

The **PayPal option is no longer available**. Please send your payment (cash or check made payable to OMC) to the school office. Thank you!



LOOKING AHEAD...

PreK/Kinder Parent-Teacher Conferences – Mon Nov 20.

No school for PreK and Kinder students.

Thanksgiving Prayer Service – Wed Nov 22 at 11:15; Dismissal at 12:10

Thanksgiving Holiday – Nov 23 – 26; Classes resume Mon Nov 27.

Trivia Night - Saturday, February 24 at LaSalle College High School. Doors open at 6:30pm, Trivia starts at 7:30pm. Registration details will be announced soon.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Why teach happiness? Data supports the positive effects of what we want our students to know, learn and become. The challenge lies in nurturing future citizens that seek God's joy not self-motivated desires. To cultivate happiness in our students we must (1) teach them their faith; (2) teach gratefulness; (3) teach persistence; (4) teach kindness; (5) teach them that problems are temporary; (6) teach them the importance of sharing; and (7) teach habits of happiness.



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