

Happy Thanksgiving OLP Parents and Staff,

Here are the highlights for this week. We have several activities in the next few weeks and a few deadlines coming up. Please review carefully.

Check out the Facebook page this afternoon for snapshots of the Kindergarten Thanksgiving play today. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-of-the-Presentation-School>

Calendar of Events:

Nov. 28 – All School Mass

The all-school Mass, 8:15 am, celebrating the First Week of Advent, will be coordinated by Mrs. Rogers' sixth grade.

Nov. 29 - Placement Test Prep Night - Archbishop O'Hara High School is hosting a Placement Test Prep Night on Tuesday, November 29th at 6:30 p.m. for 8th graders who are taking the EXPLORE Test at O'Hara and their parents. The evening will provide helpful information to families regarding our enrollment process and give students an overview of the test, sample questions and test taking tips. Please call Ann Julich at 763-4800 ext. 206 if you have questions.

Dec. 1 - "Greene" Dress Down Day

Our Lady of the Presentation would like to support the family of the boy who was tragically killed on 470 this past week, Waylon Greene. Some of our school families knew Waylon through dance at Steppin' Out here in Lee's Summit and knew his brother through soccer. Elizabeth Bennett and Mallory Batliner would like to do a "Greene" dress down day on Thursday, December 1. Students can wear green shirts and uniform bottoms on December 1 for \$.50 or \$1.00 (green money). The money will go to The Bank of Lee's Summit for the "Waylon Greene Memorial Fund." Thank you for your support and generosity for this young boy and his family.

Dec. 2 - Annual Winter Blast Dance - Don't miss the 4th Annual Winter Blast Dance for 7th & 8th graders on Friday evening, December 2 from 7 to 10 p.m. Enjoy a D.J., games, prizes and more. This is a great chance to mingle with students from our Catholic Diocesan Elementary Schools. \$5 at the door and a permission slip is attached. Hope to see you there. This dance is so COOL!

Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day

The Catholicity Committee and PTO will be working together to help make St. Nicholas Day on Tuesday, December 6th a special celebration for the students. With December's character trait being generosity, learning about the life of this saint is very appropriate. We hope that the students will be encouraged to honor St. Nicholas by following his example of selfless giving during this Christmas season.

Dec. 7 - Christmas Program, Kindergarten - 2nd grade

The Christmas program has been moved to 7:15 p.m. to relieve congestion in the parking lot from Religious Education. It will still be held in the Gym. Students performing in the program should wear nice Church clothing or Holiday attire. No jeans, please.

Dec. 11 - Family Fun: Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

Come celebrate the season with Cookies & Cocoa with Santa, Sunday, Dec 11th, from 1-3p.m. in the auditorium. Please send the attached RSVP to Victoria Shatto by Friday, Dec 2nd.

Dec. 12 - Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas Fair. We have a nice selection of gifts and wrappings. We are still accepting all donations, but at this point are most in need of AAA batteries, and items appropriate for men or teenagers. Bring any donations to the school office or the box in the music room.

Jan. 20 – Deadline for Panther Pen

Calling all Writers and Artists: Wouldn't you just love to see your talented writer or artist in print? We would! Applications are now being accepted for The Panther's Pen, OLP's student magazine that showcases our kids' masterpieces. The deadline is January 20th, and the application is attached with complete revised guidelines. So get those creative juices flowing during the upcoming holidays. Submit now!



Other Announcements:

Dress Down Days - students need to bring in 50 cents for each dress down day in order for them to be out of uniform on these special days. Please make sure your child has their money and gives it to their teacher the morning of each dress down day. Thank you for your support and helping many local charities throughout the year.

Red Ribbon Week Results - Presentation collected pennies for 2 days during Red Ribbon Week with Team O'Hara and the total for 5 POD schools and O'Hara high school was \$2,800.00. Presentation school alone collected \$1,121.00. Thank you to everyone for their support for the Bright Futures Fund and providing scholarships to children who may not be able to afford Catholic education.

Christmas for Staff - The PTO is offering a holiday gift giving option again this year for our dedicated teachers and staff. Read the attached document for more information.

Celebrating the Advent Season - There's a Celebrating Advent section on the church website, www.presentation-parish.org, with links to the Advent Calendar, Advent Evenings of Prayer, Hispanic Advent Celebrations, Advent Reflection booklet and the Christmas Mass Schedule.

Attached are flyers for the Advent Evenings of Prayer, the Hispanic Advent celebrations and the Christmas Mass schedule.

Calling All Former Catholic Education Students!!! - We are looking to put a new spin on Catholic Schools Week parish weekend activities. We would like to know which parents or

older siblings attended Catholic schools (elementary, high school or college). If you could please send me an email with your name, school and city in which you attended, I would appreciate it. mhiatt@presentation-parish.org. I need this information by December 9th.

Robotic Results - A Big Congratulations to the Fungi and Fun Gals robotics team for a terrific showing at last weekend's FLL Qualifier at Summit Lakes Middle School. They showed tremendous spirit and courage as the first OLP Robotics team to compete... EVER!!! Their robot skillfully completed many missions... and set the bar high for the remaining teams that will compete in December. GOOD JOB to the Fungi and Fun Gals Robotics Team!!

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Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Atwell
Secretary
Our Lady of the Presentation School