

March Newsletter

Dear Parents,

At this time of year it seems that winter will never end, if it isn't snow it's heavy rain and wind. Our hearts and bodies long for sunshine but we must continue to hope for warm weather and cheerful hearts. The signs of spring that I have heard so far are birds chirping as I arrive at school or maybe it was the 2nd graders preparing for their First Penance next week. I have also seen smiles on the faces of the 8th grade as they contemplate which high school to attend.

The end of winter is also marked by the basketball playoffs with both the varsity girls' and boys' teams playing and the competitive cheerleaders winning 2nd place in their tournament. None of these events could take place without the generosity and talent of our parents who coach these teams. Thank you. Also, the work of our PTO board is to be commended for all the fun events that they provide for our children, Curious Creatures, author's day, movie night, etc. There is something for everyone. We are all truly part of a TEAM which is also an acronym for the phrase- Together Everyone Achieves More. Thank you to all who help us achieve more for our children here at OLA. Thank you also to the Sanford family for organizing the coat drive for the Tree of Life Food Pantry and for all your generous donations.

When I was at Panera the other day, I saw a banner introducing new menu items for spring and as I read the words: REFRESH, RESTART, RENEW, I thought what an appropriate slogan for Lent. These are the areas we try to look at in our lives so that as spring and Easter arrive we can be renewed in the fullness of our faith as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus who can refresh and restart our lives every day through his sacrifice.

Happy Lent, Happy St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day.

Peace and blessings,
Mrs. Kathleen Tosiello

Spiritual Happenings

Friday, March 5th - Mass at 1 p.m.
Parents are welcome.

No School and Half Days

Friday, March 26th - Noon Dismissal (Please pick up your children on time)

Please note: the school calendar originally had March 18th as a half day. This has been changed to a full day.

General Information

Friday, March 12th - Progress Reports will be sent home. 3rd quarter ends on April 9th

Friday, March 12th - Sports pictures will be taken after school. Please remind your children to bring in sports uniforms.

Week of March 22nd - Standardized testing will be administered.

Spring Concert



I never know where God will lead us on our long walk to the concert. It always begins inauspiciously, with little drops of grace and slender threads of inspiration beginning the previous spring. I try to be open and listen to the directions and the message; try to see where we are being led, to see the light on the path, but my eyes are not always clear or even open; and my mind is sometimes already full, not empty enough, or not in the 'beginner's mind' state. Do I really think I can 'best' God?

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So, I pray that I have listened enough; and I know the children have sung enough, working very hard. And yes, our theme is prayer. Augustine said, "To sing is to pray twice", and these children have been praying from the heart all year in preparation for this night. We are blessed to have this community of OLA.

Grades 4, 5, 6

Thursday, April 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Children will report to their classroom by 6:30, unless told to report at 6:15 in school cafeteria

Attire for the evening: school uniform

Girls: pants are first choice (jumper or skirt if not) white blouse

Boys: white shirt & tie

No vests or sweaters

Be careful entering the cafeteria, the stairs are slippery when wet, and catch your heels when they are not. Hold the rails and help the elderly.

DVD's of the recital will be available for those who want them. Mr. Schubert will be taking the video. Please place a check for \$28(\$25 for DVD & \$3 for postage) made out Mr. Schubert in an envelope, with your child's name and address written on a slip of paper. Mail to:

Mr. Schubert
405 Lynnfield St.
Peabody, MA 01960

"Prayer leads you to see new paths and to hear new melodies in the air. Praying is living. It is eating and drinking, action and rest, teaching and learning, playing and working. Praying pervades every aspect of our lives. It is the unceasing recognition that God is wherever we are, always inviting us to come closer and to celebrate the divine gift of being alive."

-Henri Nouwen

Please come and share in this night of prayer through music with us.

Mr. Mitchell



Auction Reminder

The 10th Annual OLA Auction is fast approaching! Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 25th at the Danversport Yacht Club. Please submit ticket requests as soon as possible because space is limited. Volunteers are still needed, please consider signing up for one of the many committees involved.

Enrollment Update

Our open houses have always proven to be successful in drawing in new families. This year was no exception although we do not have a waiting list as in the past. We have accepted 18 children for the 3 yr. old preschool and have room for at least 8 more. We are in the process of restructuring our 4 yr. old program and have approximately 36 children registered at the moment. Our kindergarten is full thank goodness. We do have openings in 2nd and 3rd grades, spread the word to your family and friends.

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