

7TH GRADE NEWS & INFORMATION

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CLASS UPDATES

SUCSESSES: We had a great first week in seventh grade. Everyone is enthusiastic about learning. We had great seminar discussions on our summer reading book *Tangerine*, and I was impressed with the thought provoking and active participation by the students in their groups. Relevant and thought provoking participation is an important element in our study of literature.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH: Seventh grade is a transitional year where a lot of growth takes place. The students will notice that each of their subjects will get more challenging that everything will move at a quicker pace. They will need to be responsible for taking good notes and studying for tests and quizzes. It is also a year when they really need to learn good time management skills, especially with projects and long-term assignments.

Welcome: We welcome four new students to seventh grade this year, **Athena Bow-Graham, Aryana Mahboob, Mia Velazquez, and Matthew Fernandes**. They have already made a wonderful addition to our class. Please continue to make them feel welcome here at OLMCS.

Middle School Retreat: Today, we had a spirit-filled middle school retreat with sixth & eighth grade. Our theme was based on the call to social justice as expressed in Micah 6:8 Do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God. We looked at Blessed Mother Teresa as an example of living out social justice in honor of upcoming canonization September 4. We were all impressed with how well the students participated and shared together.

Installation Mass: All families are encouraged to attend the installation mass for our new pastor Father Lawrence at this Sunday's 12:00 mass. Any student who attends in uniform can wear free dress on Monday. Review the uniform policy for appropriate free dress.

Back-to-School Night – We look forward to seeing all families represented at Back-To School Night next Wednesday August 31st. If you have a younger child please make sure you attend the middle school session first because we will be making a presentation together during the first session only. During the second session the middle school teachers will be available for questions.

Electives: All electives begin next week. The students will receive their electives schedule on Monday. Please sign it and return it on Tuesday.

Lancer Folders: The first Lancer folder will go home next Friday.

P.E.: The 7th grade will have P.E. every Tuesday & Friday. They need to come to school in their P.E. uniforms and bring their regular school uniform to change into at recess.

Family Mass: The seventh grade has the first Family Mass on Sunday September 18th at the 10:00 AM mass. All students are expected to attend. If for some reason there is an important prior family obligation and the student is unable to attend, please contact me by email as soon as possible so I can plan accordingly.

Book Club!

It is a new school year and Book Club is starting up again! The next Book Club will be held Monday, September 26, at Errol Sullivan's home. Directions will be posted on the website. The book we will be discussing is *Booked by Kwame Alexander*. This is poetic narrative that incorporates two of our shared passions, reading and soccer. It will keep you turning the pages.

Weekend Homework & Up Coming Tests & Projects:

- Reader's Notebook - The first Reader's Notebook Response will be due on **Thursday** and **every Thursday** after that.
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MONDAY – Electives Begin

TUESDAY – P.E.,

WEDNESDAY – First Mass of the Year

THURSDAY – Electives

FRIDAY – P.E.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Lee