

PANTHER PRINTS

January 2026



HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026

Dear OLP Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed your Christmas Break and found some time to enjoy some rest and relaxation.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas teacher gift fund and helped with the PTO luncheon prior to the Break. Your generosity truly touched our staff. We are incredibly blessed to have such a supportive community here at OLP.

While we are just beginning the calendar year, we are looking forward to a vibrant month ahead, especially as we prepare to celebrate the gift of Catholic education during Catholic Schools Week (January 25-31, 2026). This year's theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," is a beautiful reminder of the gifts we share. It is such a privilege to walk alongside your children each day as they grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Seeing them continue to "simply serve" our community and those around them in so many ways is an inspiration.

To celebrate, the PTO has planned some wonderful events as we "Level Up & Simply Serve". Please take a moment to look at the flyer included in this newsletter for the full schedule. My hope is that every family feels welcome to join in the festivities and experience the joy of our school firsthand.

As we embrace the fresh start of 2026, we remain deeply grateful for the privilege of partnering with you in your child's academic and spiritual journey. May this January be a season of warmth and growth for your family as we walk together in the light of Christ.

Grace and Peace,

Mrs. Marianne H. Organ

Principal

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic School



Teacher of the Year Award

[CLICK HERE](#) to nominate the OLP teacher who has had a significant impact on your child's education.

Submitted nominations are due by

Friday, January 9, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.

Previous Year's Recipients (ineligible to receive the award again for five years)

2021 Mrs. Bader

2022 Ms. Russell

2023 Mrs. Walker

2024 Mrs. Sonderman

2025 Mrs. Connors

Grade Cards

All grade cards were emailed on
Tuesday, January 6.

An error in the system showed all absences
as "Unexcused", please disregard that.

THIS ISSUE:

January Calendar/Lunch Menu
Volunteer Opportunities
School News
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A message from Father Tom Holder



Blessings of Christmas and the New Year to you and your family! I hope your celebrations of Christmas were meaningful and blessed. We still have a few more days of the Christmas season left to celebrate the joy of Christ's birth. This weekend we celebrate the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord* which brings the Christmas season to a close. This is a good time to talk to your children about the significance of their baptism and how this began their life as a follower of Christ. You can also find little ways to keep the meaning of Christmas alive throughout the year, especially by making the practice of your faith and the commitment to service the center of your family life. This will also reinforce our **Simply Serve** theme for the year. And keeping a visual symbol of Christmas in your home throughout the year serves as a reminder that Christ's birth is not just something we remember on Christmas Day but something that powerfully affects every day of our lives.

The beginning of a new year is also the traditional time for the *blessing of our homes*. You can use the blessing we provided on the cover of our parish bulletin this past weekend. You can find the bulletin on our website or in the Gathering Space at church. There is also blessed chalk on the tables in the Gathering Space to mark your doorway. Gather the family together for the blessing as a reminder that God is with you as you come and go each day.

As we enter the **new year of 2026**, may we take time to reflect on the blessings of this past year and resolve to share our blessings and be a blessing in abundant ways for the coming year. We are blessed to be part of an excellent school that is supported by dedicated staff and families and the commitment of a vibrant parish.

The last weekend of January every year is the kick off of **Catholic Schools Week (CSW)**. This is a great time to celebrate the gift of Catholic education. There will be a number of things planned throughout the week. As a parish, we will also be using CSW as a time to highlight our **OLP Endowment Fund for Catholic Education**. The Endowment Fund helps provide tuition assistance and funding for important programs. Please support the Endowment as your situation allows so that others can benefit from a Catholic education. And make CSW the best it can be by volunteering to help with the various activities.

May 2026 be filled with *many blessings!*



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

January

Important Dates

6

PTO Meeting



Our Lady of the Presentation

7

All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

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Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser

Must order on app with code OLPS7

8

Team Lab Unplugged

Fundraiser @ Konrad's Kitchen

14

All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

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NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr Day



21

All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

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Catholic School Week Begins

28

All School Mass

Students may wear Simply Serve Shirts with uniform bottoms.

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Noon Dismissal

Early Out

Lunch

January Lunch Calendar



ALL SCHOOL MASS SCHEDULE

Date: Wednesday, January 7

Class: 3rd Grade (Mulberry)

Lector: Margaret Reddig

Senior Server: McKinley Bushell

Servers: Matilda Glynn & Jonathan Janet

Date: Wednesday, January 14

Class: 5th Grade

Lector: Charlotte Myers

Senior Server: Andrew Towles

Servers: Beau Munson & Cece Nurrenbern

Date: Wednesday, January 21

Class: 3rd Grade (Bisacca)

Lector: Lucy Lovell

Senior Server: Zachary Castle

Servers: Graham Kauzlarich & Charlotte Myers

Date: Wednesday, January 28

Class: Service Team

Lector: Lottie Van Dolah

Senior Server: Halle Casey

Servers: Patrick Neal & Olivia Rowland



FROM MS PIERSON
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Dear Parents,

THIS MONTH ///

We are rounding the corner and starting unit five of the Friendly Curriculum. This month's unit, KNOW YOUR LIMIT, teaches us about the importance of setting healthy boundaries by listening to our mind, body, and heart so we live within our limits and thrive.

Catchphrase (main point for students to catch on to): "Know Your Limit"

Key Verse (Biblical anchor points):

Psalms 16:5-6 "Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance."

1 Corinthians 10:23

"I have the right to do anything, you say—but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything'—but not everything is constructive."

It is important to know your limit and listen to your body. Your body gives off warning signs to get your attention when getting close to making an unwise choice; a choice that will push you past your personal limit. When you know your limits and listen to your body it helps you set a healthy boundary for your life so that you can thrive. Talk with your child about the importance of knowing your limits and setting healthy boundaries. Continue the Conversation at home; here are the main points of this unit:

1. Pay attention to your personal limits. Pay attention to the warning signs you feel in your mind, heart, and body when you are pushed past your limit. A decision that is ok for someone else might not be right for you. These indicators will help you to establish personal boundaries.
2. Establish healthy boundaries. Healthy boundaries require us to be confident in our own opinions, desires, and needs. Understanding the 5 types of boundaries (material, physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) is essential in equipping us to set personal boundaries to help us live within our limits.
3. Healthy boundaries = knowing your limits and sticking to them! Discovering our boundaries helps us to know our limits and stay within them so we can thrive. Boundaries are a guideline we establish for how others should treat us.
4. Boundaries make room for you to respect yourself and others. As we love and respect ourselves we ought to love and respect others. Boundaries bring awareness of how to respect and love others.

CREATING HEALTHY BOUNDARIES ///

Learning to set healthy boundaries in our relationships is an essential life-long skill. When boundaries are healthy, we know our limits. We have boundaries that we can see and others that we cannot see. Here are five personal boundaries that are helpful for us to understand.

Material boundaries: A boundary related to my possessions

Physical boundaries: A boundary related to personal space

Mental boundaries: A boundary related to thoughts, values, or opinions

Emotional boundaries: A boundary related to emotions

Spiritual boundaries: A boundary related to experiences in relation to God

PUT IT IN ACTION ///

Two core competencies taught in the Know Your Limit unit are social awareness and responsible decision making. Below are signs of these skills in action. When you see your child putting these skills into practice, celebrate their growth and development!

SIGNS OF SOCIAL AWARENESS

- > Perspective-taking
- > Empathy
- > Appreciating diversity
- > Respect for others

SIGNS OF RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING

- > Identifying problems
- > Analyzing situations
- > Solving problems
- > Evaluating
- > Reflecting
- > Ethical responsibility

COMMUNICATION IS KEY ///

As you connect with your student about knowing their limits and creating healthy boundaries, remember that we are here to support you. Please let the school know of personal boundaries established by your student that would be helpful in ensuring their success in the classroom. Communication is key in helping students thrive!

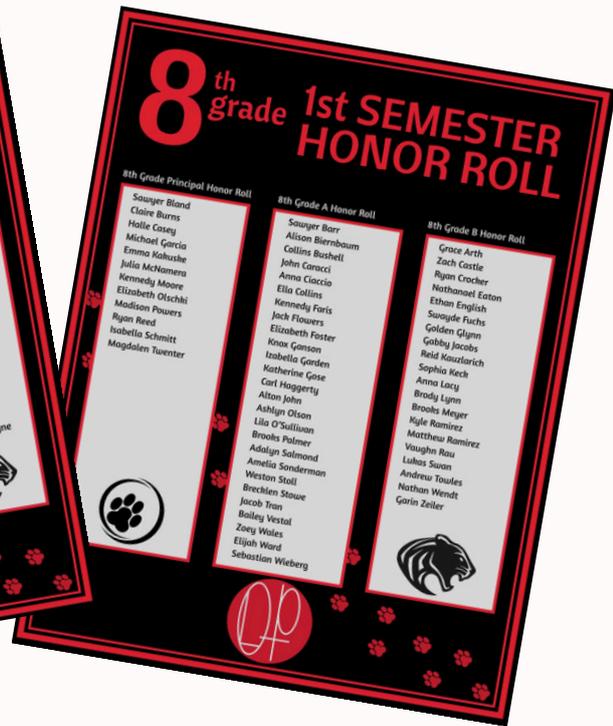
Knowing our own boundaries and respecting the boundaries of others helps us to be better friends!

Blessings,

Kelley Pierson



Congratulations to our 7th & 8th Grade Honor Roll Students!



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
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.

Attention 8th Grade Parents - Yearbook Dedication

Final deadline for submissions is January 10

Photo Submission

Please name the photo file with your student's full name and upload to the Google Album:
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TAWnEQJtuakmQHmi7>

Dedication Submission

The written dedications should not exceed 75 words due to font size and yearbook space. The written dedications should be typed and submitted using this form, <https://forms.gle/BHPwLpRCT11ydNBn7>



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All volunteers are required to complete Virtus Training (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.

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.

OUR PTO

Catholic Schools Week is Coming January 25-30!

Catholic Schools Week is a special time when we celebrate the value of Catholic education, our faith, our students, our families, and our amazing school & parish community. It's a week filled with fun activities, service, prayer, and school spirit as we celebrate all the good things happening in our school each day.

Please be sure to look at the attached Week at a Glance for details about the activities planned for each day. To help make this a successful and memorable week for our students, we are also in need of parent volunteers. Please consider giving of your time during Catholic Schools Week—any amount of help is truly appreciated!

You can sign up to volunteer using the SignUpGenius link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094FA4A728A5FC1-61467240-cswvolunteers>

Additional information and reminders will be shared as we get closer to this special week of celebrating Catholic education. We can't wait to celebrate together!



OUR EXTRA-CURRICULARS

OLP Home Game Schedule – 2026

Come support your OLP Panthers!

January 10

10:10 – 5G White | Presentation vs St. Thomas More
11:20 – 4B White | Presentation vs St. Thomas More
12:30 – 6A Girls | Presentation vs St. Therese
1:40 – 7A Boys | Presentation vs St. Therese
2:50 – 7B Girls | Presentation vs Visitation
6:00 – 8B Boys White | Presentation vs Sion
7:00 – 7A/8B Girls | Presentation vs Visitation
8:00 – 7B Boys Red | Presentation vs St. Elizabeth

January 17

9:00 – 4B Red | Presentation vs St. Thomas More
10:10 – 5G Red | Presentation vs St. Therese
11:20 – 4B White | Presentation vs St. Peter
12:30 – 5B White | Presentation vs Notre Dame de Sion
1:40 – 6A Girls | Presentation vs Visitation
2:50 – 6A Boys | Presentation vs St. Peter
6:00 – 6A Boys | Presentation vs St. Therese
7:00 – 7A Boys | Presentation vs Notre Dame de Sion
8:00 – 8A Boys | Presentation vs St. Therese

January 31

7:50 – 4B Red | Presentation vs St. Elizabeth
9:00 – 4G White | Presentation vs St. John Lalande
10:10 – 4G Red | Presentation vs St. Thomas More
11:20 – 5B White | Presentation vs Visitation
12:30 – 5G Red | Presentation vs St. Andrew
1:40 – 7A/8B Girls | Presentation vs Nativity
2:50 – 6A Boys | Presentation vs Visitation
6:00 – 6A Girls | Presentation vs St. Therese
7:00 – 6A Boys | Presentation vs St. Peter
8:00 – 8A Boys | Presentation vs Visitation

Our athletic department has been working hard to bring more home games to OLP. With all these home games we need volunteers. Please consider helping at the concession stand, scoreboard, or entry gate.

[CLICK HERE to sign up!](#)



Visit the online
OLP Athletics Store
to purchase your Athletic gear,
supporter pass, and more!



OUR COMMUNITY



Escape to ASPEN
APRÈS-SKI GUARDIAN BASH
— 2026 —

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026
AUCTION and BENEFIT
FOR ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Join over 450 guests for an Aspen-inspired evening complete with a catered dinner, games, live and silent auctions, and a DJ to keep the party going!

SMACATHOLIC.ORG/BASH



For more information about Guardian Bash sponsorships, contact Stacy Needels, Director of Development, at sneedels@smacatholic.org or 816-499-8609



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR SPONSORSHIPS IS JANUARY 13, 2026

- PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$25,000**
 - 2 Sponsor tables of 10 guests each (20 attendees total)
 - On-stage mention as Presenting Sponsor during event
 - Prominent placement of logo on event materials, SMA website and mobile bidding site
 - Personalized social media shout-out
 - Bottomless cocktails
 - Table gift
- PREMIER SPONSOR | \$10,000**
 - 2 Sponsor tables of 10 guests each (20 attendees total)
 - On-stage mention as Premier Sponsor during event
 - Logo on event materials, SMA website and mobile bidding site
 - Personalized social media shout-out
 - Bottomless cocktails
 - Table gift
- ELITE SPONSOR | \$5,000**
 - Sponsor table for 10 attendees
 - On-stage mention as Elite Sponsor during event
 - Logo on event materials, SMA website and mobile bidding site
 - Personalized social media shout-out
 - Bottomless cocktails
 - Table gift
- SUPPORTING SPONSOR | \$2,500**
 - Sponsor table for 10 attendees
 - On-stage mention as Supporting Sponsor during event
 - Logo on event materials and SMA website
 - Recognition on social media
 - Bottomless cocktails
 - Table gift
- TABLE SPONSOR | \$1,500**
 - Sponsor table for 10 guests
 - Bottomless cocktails
 - Recognition in event program
- ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR | \$1,500**
 - 2 Tickets to event
 - Logo on party favor handed out during after party
 - Shout-outs by the DJ
 - Personalized social media shout-out
 - Bottomless cocktails
- PHOTO BOOTH SPONSOR | \$1,000**
 - Company logo on signs at booth
 - Personalized social media shout-out
- RESERVED TABLE FOR 10 | \$1,000**
- INDIVIDUAL TICKETS | \$85**

OUR PARISH



Q.2. SINGO BINGO

OLP Youth Ministry!



JAN 30 7PM



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS!

JOIN US IN THE AUDITORIUM FOR A NIGHT OF FRIENDS, MUSIC, & SINGO!
BRING FOOD & DRINK FOR YOUR TABLE!

OPEN TO ALL PARISHIONERS AGES 21 - 49

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION

YOUTH MINISTRY

RELATIONSHIP SHARING LEARNING DISCUSSING INSPIRING FAITH

OLP Youth Ministry!

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

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.

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!





Scan to join Youth Group!

Come join a community where you can grow in faith, make friends, and have fun!

JOIN US FOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Live Life Right

Friday January 9th

From 7-9pm

Join us for a fun Game Night in the Yellow House! We'll have board games, Mario Kart, pizza, and more! 🎮🍕

Please sign up using the QR code to RSVP. All friends are welcome—just be sure to sign them up too!

RSVP HERE!!



Questions? Contact Michael Nations at mnaitions@olpls.org or Jade Echeverry at jecheverry@olpls.org

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