

It's A GREAT Time to Be An Angel!!

Over the course of the last few years, with the aid of grants, title funding, professional development, and an unending determination to provide our student the best Catholic school education - I am very pleased to share with our community that Our Lady of the Angels School has a 1:1 Chromebook/Student ratio in grades 4 through 8. Mrs. Thurber has worked tirelessly to help OLA attain Google Classroom permissions and our teachers have been trained (2 days during summer break) by Edu-Scape to effectively use the Google Classroom platform. You will see, during the course of this year, a variety of ways teachers will be incorporating this valuable tool into their teaching "tool-boxes" and we are all excited to discover the possibilities using Google Classroom provides.

Did I Already Say It's A GREAT Time to Be An Angel?

Our Lady of the Angels School has been nominated in THREE categories in the Telegram and Gazette's Best of Central Mass contest!!! We have the whole month of September to vote, vote, vote!!! Last year we were nominated and came in second place in all categories. Let's get the word out to the WORLD that we are the BEST!!!!!! Tell everyone you know to go every day to <https://telegram.gatehousecontests.com/2019-Best-of-Central-Mass/> to vote for OLA in all three categories! I'll be sending reminders to vote - let's WIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

An Afterschool STEM opportunity from WPI for Students in Grades 5 & 6

We are happy to announce that WPI's Tech Kids program is open for registration! Is your student interested in science? Do they love math? Do they want to build a skyscraper or participate in a lab dissection? If they answered yes to any of these questions, or has a general interest in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fields, then Tech Kids is an excellent after-school program for them!

Tech Kids is a WPI outreach program that encourages students to pursue study and a career in the STEM fields by exposing them to many different fields of science and engineering along with a wealth of positive role models. During each session, WPI students facilitate a wide variety of hands-on activities that promote creativity, problem solving, and teamwork in middle school students.

The 2019 - 2020 program schedule will include the following dates:

- September 11, 2019
- October 9, 2019
- November 13, 2019
- December 11, 2019
- January 15, 2020
- February 12, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- April 8, 2020 (Snow Day)

Grades: Boys and Girls in Grades 5 & 6

Hours: Wednesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$160 (fee is non-refundable). Need-based financial assistance is available.

Young Rembrandts After School Art Club for Grades K-5

Young Rembrandts Drawing classes will be starting up again this fall at OLA! First session of the year will begin on Wednesday, September 25. All students in K-5 are welcome. We have a new registration system: if your child has taken Young Rembrandts in the past, you will need to create a new account. Visit our website, www.youngrembrandts.com/swboston-centralma to create a family account and register for classes. See attached flyer for details!

Fly With the Angels - Fun Run 2019

Our biggest fundraiser of (ever) the year is kicking off this Friday! OLA School will be having a Glow-Fun Run on September 17th where the kiddos will run 35 laps in our gym to raise money for our school. The goal is to get pledges from family, friends, dentists, orthodontists, doctors, mechanics, etc... anyone you have a relationship that you could ask to sponsor your student! Pledging is all done online at funrun.com. A flyer will come home on Friday after the pep rally with all the info you'll need to get started!! During our pledge weeks, the kids will get prizes, incentives, class challenges, and hopefully, together we'll raise \$20,000 for OLA! *Once that goal is reached, I promise to purchase a can of silly string for each student and they will all silly string me until all the silly string is gone! I'm really hoping - so I already bought goggles and a hair net!!*

Our kick off pep rally is Friday and we'll have a school spirit competition with Color Wars! Dress in head to toe in your class color:

PreK - pink, KN - blue, 1 - orange, 2 - white, 3 - black, 4 - green, 5 - yellow, 6 - purple, 7 - gray, and 8 - red.

Let's Go, OLA!!!!

Band Assembly - 9/5

Tomorrow morning, the folks from Paul Effman Music will be here to introduce the joys of being a part of a band to OLA students in grades 3-8. They will also encourage students in grades 1-8 to learn to play the violin. Informational flyers and registration forms will go home with students tomorrow. Parents are welcome to come to the assembly which begins at 8:30.

Meet the Teacher Night

Plan to come to OLA to meet your child's teachers and see their classrooms on Wednesday, September 11th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

OLA School Grandparent's Day

Please invite your child's grandparents to visit OLA School on Friday, September 27th, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Grandparents will be visiting with their grandchildren in the classrooms where they will do a special activity together. This day is a special day for grandparents only, please. If your child does not have a grandparent that can visit, no worries! They will be engaged with other students/grandparents in the classroom activity!