



OUR LADY OF VICTORY

Weekly School Newsletter

*Our Lady of Victory is a Catholic Parish School Dedicated to Living our Victory Values through Faith, Academics, and Service.
Virtuous living + Intellectual growth + Christ-like behavior + Teamwork + Opportunities for service + Respect for all + Yes to Forgiveness*

School Directories

The final draft of the school directory is now being compiled. If you have a change of **address, phone number or email address**, please contact the school office by **MONDAY**.

THANK YOU for your support in having an accurate School Directory!

OLV Spirit Wear Store NOW OPEN

- Visit KTforms.com by September 24
- Use Access Code: **OLOVATH**
- Select and Add Merchandise to cart.
- Click CHECKOUT.
- Register as a New User or Login with past credentials.

Orders will be processed and shipped in October.



Library Helpers Needed

Please welcome OLV's new Media Specialist, **Mrs. Jane Pakula** to our school! As Mrs. Pakula is getting familiar with her new environment, she is asking for parent volunteers to help students check-out books.



For more information, please contact her at jpakula@olvnorthville.net. Thanks!

Next Week's Schedule:

Friday, September 15

Dads' Club Dance for Grade 7-8, 7:00 p.m., Gym
October Hot Lunch Order due today

Monday, September 18

Tuesday, September 19

Wednesday, September 20

School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Welcome Kindergarteners!
CougarBot Parent Meeting, 6-8 p.m., Computer Lab



Thursday, September 21

Picture Day for all Students

Friday, September 22

Last day to register for HSPT prep sessions
Dismissal at Noon: No bus service

Sunday, September 24

Last day to order Fall CougarWear

Monday, September 25

Dads' Club Golf Outing

OLV Student Council vs. Teachers Basketball Game

Thursday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Get your tickets today—order form on page 5 (online, too!)
All proceeds benefit Northville's Civic Concern Holiday Drives

PTO Meeting Thank You

Thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their day to meet at the first monthly PTO Meeting. Many new ideas and volunteer opportunities were discussed. Thanks again parents for your support at OLV!

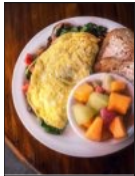
For the SAFETY of Our Students...

Please note that for the safety of our students we will **no longer allow children to play on the school playscape or in the school parking lot** after school lets out for the day. We simply cannot guarantee their safety and this because a liability issue for OLV. Please consider meeting at a nearby park to have your child "burn off" some energy and to socialize with classmates! Thank you for your help in passing along the message.

IOWA Testing Week October 2-6

Reminders

- ❑ *Make sure your child gets appropriate sleep the week before and the week of testing.*
- ❑ *Have your child eat a healthy breakfast.*
- ❑ *Make sure your child arrives at school on time.*
- ❑ *Gently encourage your child to do his/her best.*
- ❖ *Please do not schedule any unnecessary appointments during the week of testing.*
- ❖ *If your child is absent from school, he/she will miss valuable classroom instruction to make up the IOWA tests.*
- ❖ *It is very difficult to schedule and administer make up tests.*



RECESS VOLUNTEER Procedures

Due to the new OLV Service Hour policy, we have many new Recess Volunteers this year. In an effort to maintain a consistent Recess period each day, here are a few procedures to follow during your shift:

Recess Volunteer Information

- Check in at the office podium.
- There is a red binder where Volunteers need to not only sign in for their position that day.
- Volunteers need to wear an orange vest and fanny pack and report to their position by 11:40 a.m.
- Please stay off your cell phone during your shift.

General Student Recess Rules

- No tackling/rough housing.
- Jump ropes used for jumping only .
- No climbing on or around the light poles/trees.
- No students allowed in the road.
- Stay out of the landscaping/Mother Mary area.
- No playing "tag" on the playscape .
- Middle school not allowed on the playscape.
- No drop kicking balls.
- All issues (bathroom, etc.) should be sent to the Recess lead.
- Sick students should be sent to the office.



OLV Needs Some Green Thumbs

Thanks to the generosity of the OLV Knights of Columbus and the Schroeder family, our school was able to purchase a Tower Garden!

The Parish Health and Wellness Ministry and School Green Team are partnering with teachers to integrate the Tower Garden into the science and technology curriculum. We believe the garden promotes healthy eating and offers a hands-on way to explore ecology, energy and natural resources.



We are looking for a few green thumbs to help us grow the excitement! For more information, please contact Molly Griffin at (248) 930-1740.

6th Grade Students @ Camp

The sixth grade students spent time this week at the Howell Nature Center Camp. They spent one night and two full days together doing such activities as canoeing, archery, zip lining, building a fire, performing skits, and camping in cabins. It was a great way for the students to bond and create relationships that will take them through their middle school years. Thank you to all of the parent volunteers, Mrs. Maclean, Mrs. Szuba, Mrs. Marcou and Mr. Spellman. This camp is successful because of you!



Celebrating Our Faith

by Mary Ellen Skene, Faith Formation Director

This week has been filled with the reports of the most recent hurricane to hit the continental United States, Irma. The devastation as well as the emotional, and physical toll on its victims has been hard to witness. For a people of faith it can lead to many questions about God being present during these events and how does he answer human suffering.

Televangelists often use these occurrences to preach that it is our sinfulness that brings down the wrath of God. According to them we have strayed from his ways and brought calamity upon ourselves. This is contrary to Catholic theology and strikes at the heart of how we image God and our belief in his love.

Jesus tells of this love in every Gospel passage. It is the love that heals the blind, lame and outcast. It is the love that forgives and shows mercy. It is the love that constantly beckons us to participate in his creation in life giving ways sharing his love with all meet. God the Father Jesus teaches is not vengeful nor does he wish hardships of any kind to befall believers or nonbelievers!

So how is God present during these days of recovery and rebuilding? He is present in every neighbor who reaches out their hand to assist those in need, in every first responder who answers the call for help, in the skills of utility workers who have gathered from all states to restore electricity, and water so that some semblance of normalcy can return etc. For us he is in every small act of charity performed in sending needed goods and funds to Texas, Florida, the Caribbean Islands, wherever it may be needed.

This is how God answers human suffering; through the love of every heart that rises to take their role in restoring what has been destroyed and bringing comfort and support to those whose lives have been changed.

God is here and his answer to human suffering relies upon us. Share his love and see how great things can be accomplished!

God's Blessings!

Upcoming Parish Events

On the Rise Bakery: September 16-17

Purchase a baked good after all Masses from the members of R.O.P.E.

OLV Blood Drive: September 24

Visit redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: **OLVC**

Altar Server Training: October 22

Grades 5-8. after 9:30 a.m. Mass



OLV 7th & 8th Grade Dance—First of the School Year!

Friday, September 15, 7-10 p.m.

OLV Gym & Cafeteria

The Dads' Club needs 40-45 volunteers (**both moms & dads**) who can volunteer a few hours in any of the following areas. Please go to: <http://signup.com/go/aGdDyHS> to sign up today!

1. **Setting up the gym (4:30-7:00 p.m.)**. This is a critical time slot and volunteers for this time slot are in high demand.
2. **Chaperones** during the dance (6:20-10:00 p.m.)
3. **Serving concessions** (pizza/pop) (7:00-10:00 p.m.)
4. **Parking lot attendees** (6:30-7:30 p.m. & 9:30-10:30 p.m.)
5. **Clean-up Crew** after the dance (10:00 p.m.)

Volunteers are essential to conducting successful and safe dances, and your help is needed. As always, the Dads' Club thanks you in advance for volunteering your time!

All 7th and 8th Grade Students Welcome!

Please note that all 7th and 8th grade students who want to attend a dance **MUST** register (and pay) online prior to the dance and obtain an advanced purchased ticket (register online at www.olvathletics.com). Please see website for additional information.



OLV CYO SPORTS UPDATE

OLV SPORTS WEEKEND SCHEDULE (www.olvathletics.com)

GOOD LUCK COUGARS!

OLV Volleyball

Saturday, September 16, at OLV

- 9 a.m.: JV3 vs. St. Fabian
- 10 a.m.: JV2 vs. All Saints
- 11 a.m.: JV1 vs. St. Joseph
- Noon: Varsity3 vs. Divine Child
- 1 p.m.: Varsity2 vs. St. Pius
- 2 p.m.: Varsity1 vs. St. John Neumann

Sunday, September 17, at OLV

- 1 p.m.: JV2 vs. St. Edith
- 2 p.m.: JV1 vs. St. Edith
- 3 p.m.: Varsity2 vs. St. Edith
- 4 p.m.: Varsity1 vs. St. Edith
- 5 p.m.: JV3 vs. OLS

Come Cheer them to VICTORY!!



Last week's Sports Victories!:

Cross Country

- JV vs. St. Fabian—Win!
- Varsity vs. St. Fabian—Win!

Football

- JV1 vs. St. Edith—Win!
- Varsity vs. St. Edith—Win!

Volleyball

- JV1, JV2, Varsity1 vs. St. James—Win!
- Varsity2 and Varsity2 vs. OLCG—Win!
- Varsity1 and Varsity2 vs. St. Pat's—Win!
- JV2, Varsity 1,2 and 3 vs. St. Joan of Arc—Win!



OLV Basketball Registration Ends September 30!

The 2017-18 season runs from October 30 through March 10. Generally, practices are 3-4 times/week plus games on Saturday and Sunday.

Late registrations will be placed on a waitlist. Do not DELAY! To register, visit www.OLVAthletics.com, and click on the **PLAYER/COACH REGISTRATION** tab. Online payment (only) is due at the time of registration. Sports Physicals (dated after April 15, 2017) along with the full registration payment must be submitted prior to the first practice.

Coaching applications will be accepted for Basketball through September 30 by visiting www.olvathletics.com. Whether you can volunteer your time as a Head or Assistant Coach, please know that our program could not be successful without you. Thank you for your support!

- Dan Gutowsky, Athletic Director

OLV Third Grade Students at the Northville's Victorian Festival

As a class field trip, both Ms. Welsh (top) and Ms. Staff's (lower) classes dressed in Victorian wear and enjoyed the activities hosted by the city of Northville. Activities included games, a musician, story-telling, skits and songs from the Northville High School choir. The students had a great time!

