



Our Lady of Lourdes Newsletter

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From the desk of Kathy Bogataj

Dear Parents,

You just have to look at the next column to see how full our calendar is for the next two weeks. Our schoolchildren will be spreading Christmas cheer throughout all of Dunedin. Many thanks go out to Mrs. Carolyn Wong-Stark for tackling so many outreach opportunities.

At this time of the year, we are so blessed to be part of a school community that allows us to share the good news of Jesus' birth. I, for one, can't imagine it any other way. During this busy season, let us all be ever mindful of the true meaning of Christmas and let's make sure to shout it from the rooftops!!

Blessings on your upcoming week!

Kathy J. Bogataj



Campus Events

- Sat. Dec. 5th** - Breakfast With Santa - 8:30 a.m. - You must have a ticket for breakfast & Sister's Christmas Catechism 7:30 p.m. Show Choir to perform
- Sun. Dec. 6th** - Confirmation - 5:30 Mass
- Mon. Dec. 7th** - Students to perform for the OLL Women's Council Christmas luncheon
- Tues. Dec. 8th** - Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation - 9:00 Mass
- Wed. Dec. 9th** - 8:00 -Dr. Puterbaugh's monthly parenting class - "How to help your child be a great friend"
- Thurs. Dec. 10th** - Penance Services 10:00 and 12:30
- Fri. Dec. 11th** - 8th graders to perform at the Dunedin Country Club
- Sat. Dec. 12th** - Dunedin Christmas Parade 4:00 - OLL Band to participate & Parish wide Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration 5:00 Mass
- Wed. Dec. 16th** - Students to sing at Mease Manor
- Thurs. Dec. 17th** - Regular School Mass 9:00
School wide Christmas performance 7:00 p.m. in the Conny Center - reception to follow in the cafeteria
- Fri. Dec. 18th** - Early dismissal 12:00



This and That:

**There will be a dress down day on Friday, Dec. 11th. The cost will be \$1.00 to support Pinellas Hope. Additional donations will be accepted. The theme for the day is "sports"! Students should wear their favorite sports jersey or shirt. Jeans are acceptable on this day!

**If you haven't been to the Saints and Sinners Ball, I hope you will put it on your calendar for Feb. 13th. It is a wonderful gala event that supports our school. For more information go to www.thesaintsandsinners.com

**The HSA will be hosting a reception after the Christmas program (Dec. 17th) in the school cafeteria. Students are asked to donate various food and decorative items to help make this a success. A donation sheet was sent home on Monday, Nov. 30th. Another sheet is attached with today's updates. If you have any questions please contact your child's room mother.

****The book fair will be open at 8:00 and will remain open during the Breakfast With Santa event on Sat. Dec. 5th. Stop in and grab a book for yourself or a gift for someone else.**

School News

OLL School Presents:

“Rise Up Shepherds And Follow The Star: A Journey Around The World”

Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 pm
in the Conmy Center with a reception to follow.



First Grade Happenings:

First Grade has been getting to know their fourth grade buddies. Both classes were learning about plants, so we did a buddy activity where we planted sunflower seeds together. We got together with them again for a Halloween activity where we sang pumpkin carols and the first graders told their buddies about the main character of the book they read for their book report. We have fun learning with our fourth grade buddies.



Second Grade !

Shake dem Bones!

Second grade had great day learning about our skeleton. We read *Shake dem Bones*, watched *Stanley the Skeleton* on the Smartboard, made pasta skeletons and learned the names of the bones in our bodies. MORE HEALTH a program sponsored by All Children's Hospital came to the school to reinforce the skills taught in our classroom. The children enjoyed putting a skeleton together and learning how to keep their bodies healthy.

3rd Grade Class News



In religion class, the third graders learned how to pray the Rosary. During the month of October we prayed a decade every Friday. We also researched the lives of the saints in the computer lab. The students did a great job reading information on websites and taking notes! Then we made saint ornaments for our school's tree at the Festival of Trees event. Our goal during the season of Advent is to learn the Apostles' Creed.

OLL Participates in the Festival of Trees

Our school participated in the local community Festival of Trees event at Countryside Mall, benefiting UPARC. Thank you to our Home and School Association for decorating the 7-foot tree that was located near the JC Penney 1st floor entrance the week of Thanksgiving.

Each of our students designed an ornament for the tree, themed "Angels on Earth." The tree was raffled off and won by one of our school family's who donated it back to the school. You can see the beautiful Christmas tree in the Conmy Center lobby.

