

ASP/BSP Pre-registration

Next week we will be on winter vacation. The form to register for the ASP and BSP for the week of February 22-26 is attached. Please email completed forms to Mr. Kottori at john.kottori@worcesterdiocesek12.org.

Lunch Menu Changes

Due to the snow days, please note the following changes to the Lunch menu calendar - Thursday will be hot dog day, Friday will be grilled cheese and chicken noodle soup day. These were originally scheduled for Monday and Tuesday and the ingredients have already been purchased!

Mrs. Cozza would also like to remind everyone that if your child brings home an IOU to please return it with the money the next day. Thank you!

OLA PTO Meeting

Here is the Zoom info for tonight's PTO meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you this evening at 6:00.

Meeting ID: 990 8638 3659 Passcode: 1220

The Sliming of Mrs. Albert

What an amazing show of support for our school! I am so excited to let everyone know that the grand total raised by our awesome families, friends, and business sponsors is **\$40,072.35!!!** That's right, we DOUBLED the slime goal!!

When we return from vacation, I will be prepared to be covered in slime, although truth be told I'm a bit nervous about this one... We will do FB Live postings for each grade level and I'll be sure to let everyone know when that will take place. Daniel in gr. 4 thinks I should be DOUBLE slimed because we DOUBLED our goal. Hmmmm..... I'm not too sure about this Daniel!!! :)

The Thing About Thursday...

Early in my career I was a first grade teacher. One of the most exciting days during the year as a first grade teacher was the 100th day of school. We did so many activities that incorporated the number 100 and we had so much fun! As the principal, 100 days has always been, well, the 100th day of school. This year, however, I feel the same excitement for this Thursday, **our 100th day of school**, that I did with my first graders so many years ago - it's the 100th day of school! I have to keep saying this, IT'S THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL!

Perhaps for just a moment you can imagine being me this past summer. The questions, the planning, the number of nights I never slept because I just wasn't sure. The consultations, the ZOOM calls, the times when colleagues and I just sat together and prayed. (and sometimes cried) My

poor, dear, husband who listened endlessly as I played out scenarios. I proudly have my Master's Degree in Elementary School Administration but nothing could have ever prepared me for this.

So I put my trust in God, and my faculty and staff, and my OLA students, and the OLA families, and research, and here we are, 100 days later, in school! **And I could not be any more grateful to all of those I put my trust in.**

I share this because next week is February vacation week. The week when families everywhere are planning fun, family, vacations that will create memories that will last a lifetime. And I get it. I'm a mom. Vacations were always the highlight of our year and to this day some of my favorite times to look back on. I would like to implore you to please consider our school community when you make your plans. Having the kids in person is soooooo much better than learning online. If you travel, please be sure to follow the Massachusetts travel guidelines and the safety guidelines set in place here at school to keep everyone safe and healthy.

I'll be celebrating tomorrow - you can count on that! - and I hope you will be too! We've come this far, and I just know we'll work together to make it to the finish line!!

Peace and Blessings, Always,

Doreen Albert, Principal