



# 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*

### 2018-19 Kindergarten Registration

**Last call for incoming kindergarten students!** Seats for the 2018-19 school year are filling up fast. Complete an [application form](#) found online. Please remember that all children must turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018 to be eligible for our kindergarten program next fall.

### Order Your Candy-Gram!

**Student Council is selling Candy Grams for Valentine's Day!** Once again, there are 3 different options to choose from. Orders are due on **Thursday, February 8**. [Order forms are online](#) and on page 5. Delivery is February 13.

### Catholic Identity Program Effectiveness Survey

This week an email went out to all school and parish families asking them to take a short survey about our Catholic School. Please note that parents and students in grades 5-8 are asked to respond. The results of the survey will be used to help guide us as educational leaders towards improving the OLV School. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and all responders remain completely anonymous.

Thank you in advance for your help. The survey link is below for anyone who missed the email: [Catholic Schools Survey Link](#).

### Next Week's Events:

**Fun Fair Friday: See you tonight!**  
**5:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, February 4, 10:30 a.m.**  
Altar Server Training/Refresher, grade 5-8  
**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**

**Monday, February 5**

**Tuesday, February 6**

**Wednesday, February 7**  
School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Church  
SAC Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Library

**Thursday, February 8**  
PTO Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Library  
Last day to order CANDY GRAMS

**Friday, February 9**

**Saturday, February 10**  
Daddy Daughter Dance (Tickets required)

**Spirit Week Starts Monday, February 12**



### OLV Geography Bee Winners

We had our annual National Geography Bee last month. All middle school students competed in the preliminary round during their individual social studies class and the class winners went on to

compete in the school competition.

The class winners are: **Shane Donnelly** and **Amelia Lampi** (grade 6), **Lauren Mullan** and **Ella Sinawi** (grade 7), and **Ella Brandemihl** and **Ryan Hammett** (grade 8). The school competition was held on Thursday, January 25, with Ryan Hammett emerging as the Champion and Amelia Lampi as the runner-up. Congratulations to all of the class winners and good luck to Ryan as he moves forward in the competition!

### Catholic Schools Week Mass Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Mr. Timmis, Mrs. Langley, and our Student Council board members, Ryan, Courtney, Lauren, John and Daria had the privilege of celebrating this special Mass at the Cathedral this week. Thank you, students for representing OLV with such grace.





### Spelling Bee Champs!

On Thursday, students from fifth through eighth grade participated in the annual School Spelling Bee. Congrats to our top five contestants: **Avery Sturla** (5th), **Adele** (4th), **Ryan Hammett** (3rd), **Gavin Williams** (2nd), and our school champion, **Laura Mallie**. Laura will be moving on to compete in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Great work to all who participated!



**OLV Bowling Night**  
**Friday, March 9, 8:30-11 p.m.**  
**Super Bowl Lanes in Canton**  
\$55/couple or \$30/single  
(includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, pop)

Join us as a couple or a group of 10-12 for a night of bowling with your OLV Family! We have 18 lanes available. First 50 couples PAID are in!

Make checks payable to OLV DADS CLUB.  
Contact Kal Kizy to reserve your spot: (248) 722-8065.



### Library Birthday Club!

Welcome to the OLV Birthday Club: Sarah Mazur, Dominic Cummings, Claire Mallie, Sydney Frendo, Elizabeth Carnahan, Molly Oleszkowicz, Leila Jaghab, Maria Lorelli, Andrew & Adriana Williams. Happy Birthday! Hope you will enjoy your special book. Our photo wall is "filling up" quickly so stop by the entrance to the Library and take a look at our Birthday Club members!

-Mrs. Valerie Ayotte, Children's Librarian



**Buy Your Tickets Today!**  
Saturday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.  
Visit [www.olvathletics.com](http://www.olvathletics.com) to register online

### Wanted: OLV Daddy Daughter Dance Volunteers and Coordinator

The annual Daddy Daughter dance in the school gymnasium is a wonderful evening for our OLV girls and their dads! Dancing, treats, and socializing make for a night to remember. In order to make this a special event, we need many helpers to **setup the gym (9 a.m.-1 p.m.), to help at the dance (7-9 p.m.) and then to help clean-up after the dance.** This is also the last year for our current coordinator. So if you have any interest in helping to keep this event on our calendar for next year, please volunteer a few hours and see how the event is run. Thank you!



**2018 OLV SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION CLOSES SUNDAY**  
Calling all boys and girls in grades 5-8 who are interested in playing CYO Baseball or Softball: We need confirmed registrations prior to

**February 4** to meet the CYO team registration deadline.  
Please visit [www.OLVAthletics.com](http://www.OLVAthletics.com) to register and click on PLAYER/COACH REGISTRATION on the horizontal tabs. Follow the provided instructions and include payment to OLV Dads' Club at the end via secure PayPal account (sorry, checks are not accepted). Payment needs to be made by the first practice.



**JUMPROPE FOR HEART**  
Starts February 14  
During Gym Class

The annual Jump Rope for Heart event will take place during all gym classes starting Monday, February 14. Check for a flyer coming home soon.

-Mrs. Kolbow

## Calling all students in grades 3-5 for the OLV Science Fair Thursday, April 26



If you would like to participate in this year's Science Fair, please complete a project entry form and return it to your teacher by March 28. Your project will need to be completed on your own time and done by April 25. Projects can be done individually or with up to 3 students working together. You may choose any science topic, but you should go through the process of the scientific method to come to your conclusion. Each completed project will need to be displayed on a tri-fold board to be judged and include a written research report.

Students should use the following checkpoints to help you stay on track:

- January 22: Science Fair introduced
- March 28: Deadline for entry forms (turned into your teachers)
- April 25: Project drop-off day to the science lab
- April 26: Drop off of any "extra" materials (for display) in the cafeteria between 2:10-3:30 p.m.
- April 26: Evening Science fair at OLV

Entry forms and information can be found in the school office. Please pick up a packet if you are interested. Remember, only projects with an entry form will be allowed to be entered into the fair. You need to have a testable question. Science fair is NOT building a volcano and exploding it. It is thinking about something scientific that interests you and testing that idea out.

Judges will judge science fair projects the afternoon of April 26. Ribbon and awards will be displayed for projects the evening of the 26th of April. Students will bring home science fair projects on April 27. If you have any questions about science fair, please contact Mrs. Marcou, Middle School Science Teacher, at [JMarcou@olvnorthville.net](mailto:JMarcou@olvnorthville.net).

## Celebrating Our Faith by Mary Ellen Skene, Director Faith Formation

### Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

According to Jewish law, on the 40th day after the birth of a son ( eighty days for a daughter) a Jewish woman was required to take their child to the temple to offer a sacrifice and for the mother to be purified. This event is recorded in Luke's gospel and is read at today's Masses in observance of the Feast Day of the Presentation of the Lord. The gospel on this day finds Simeon who was known to be a just man waiting for the time he would see the long awaited Messiah. For it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before this had occurred. You can imagine Simeon's reaction as he watched Mary and Joseph bring their small child Jesus to the temple. Innately he knew that this was to be the Savior. Going to the family, he blesses Jesus declaring before God that the child was to become "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people of Israel."

The Presentation of the Lord also brings with it another tradition known as Candlemas Day. In the early Church February 2nd was known as the last day of the Christmas season. Traditionally there would be a candle procession before the mass and the priest would bless candles and distribute them to those gathered who would take them home and put them in a place of honor. This candle would serve as a reminder to all who would see it that Christ is the Light of the World!

Why not establish your own tradition with a "Family Candle?" With every event or happening this year that is cause for celebration or in need of God's constant presence, light a special candle that all family members will see. Use it for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, moments of sadness and worry or just to give thanks to God for all that he has done for you. Let it be your GOOD NEW candle and remember Jesus – who is the light of the world brings to us God's love and grace!

