



# Panther Prints

NEWSLETTER



November 2023

OLP Families,

It is hard to believe we are already entering into the month of November and the holiday seasons will be among us soon. I know what a busy time this is for families and would like to thank you all for the time and the energy that you have put into making the first part of the 2023-2024 school year a success. Thank you for getting your children to school each day ready for a new adventure.

Looking back on the first quarter, and as we move into the holiday season, there have been so many blessings evident at OLP. Along with the learning and friendships that I see happening around me, I am proud of the many other accomplishments that have occurred due to the contributions and hard work of our OLP community.

Among these are:

We had amazing turnouts at the Kindergarten Picnic and our Back to School and Curriculum Nights.

We had another sold out golf tournament. The weather turned out to be beautiful and it was a great time for everyone in attendance.

Our Trunk or Treat was a great success and our eighth graders and their families did a wonderful job of planning for the event.

We have completed a very successful Fall sports season offering football, cross-country and volleyball.

Many of our parents have volunteered and helped out with the safety of our students by supporting our POPPS program by taking a day out of their busy schedules to keep an eye on our students and help with their safety.

We celebrated Fire Week where we were able to celebrate some of the diversity of student learners.

Our Fall concert, put on by our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, was amazing and we even got to hear them play kazooos.

It takes a strong community and the involvement of many to pull off such great events and I am so thankful that we continue to have people step up with great ideas to continue to make these things happen for our kids. To all of you, who have been a part of this, thank you! The blessings at OLP are many and I definitely feel the community and support of an amazing staff, students and the families we serve.

There is a lot more ahead and many great opportunities to continue to celebrate and grow as a community. It would not be November at OLP without our Kindergarten play and Special Person's day. Be on the lookout for more information about these fun and upcoming events. I pray this busy season allows you some time to truly reflect and enjoy all the good that is around and sometime of relaxation with your family and friends. Once again, thank you for trusting and sharing your children with us at OLP.



Grace and Peace,  
Marianne Organ, Principal

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I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.  
John 15:11





## A message from Father Tom...

The official beginning of Halloween around here is our **Trunk or Treat** event. We had great weather and an amazing crowd last Friday for this fun, community gathering. Thanks to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders and all the parents who worked hard to make it successful. As the month of October ends and the fall weather rolls in, we enter into a time of year filled with important holidays and holy days. This is also a time to reflect on how we are growing in our faith as “saints in training”. We know that Halloween is actually “*All Hallow’s Eve*”, the night before **All Saints Day**. With hallow meaning holy we are actually preparing ourselves to celebrate all the holy saints. While I know it is hard to distract children from the costumes and candy, try to take some time to talk about the saints and about those in your family who have been good examples of holiness. November is also a special time in the church when we remember all of our deceased loved ones, so this is a good time to talk about them. Helping your children grow in holiness is one of the most valuable gifts you can share with them. Our students will be gathering for Mass on the **All Saints Day holy day this Wednesday, November 1, at 8:15am**. We also have Masses that day at **6:30am and 6:00pm**. Please join us!

The annual **Stewardship Renewal** for our parish kicks off this weekend. We are especially focusing on our parish theme of **Encounter Joy!** This is a time for us to reflect on the many ways God has blessed us and to share the joy of our faith through our service to others. Those of you who are registered parishioners will receive a mailing inviting you to reflect on ways you can share your time, talent, and treasure. It is only through the stewardship of all our parishioners that we are able to support our school and many other ministries. Please take time to fill out the Stewardship Commitment card and bring it with you to Mass the weekend of November 18-19. We will also be participating in a Coat Drive for Bishop Sullivan Center that weekend to provide a new coat for families in need. More information about the coat drive can be found in this newsletter, in the bulletin, or on our website. Take time to shop for a coat with your child and remind them of the importance of sharing our blessings with others. We are grateful for your commitment to being a good steward of God’s gifts.

The annual **Turkey Trot** is coming up on Saturday, November 11. It would be great to see every school family support the Turkey Trot, even those who are not able to attend the event. Remember, everyone can contribute something to the cause! This event is also special because it not only benefits our students but also supports our service partners. Please encourage your family and friends to join us.

***Many Blessings!***

Father Tom Holder, Pastor



**2023-24 PRICES:**

HOT LUNCH \$4.00  
SACK LUNCH \$4.00  
Vegetarian Salad \$4.25  
Chef Salad \$4.50  
MILK .50

**SNACKS**  
Yogurt \$.75  
Cheese \$.45  
Fruit \$.75  
Snack Bar \$1.00  
Gogurt \$.75

**QUESTIONS:**

[mwade@olpls.org](mailto:mwade@olpls.org)



## November Lunch Calendar

# Calendar



**Tuesday, November 7**

PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 10**

Veteran's Celebration Assembly, 9:15 p.m.

**Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.**

Turkey Trot 5k and Family Fun Run

**Wednesday, November 15**

Mid-term

**Tuesday, November 21**

Special Person's Day (Grades K-3), 1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Nov. 22—Friday, Nov. 24**

NO SCHOOL—NO ACED

## *Thanksgiving Break*



*All School*

# Mass Schedule

**NOVEMBER 1**

Coordinating Class: 6th Grade

Lector: Reid Kauzlarich

Lector 2: Zoey Wales

Senior Server: Bailey Vestal

Servers: Sawyer Barr & Anna Ciccio

**NOVEMBER 8**

Coordinating Class: Leadership

Lector: Maddie Ciccio

Senior Server: Annabelle Fenwick

Servers: Collins Bushell & Mia Sonderman

**NOVEMBER 15**

Class: Oberkrom

Lector: Adrian Sonderman

Senior Server: Lyla Ventimiglia

Servers: Asa Perkins & Maggie Burns

**NOVEMBER 29**

Coordinating Class: Coleman

Lector: Serafina Cano

Senior Server: Reid Kauzlarich

Servers: Caroline Christensen & Alex Hancock

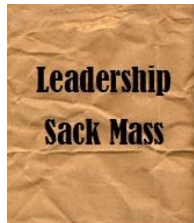
THE LAMB OF GOD, HE TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

**School Parent Rosary**

Please join fellow OLP parents in saying the Rosary in the Church space on October 26 and November 3. We will pray the Rosary promptly at 2:35pm. This will leave you plenty of time to pick up your child in the gym. If you have questions, contact Kristine Wheeler at 816.916.3119.



# School News



**SACK MASS INFORMATION:** Happy autumn to all of our amazing OLP families! OLP's Annual Leadership Team Sack Mass that will be held on **Wednesday, November 8**, at 8:15 a.m. Each student will be sent home with a grocery sack along with a list of items that are in high demand at our local food pantry. Students are asked to purchase a few of the items and place them in the grocery sack provided. Students will bring their sacks with donations inside to school on **November 8**. All donations collected by students will be

blessed during all school Mass that morning. After Mass, the sacks will be taken to Lee's Summit Social Services and given as a donation to serve those in need. This is a wonderful Mass for family members to attend. You are able to witness the true meaning of giving and thank God for our many blessings. We invite you to join us.



**VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM:** Presentation's 5th grade will welcome veterans on **Friday, November 10** for a special program honoring all who have served our nation in the armed forces. For details and to RSVP please see the [Veteran's Day program flyer](#).

**SPECIAL PERSON'S DAY:** Students Kindergarten through 4th grade will participate in Special Person's Day on **Tuesday, November 21**. These students are welcome to invite one special person (grandparent, family friend, other relative) to attend. Please click on the image for the details.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR:** The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Presentation Tuesday through Thursday, **November 28-30**. Students will have the opportunity to make wish lists and then shop with their homeroom classes. Families are also welcome to come shop during open Fair times. Volunteers are also needed to help students make their selections and check out. If you are available to volunteer and are Virtus trained, please email Mr. Dobbs, [mdobbs@olpls.org](mailto:mdobbs@olpls.org). More info to come in next week's parent newsletter.

**OLP KIDS DAY AT DAVE'S GYMNASTICS: December 8th** — No School/No ACED day

Need a way to keep the kids entertained? Have them run out their winter energy with a morning full of fun at Dave's Gymnastics. Drop them off and have a few hours to yourself while your kids have some fun.

- Hosted by: Dave's Gymnastics
- Pizza will be provided by Konrad's Kitchen and Tap House
- \$30 per child

\*\*\* (We have 37 tickets remaining from the Annual Auction InstaBuy Items last school year. The admission will be donated back to the school. Please send payment to the office in an envelop with each child's name who will be attending. Cash or checks payable to Our Lady of the Presentation accepted.)



## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING CHRISTMAS FAIR:

The Christmas Fair is right around the corner! On **Monday, December 11**, the PTO will sponsor this annual event where each child will have the opportunity to select gifts for their immediate family members (those who live in their home/ no more than 4 gifts). There will be a flat fee of \$5 for up to four gifts. Proceeds will benefit the Parish Relief Fund. There will be items for babies, young children, teens and adults.

Donate your gently used treasures (jewelry, toys, knick-knacks, games with all of the pieces, home decor, men's items, etc.) and place them in the Christmas Fair bin at the school front office. For details on what items will be accepted please see the [Christmas Fair flyer](#).



**PANTHER PARTNERS:** OLP appreciates the support from our amazing community! Do you know a business or family who might want to donate to our school? OLP accepts new sponsors throughout the school year.

On your [sponsorship form](#) you can make a general school donation or specify to donate specifically to one or more of our school year events or activities. Donations will be accepted the entire school year, but best to pledge early to take advantage of the [entire school year marketing!](#) Anonymous donations are also honored.

**How do I sign up?** You can either fill out the [online sponsorship form](#) and email it back to [pantherpartners@olplsschool.org](mailto:pantherpartners@olplsschool.org) OR print and mail it/turn into the school address.

**Questions?** Visit our [school website](#) for details or [email the Panther Partner Committee!](#)

## Extra-Curricular



**OLP BASKETBALL SIGNUPS:** Time is running out. Deadline to register for basketball for students grades 4-8 is this **Friday, October 27**. Register at [plkc.org](http://plkc.org).

Evaluations will take place in the OLP Gym:

- 10/26 - 4th grade boys and girls 6-7pm
- 10/26 - 5th grade boys and girls 7-8pm
- 10/28 - 6th grade boys 8:30-9:30am
- 10/28 - 7th grade boys, 9:45-10:45am
- 10/28 - 8th grade boys, 11am-Noon
- 11/4 - 8th grade boys, 8:30-9:30am
- 11/4 - 7th grade boys, 9:45-10:45am
- 11/4 - 6th grade boys, 11am-Noon

**ARCHERY REGISTRATION:** Registration is now open for the 2023-24 Archery season! Students 4th grade and older are eligible to participate.

Full details and registration info available at [olplsschool.org/archery](http://olplsschool.org/archery).



# *5K and Family Fun Run*

WATERFALL PARK, INDEPENDENCE, MO (NEAR BASS PRO)



★ **VETERANS DAY** ★  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

**Race begins at 8:00 a.m.**

[HTTPS://RUNSIGNUP.COM/RACE/MO/INDEPENDENCE/OLPTURKEYTROTRACE](https://runsSignup.com/race/mo/independence/olpturkeytrotrace)

If 80% of families sign up for the Turkey Trot, students will earn an extra day off at Spring Break (Wednesday, March 27)! Register to participate in-person or virtually. Both ways count toward the incentive day! Event proceeds benefit the OLP Library, Lee's Summit Social Services and Operation Breakthrough.

[Click here to register for the Turkey Trot!](#)

**NOVEMBER PTO MEETING:** Join us for the next PTO Meeting **Tuesday, November 7; 6:30 p.m.** Getting involved in PTO is a great way to contribute to the school and support students and staff.



**OLP SPIRIT WEAR:** The Spirit Shop is always open - items available for purchase to show your school pride. *Don't forget about Grandma and Grandpa - you can help them look their best at all the games to cheer on their favorite OLP players.*

**Mark your calendars November 6th-17th!**

New Fall/Winter spiritwear campaign will be released for purchase on November 6th. All items will be pre-order only and orders will need to be submitted online in the spirit store by Nov 17th. Be sure to watch for the release of items on the facebook PTO page.

<https://olpspiritshop.com>

## Parish Offerings



Please enjoy the November issue of Partners in Faith. It is presented by Jo Engert, Director of Children's Faith Formation and includes great information and ideas for helping children grow in their Catholic faith.



## MEAL OUTREACH



"FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD,  
I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK..."  
MATTHEW 25:31

**Do you like to cook?**

We invite YOU to be part of a team of volunteers who prepare a casserole each month to feed Kansas City's homeless served by Uplift.

On Second Mondays, the Meal Outreach volunteers will drop off a prepared casserole (13x9) at the Parish before 2pm. Casserole recipe is provided.

Please scan the QR Code to volunteer. The recipe and drop off instructions provided at [www.olpls.org](http://www.olpls.org).





Contact: Julie Ungashick - [julieungashick@gmail.com](mailto:julieungashick@gmail.com) - 816.809.6045

## Community



**8<sup>th</sup> graders:** It's time to become a St. Michael Guardian! Applications are open for the 2024-2025 school year. Don't wait to claim your spot! It is free to apply through December 31. Also, register now for the High School Placement Test (HSPT) held on Saturday, December 2. Parents, wondering about cost and payment options for your student's St. Michael education? Please attend the "Funding Your SMA Education" financial meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15. Learn about tuition, financial assistance, scholarships and more! No registration necessary. Any admissions questions, please contact Julie Hyde,

[jhyde@smacatholic.org](mailto:jhyde@smacatholic.org).

**Middle school students:** You and your family are invited to our next Middle School Nights! Please come and watch our talented Guardians in action. It may be YOU someday! For more information, please visit [smacatholic.org](http://smacatholic.org). Theater – Wednesday, November 8 at 6:30 p.m. & Basketball (men & women) – Tuesday, December 19