

Happy Summer!

It is, as always, a bit quiet and lonely here at school as I prepare things for the upcoming year but very busy! As much as I love the relaxation that the summer weeks bring, I truly cannot wait until our halls are alive with happy chit chat and smiling faces again! There are 5 weeks until then so be sure to keep up the reading and math practice with your kiddos so they are good and sharp for their next grade. As a reminder, the summer reading/math assignments and student supply lists are posted on our schools website (www.ourladyoftheangels.us). They can be found by clicking the student link, then the grade level of your child.

Important Paper Work

Updated paper work for the 2017-2018 school year has been posted to our website (www.ourladyoftheangels.us). These forms can be found by clicking the online forms link on the home page.

Mandatory forms for **ALL** students:

- Student Dismissal Form
- Image Use Policy
- Phys Ed Release Form (with the exception of preschoolers)
- Medication Policy
- Book Fees (this is the official bill for your child's consumable materials - payments should be made prior to the start of the school year so that books can be distributed to your student)

Forms that are not mandatory but may be necessary for your family/child:

- CORI - if you EVER plan to do ANYTHING as a volunteer with us at the school we MUST have a CORI completed and returned with a copy of your driver's license.
- Lunch Voucher Order Form
- Milk Order Form
- Soccer Permission Slip

On the home page of our website is a letter from Mrs. Cozza about the lunch program for those who are unfamiliar or who need a refresher.

OLA Fall Soccer

Parents, do you enjoy the community building opportunity of meeting other parents and cheering for your children as they work together on a sports team? Kids, are you looking for a fun way to meet up with and play with your friends outside of school? Fall Soccer is the program for you! Students of all ages can enjoy the fast-paced, fun, skill building soccer programs offered at OLA School!

OLA Intramural Soccer is divided into three divisions, K-2, 3-5, and 6-8 grades. Our games are played Saturday mornings (times to be determined) and students practice once per week according to the coach's schedule. There are 6 games beginning Saturday, September 23rd. This year games will all be played at one of the Worcester Academy fields. (TBD)

Volunteer coaches are needed for teams at all levels. If you are interested in becoming a coach, please email Mr. Kottori at john.kottori@worcesterdiocesek12.org as soon as possible. Include in your email a preferred practice time.

The permission slip can be found on the school website under the online forms link. Slips should be submitted by the end of the first week of school so that teams can be rostered and practices can begin promptly.

A Warm Welcome

With the retirement of Mr. Dudley and Ms. Murphrey moving on to a new career at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year, please help us welcome to our faculty two new members, Mr. Leonard Kasprzak and Mrs. Amy Toohey.

Taking the reins as our new 6th-8th grade math teacher, Mr. Kasprzak (sounds like Casper zak) comes to us from Abbey Kelley Foster Charter School where he has been the math department chair as well as their high school math teacher for the past 14 years. For many years he has been actively involved in youth sports as well as high school and college basketball. His educational philosophy is: *"To teach ALL students. Differentiation has become a cliché in today's educational systems, but I truly believe that there IS a way to ensure that all students receive the necessary training to master the required mathematical skills necessary to advance to the next level of their education."* Mr. Kasprzak holds a BS degree in physics from Worcester State University as well as his professional teaching license in mathematics from the Mass Department of Education

And joining us to be our Preschool Teacher, Mrs. Toohey comes to us from the Shrewsbury Children's Center where she has held a variety of roles for the past 16 years, including Assistant Director, Kindergarten Lead Teacher, Preschool Lead Teacher, Preschool and Toddler Curriculum Coordinator, Field Trip Coordinator, and Spirit Committee Coordinator. She is a native of Worcester and currently lives in this wonderful city with her husband, Paul, and her daughter, Alaina. She has been a member of Our Lady of the Angels Church since 1999. She enjoys shopping, reading, sports, going to the beach, and spending quality time with family and friends. Her educational philosophy is: *"I believe that children learn best through hands on exploration, discovery, play and teacher guided activities. Developmentally, I feel children need to build life long skills such as problem solving, self-help, self confidence, independence, and a sense of security and belonging."* Mrs. Toohey holds a BA in Early Childhood Education from Worcester State University.

School Start Date

All students will begin Wednesday, August 30, 2017. School begins at 7:50 a.m and dismissal is at 2:25 p.m. Please watch your mail for 2017 - 2018 car tags and dismissal procedures. For planning purposes, we will have an early release day on Friday, September 1st. Early release days we dismiss at 11:00 a.m.

I am very excited to begin another year at the helm of Our Lady of the Angels School. It is a community to be proud of and I am certainly one of the most proud of our great teachers and students and all of their accomplishments. If I can be of help between now and the start of the school year with anything, please email me at doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org or call the school between 10 and 2 Tuesdays - Thursdays. (The school is closed for vacation July 24th - 28th so calls and emails during that week will be returned when we return the week of August 1st)

I wish you all peace, sunny days, and lots of smiles and laughs during the remaining weeks of summer vacation!

Sincerely,

Doreen Albert, Principal

Our Lady of the Angels School