

October Newsletter 2016



Events

We started October with our 'Be Kind/Anti-Bullying' kick off assembly on Stomp Out Bullying day. This is a Nation-wide program we are involved in and are counting to honor throughout the month and always.

Ladder 170 came to visit our students and gave them a true adventure! Grades Pre-K 3 through 2nd got to experience life as a Firefighter by sitting in the driver's seat and back of trunk and even using the fire hose! They were so thankful the children created a tri-fold with pictures and comments to send to the firehouse.

After-school activities have begun; I hope everyone is enjoying the fun our teachers & staff have planned for this year! After-school band and recorder lessons for 2nd to 5th grade have started as well. Grades 4, 6, & 8 are beginning the Stages on Sound Arts Residency Program on October 24th. It is a 15 week program offering instruction on film, writing and performing.

The children are very excited about the coming of Halloween! We will be having a family Halloween Dance with a DJ on Friday, October 21st. I am looking forward to a magnificent night filled with all of our OLTCA family. All the classes will again be creating a class pumpkin. This is a cooperative project where the entire class has to work together to decide on the pumpkin theme and then to design it as creatively as possible. On Halloween, classes will be permitted to dress in costumes and Pre-K 3 through 2nd grade will be trick or treating to the Rectory.

Fundraiser

Our first fundraising event of the year was led by our Student Council. They raised \$200 for the Go for the Gold Fundraiser supporting Pediatric Cancer!

Academics

Grades 3 to 8 are taking the Terra Nova exams at this time. This is a diagnostic test whereas the individual and class results are analyzed to determine the strengths and weakness to drive instruction in the class.

Our 8th graders have begun their high school search by visiting Bishop Loughlin. By spending the day there they were able to get a real understanding of high school. This will be the first of many 8th grade events.

On Thursday, October 27th, students in grades 1-8 will receive Progress Reports. This will give parents a snapshot of where their child is in each major subject at the midpoint of the trimester. These reports provide an opportunity for students to identify the areas that are the most in need of improvement, and also an opportunity for them to acknowledge and celebrate their academic accomplishments to date! Please return the signed report to the homeroom teacher the following day.