

# OCTOBER

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## OLA Newsletter

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### From the Principal:

Dear Parents,

Please review the tardy policy with your children. Children should be in the cafeteria by 8:00 a.m. Prayer is at 8:10 a.m. Children arriving to school after 8:10 a.m. are considered tardy.

Also, children are responsible for making sure that backpacks contain all items necessary when going to school and home. Please do not drop off forgotten items at the office as they will not be delivered to the classroom. Your child will be given a lunch token if he/she forgets a lunch at home. Children are not allowed back into the building to retrieve forgotten items after dismissal. The CCD program has use of the classrooms from September to April and classes cannot be disrupted.

Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the summer uniform and for wearing shorts on gym day. Please review the uniform regulations in the handbook for the proper fall uniform attire.

We will be having a scrap metal drive in the spring. However, should you have any large metal items, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, etc. please contact, Fred Shiner at (978)604-9689 for home pick-up. There is no charge for this service. OLA will receive credit for the metal.

Enjoy the beautiful season of fall!

Mrs. Tosiello

### Spiritual Happenings:

St. Francis Day Mass - Friday, October 2nd, 1:00 p.m. in church. Parents are welcome.



### General Information

The first Progress Reports will be sent home on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be a good indication of how your student is doing thus far.

Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is picture day for part of the preschool and kindergarten, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> is picture day for the rest of the preschool and grades 1-8.

### No School and $\frac{1}{2}$ Days

Columbus Day, October 12<sup>th</sup> No School

Teacher Inservice, Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, Noon Dismissal

## Meetings

The teachers and administration are happy to meet with parents/guardians upon request for a scheduled meeting. It is unreasonable to expect a meeting with a teacher or administrator without an appointment. Please make requests for a scheduled meeting in writing to the teacher or office. The teachers and administrators are available most mornings before school or after dismissal.

## Mission Statement

Lead others by our example.

Inspire others by our activity.

Faithfully follow the path of Our Lord Jesus.

Each of us will work together to benefit all of us.

## Cafeteria News

Please do not buy more tokens than you can use in a week. Lunch tokens may be purchased every Tuesday. We have a limited number of tokens and often run out before all the orders are filled. We are also concerned with the number of children who consistently come to school without a token. It appears to be the same children year after year. We won't let any child go without lunch. If a child comes to school without a token 3 times, he/she will be offered a cheese sandwich and not the hot lunch that is being served.

Please note: lunch has been \$2.25 for the past 2 years, yet we still have parents sending in \$2.00 for tokens.

In fairness to all of our children, especially to those who don't have access to fast food choices, we are asking our parents to stop the practice of bringing McDonald's, Wendy's and other fast food meals in place of school or home lunches. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Lunch monitors are welcome in the cafeteria to assist with milk distribution, opening ketchup packets, thermoses, etc.

## Health Room

When calling your child out sick, please specify the reason. With the cold and flu season upon us, it is important that we know why your child is out sick. We are keeping track of the various illnesses. Children with fevers should not be sent to school. They should be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Again, please check with your pediatrician regarding flu shots.

## Storm Center Update

Inclement weather school closings will be sent to you from Connect Ed via your telephone and e-mail. However, you may also tune in to WBZ 1030 AM at 5 and 35 minutes past the hour for up-to-the-minute school closings and storm related cancellations. **If Lynnfield has no school, then OLA has no school.**

## Computer & Library

All students are required to hand in a Terms & Conditions for Use of the Internet Form. Each child is required to have this form on file. If not submitted, your child will not be able to participate in classroom Smartboard lessons using the internet, or use the computer lab as most of the programs are web-based, and while doing research work in the Library and Computer Lab. If you do not have a form you can download it from the school website at [www.olalynnfielddschool.com](http://www.olalynnfielddschool.com). Just scroll down to School Forms and click on Use of the Internet. This form is also available for download on the Computer & Library website at [www.stfrancismedia.org](http://www.stfrancismedia.org). Just scroll down and click on School Forms.

Due to sanitary reasons, I am asking that the children have their own headphones. They should be placed in a plastic bag marked with the child's name and grade. We are discouraging the practice of borrowing headphones.