

# PANTHER PRINTS

February 2026



OLP Families,

As we begin the month of February, we are concluding our annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. It is such a blessing to be part of a community where our Catholic faith is lived our daily and where prayer serves as the foundation for everything we do.

Celebrating Our Community

This week allowed us to pause and recognize the wonderful people who make our school a home. We extend our deepest gratitude to:

- Our Priests: Thank you for guiding our faith formation and sharing the vital importance of vocations.
- Our Teachers: We applaud your dedication to challenging our students academically while helping them grow into the “best versions of themselves.”
- Our Committee & Parish: Thank you to the Catholic Schools Week committee for your tireless planning, and to our parish community for your constant generosity.
- Our Families: Your partnership is the heart of our school. Thank you for your support in organizing our celebrations and for all you do for our staff.

## Looking Ahead: 2026-2027 Registration

While we remain focused on a successful spring semester, we are also beginning to plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

In the coming weeks, you will receive detailed information regarding the registration process, which will be opening up the first week of February.

Incoming Kindergartners: If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year, please let the office know immediately so we can ensure a spot is saved for them! Our Kindergarten Information Night will take place on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:00.

Family Transitions: If you know your family will not be returning for the next school year, please reach out to the school office as soon as possible to assist us with our planning.

I pray this month is one of joy and health for all of you. Your partnership is a gift, and I am truly thankful that you have chosen to share your children with us.

*Mrs. Marianne H. Organ*

Principal

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School



A message from our security guard Mike. "I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all the families at OLP for welcoming me and continuously showing your appreciation. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and protect this wonderful community."



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## A message from Father Tom Holder



Happy **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** Although we got off to a slow and cold start this year because of the weather, the activities have been shuffled around to make it a fun-filled week to celebrate Catholic education. We hope to see many of you at our Masses this weekend as we show appreciation for our parish community for their support throughout the year.

Let's keep our faith in Christ at the heart of everything we do. We are blessed to be in a parish community where Catholic education is valued and so many share their gifts for the good of our students and school. Thank you for all the ways you support our parish and school and special thanks to everyone who planned, organized, and volunteered to make this an incredible week.

**Please also take time this week to offer a special thanks to our dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff.** They are an important reason our school has consistently been recognized for its achievements. We are grateful for Mrs. Organ, Mr. Podjenski, the teachers, support staff, cafeteria staff, and custodial staff for all the ways they make a difference in the lives of our children.

In connection with CSW, we also highlight our **OLP Endowment Fund for Catholic Education.** The OLP Endowment Fund helps us provide funds to students who could not otherwise attend a Catholic school. You can use the OnLine Giving tab on our parish website and select the Education Endowment in the Fund section or drop off or mail in a check to the Office. The Endowment Fund is a great way to pass on the gift of Catholic education to others.

**Lent** is just two and a half weeks away. We'll be doing a number of things in the school to help our students deepen their faith during Lent. I encourage you to begin reflecting on ways you can make this holy season meaningful for your family.

*Many Blessings!*



**"DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE"**  
-SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA

# February

## Important Dates

**3** PTO Meeting



**4** All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

**7** Girls V.I.P. Dance



**10** Mid Term

**11** All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

**12** Valentine Parties



**13** NO SCHOOL

Teacher Professional Development

**16** NO SCHOOL

President's Day

**17** Culver's Night

PTO Fundraiser



**18** Ash Wednesday - All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

**21** Boys Bowling Event



**25** All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

# Lunch

## February Lunch Calendar



## ALL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Date: Wednesday, February 4

Class: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Coleman)

Lector: Adriana Rodriquez-Pinon

Senior Server: Addison Voss

Servers: Lucy Lovell & Josiah Anderson

Date: Wednesday, February 11

Class: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Lector: Lucy Lovell

Senior Server: Mia Sonderman

Servers: Emerson Love & Will Thomas

Date: Wednesday, February 18

Class: 6<sup>th</sup>

Lector: Stephen Ramirez

Senior Server: Alex Hancock

Servers: Jacob Gabriel & Ava Tye

Date: Wednesday, February 25

Class: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Bader)

Lector: Leo Hickman

Senior Server: Collins Bushell

Servers: Luke Sonderman & Joseph Wheeler



FROM MS PIERSON  
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Dear Parents,

**DID YOU KNOW? ///**

We have three units left until we are finished with Friendzy! We trust that your student is learning and growing with each additional unit. Unit 6 is titled **UNIQUELY YOU** and teaches us to know that we are God's masterpiece, uniquely created for a specific purpose. We'll learn how true beauty comes from the inside, and that our differences are beautiful—they make our world an exciting place. By the end of this unit, students will see how God made all of us uniquely for a reason and that our differences make us stronger!

**Catchphrase** (main point for students to catch on to):

**"Uniquely You"**

**Key Verse** (Biblical anchor points):

**Psalm 139:14**

"Body and soul, I am marvelously made!"

**Ephesians 2:10**

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Have you ever met a person who was beautiful on the outside but was mean, petty, or a bully once you got to know them? Beauty doesn't just come from our physical appearance; beauty comes from inside us. The world values outward beauty and attractiveness, but God honors noble character. Generosity, love, compassion, kindness, and courage are truly beautiful. Here are some ways you can **Continue the Conversation** at home this month with your student about what it means to embrace being "Uniquely You":

1. **God designed each of us with purpose and intention.** We were not created by accident. God took His time and made you look the way you do for a reason. You are uniquely you.
2. **You are more than your physical appearance.** If we judge ourselves or other people based solely on physical appearance, we miss out on knowing the whole person. You are more than the way you look!
3. **Focus on the other things that make you YOU.** Are you kind? Considerate? Generous? Silly? A good friend? A good helper? All of these qualities make you YOU. Your physical appearance is what people see, but who you are on the inside says a lot about you as a person. (And God gave you all those great inside qualities, too!)

**COMPARISON IS THE THIEF OF JOY ///**

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th President of the United States, said, "Comparison is the thief of joy." And he was right! When we constantly compare ourselves to others, it can make us sad, angry, and feel bad about ourselves. There is joy in discovering and liking the wonderful things about ourselves.

**KEEP IT GOING ///**

Is there something that your child shared that was insightful from in this unit? Please share. Feedback equips us in directing classroom conversations.

**Your students are learning relationship skills that will benefit them for a lifetime!**

Blessings,

Ms. Pierson



## School Job Listings:



Presentation School is seeking applicants for positions in the upcoming 26-27 school year.

## Parish Job Listing:



POSITION OPENING  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation Parish is seeking a creative individual to be our new Director of Communications. This position will lead the parish's efforts to connect with the parish community through print, web, and social media.



## KINDERGARTEN *Information Night*

Join us for this informal meeting about Kindergarten at OLP School.

*Tuesday, February 24  
5:00 p.m.*

### RSVP TO:

816-251-1150 or [mkay@olpls.org](mailto:mkay@olpls.org)  
[www.olplsschool.org](http://www.olplsschool.org)



Current OLP families - if you have a Kindergartener for the 26-27 school year please contact the office as soon as possible.

## More Info Coming Soon

# PANTHER *prawl*

March 12<sup>th</sup>

# YEARBOOKS on sale NOW until March 25<sup>th</sup> CLICK HERE TO ORDER

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

\*\*All volunteers are required to complete Virtus Training ([virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) and <https://protectmokids.com/>). Both are available online and when completed certificates need to be emailed to or dropped off at the school office. These are both diocesan requirements for volunteers in any school.\*\*

Safe Environment Requirements>>



CAFETERIA HELPERS are needed to assist with serving lunch each school day. All volunteers must be Virtus trained prior to signing up. [Cafeteria sign-up](#)

CROSSING GUARDS are needed to help with morning drop-off 7:30-8:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping get students through the parking lot safely before school, please email Mr. Podjenski, [dpodjenski@olpls.org](mailto:dpodjenski@olpls.org).

PARENT ON PATROL Half and full days available. Volunteers provide an extra presence around the school building, at recess, in the cafeteria, etc. If you are interested in participating in the POPPS program please contact Gaetano Falcone at [poppss@olplsschool.org](mailto:poppss@olplsschool.org).

[CLASS PROJECT SIGN UP CLICK HERE](#)

ANNUAL AUCTION



DISCO PARTY

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

MARCH 6TH AUCTION TICKETS ON SALE

MARCH 7TH RAISING A GLASS TO THE SCHOOL AUCTION KICKOFF PARTY

APRIL 18TH AUCTION EVENT

**AUCTION AMAZON WISHLIST**

Donate silent auction items 



Questions: [auction@olpsschool.org](mailto:auction@olpsschool.org)

*You're invited to...*

OLP GIRLS' VIP DANCE 2026

*An evening in the ENCHANTED FOREST*

*Saturday, February 7, 2026*  
6:00 - 8:00pm



SIGN UP HERE!  \$25/couple includes: dancing, dessert, photos, craft

- Purchase Tickets: fill out the sign-up form and return to school (forms will be sent home this week)
- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS [Sign Up Here](#)
- We can still use (lend or donate) any artificial trees/flowers/foliage - label and drop off at the office!

## DONATE WHILE *You Dine!*

Fat Tuesday, February 17th from 5 pm - 8 pm  
10% of sales & 100% of tips benefit  
Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School PTO  
**\*\*mention the fundraiser when ordering\*\***



**Give LOCAL**  
FOOD. FAMILY. FUTURE.  
*Culver's*

Come on in to your local Culver's restaurant:

Culver's of (Lee's Summit)  
1275 SE Oldham Pkwy, Lee's Summit, MO 64081  
(816) 272-5901

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Limited time offer. All participating Culver's restaurants. 8/18

PTO Meeting  
Tuesday February 3<sup>rd</sup>,  
@ 6:30pm

- ♥ CSW Recap
- ♥ Girls V.I.P Dance
- ♥ Boys Bowling Event

# OUR EXTRA-CURRICULARS



## Boys Volleyball and Track & Field

Registration for Spring Sports is coming soon.

Sign up here starting February 1<sup>st</sup>



Visit the online

## OLP Athletics Store

to purchase your Athletic gear, supporter pass, and more!



# OUR COMMUNITY

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

**Feb. 15th** **Ages 9-14**



**BOYS & GIRLS SCHEDULE:**

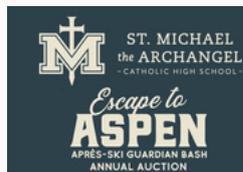
- 9-10 2 p.m.
- 11-12 2:30 p.m.
- 13-14 3 p.m.

**EVENT IS FREE!**

**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY KC #6819.**

**LOCATION:**  
Our Lady of Presentation Gymnasium  
130 NW Murray Rd Lee's Summit, MO 64081

**SIGNUP:**  
Visit: <https://bit.ly/KOCfreethrow>  
or click on the QR Code

ST. MICHAEL  
the ARCHANGEL  
-CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL-  
*Escape to*  
**ASPEN**  
APRES-SKI GUARDIAN BASH  
ANNUAL AUCTION



## WORLD CUP RAFFLE

# \$100<sup>ea</sup>

LIMITED QUANTITY AVAILABLE

Two Founder's Suite tickets to a 2026 World Cup match of your choice at Arrowhead Stadium. Food, beverages and parking pass included.

COURTESY OF THE HUNT FAMILY

Winner will be drawn at the Guardian Bash on January 31.

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.



[casbid.net/items/smabash](https://casbid.net/items/smabash)

**Stations of the Cross**  
Fridays, 6:30 p.m. - Church

February 20  
*Led by OLP 7th Grade (Re-enactment)*

February 27  
*Traditional*

March 6  
*Led by OLP 5th Grade (Shadow)*

March 13  
*Traditional*

March 20  
*Led by Knights of Columbus*

March 27  
*Traditional*



## Presentation Families

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIDAY JAN 30<sup>TH</sup>** Q2 Singo Bingo: Open to all parishioners in their 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of life (21 through 40s). 7-9pm in the Auditorium. Registration Required. 

**SATURDAY FEB 14<sup>TH</sup>** Vegas Night. Hosted by The Knights of Columbus. 7pm in the Gym.

**THURSDAY FEB 26<sup>TH</sup>** Mom's Night Out at OLP: Easter paint & wine party. 5:30-8:00pm in the Etue Room. \$35 fee includes DIY Wooden Easter Masterpiece. Registration Required. 

**SATURDAY MAR 28<sup>TH</sup>** Annual Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30am-12pm. Bring a brunch style side dish to share

## Presentation Families

### FAMILY SUNDAYS

**FEB 22<sup>ND</sup>** Family Sunday @ 11am (after the 10am Mass): Meet in the Etue Room for a Lent craft activity.

**MAR 22<sup>ND</sup>** Family Sunday @ 11am (after the 10am Mass): Meet in the Etue Room for an Easter craft activity.

**MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** Family Sunday @ 11am (after the 10am Mass): Meet at the OLP school playground for a cool treat!

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church's Annual Lenten

# Fish Fry

February 20, 27  
March 6, 13, 20, 27  
5:00pm—7:00pm  
Parish Auditorium



**Enjoy a delicious Dinner:**  
Pick Two Entrees  
Baked Fish  
Fried Fish  
Butterfly Fried Shrimp  
Cheese Lasagna  
Sweet Corn Medley  
Homemade Coleslaw  
Fresh Broccoli with Cheese  
Gourmet Mac & Cheese  
Hawaiian Bread  
Lemonade, Tea or Coffee

**Proceeds benefit our Youth Ministries & the Charities we serve!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #6819.

**To Go Plates are Available**  
• Beer and Wine available for donation  
• Delicious Desserts available for donation

**2026 Dinner Prices**  
Adults \$15.00  
Ages 5 — 10 \$ 8.00  
Children up to 4 years Free  
Ages 90 & above Free

*\*2nd trip plate available for free with donation*

Our Lady of the Presentation  
130 NW Murray Road - Lee's Summit

Bring Your Friends & Family! We look forward to serving you!

## OLP Youth Ministry!

Small Group \*Service Opportunities \* Camps & Retreats \* Social Nights and Fun Events

All are welcome to join Youth Group!  
There are so many opportunities you won't want to miss. Nothing is better than spending time with people your age who want to grow in faith just like you!



Your registration covers all the events you'll be participating in. If you need help or would like to discuss other payment options, please reach out to Jade or Michael and we'll gladly assist you.

Scan to Join Youth Group!

JOIN US FOR **MIDDLE SCHOOL** *Love Life Precept* Friday February 20th

Join us for a fun movie night at B&B Longview Theater! We'll be watching the new movie **GOAT**

Showtime will be an evening showing, announced the week before the 20th. Sign up using the QR code -- registration closes on the 18th.

Friends are welcome! Just make sure everyone is signed up. All concession snacks will be purchased individually by youth.

Questions? Contact Michael Nations at [mnations@olpils.org](mailto:mnations@olpils.org) or Jade Echeverry at [jecheverry@olpils.org](mailto:jecheverry@olpils.org)



**6:30am: Mass**

**8:15am: Mass**  
*with school community*

**12:00pm:**  
**Word Service with Distribution of Ashes**

**5:30pm: Mass**  
*JKV Bus Transportation provided. Call 816-347-2178.*

**7:00pm: Spanish Mass**

## Ash Wednesday February 18

## Presentation Families

### MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Easter Paint & Wine Party  
Sip, paint, and rejoice—because Moms deserve a night out!

Thursday, February 26th  
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
in the Etue Room

Fee \$95 per person (includes wooden project & supplies)

**Schedule:**  
5:30 - 6:00 PM Check-In & Egg-collant Mingling  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Paint, Sip & Rise Above the Chaos  
8:00 PM Hop On Home

\* Register by Monday, February 23rd

• Create your own DIY Wooden Easter Masterpiece  
• All supplies included  
• Light snacks & refreshments  
• Guided Easter painting & gluing  
• No experience needed — just come have fun!

Celebrate the Joy of Easter and our parish community—one brushstroke at a time!

Register here: 

Come for the painting \* Stay for the fellowship

## SIPPING WITH THE SAINTS

Martin Scorsese's new series on The Saints  
Each video is 30-40 minutes.

**February 3**  
7- 8:30 p.m.  
St. Patrick and St. Peter



