APRIL NEWSLETTER 2019
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OLH/SLS MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School, a Christian community rooted in the Catholic faith, celebrates the uniqueness of each child. Children of all faiths learn in an academically challenging environment, rich in spiritual growth.

"Where faith and knowledge meet. . . .Hope grows."

EASTER VACATION

Easter Vacation begins on Thursday, April 18th with an 11:45 am dismissal. Classes resume on Monday, April 29th.

A SUCCESSFUL SPAGHETTI DINNER

A great big "THANK YOU" to our school families, students, faculty, staff and administration for a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner. We made a profit of $5662.29. A special thanks to our 7th and 8th grade servers – what a terrific job. Thanks to all our volunteers, our bakers, and of course, our many patrons. We would like to give a special thank you to Chris Remeikis and her family who chaired the event. Your support of this great school fundraiser is most appreciated. See you next year!

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are invited on Friday, April 12th at 7 pm to experience Live Stations of the Cross presented by the Eighth Grade at Our Lady of Hope Church. This annual presentation deepens our awareness of the events of Good Friday and is a gift to us.

Live Stations will also be presented on April 18th on Grandparent Day.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

IOWA testing for grades 2 through 8 will be taking place April 2nd – 12th (make up April 8-10). It is important that your child:

- Arrives on time
- Has eaten something for breakfast and brings a healthy snack
- If student wears glasses, they need to have them
- Students in grades 2-8 need two sharpened #2 pencils

Maddison Dennis (Gr. 7) was notified that her poster was among the winners in the Anti-Drug Poster Contest sponsored by Baltimore County State's Attorney Scott D. Shellenberger. Maddison will receive $200 and have her artwork featured in a collage. She will be honored at a special awards ceremony in April. Congratulations Maddison!

Connor Campbell, a 7th grader, entered the "Chiller Challenge" as part of the mindfulness exploratory offered by Mrs. Marlow last trimester. Connor entered online through www.changetochill.org and submitted a picture of the way he enjoys "chilling". He was selected as a winner and received a $25 Amazon e-card. Way to go Connor!

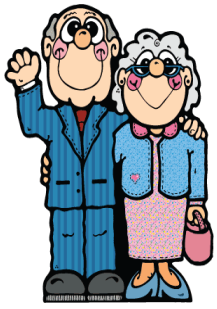
Congratulations to Nathan McClung (Gr. 6) 1st place, Kali Pecoraro (Gr 6) 2nd place and Alex Wdzieczny (Gr 5) 3rd place who were winners in the OLH/SLS spelling bee. Nathan McClung will be representing our school in the Archdiocesan Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to Bella Young (Gr 2) who was selected to join Fox45 as the Weather Kid on March 15th to help with the morning forecast.

Five OLH/SLS robotics teams participated in the Catholic Robotics League competition at the STAR Academy on March 23rd. All teams were very successful. Congratulations to Team D- Elisabeth Suarez, Kenny Langston and Hannah Mokros for winning first place and to Samantha Singleton, Riley Goldsmith, Claudia Cox and Dominique Carmon for placing second.

ITEMS NEEDED

The Assisi House outreach located at St. Patrick's Church on Broadway is in need of shoes (especially children's) and children's (infant to size 14) spring and summer clothing. Items may be sent to the school office and Sr. Michele will pick them up.



INVITATION TO GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke School cordially invites all Grandparents and Special Friends to attend Grandparents Day 2019 from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Students are excited to show their grandparents their classrooms, introduce them to their teachers and to do special activities. Galeone Photographers will be here to take pictures in the cafeteria.

From The School Family Association

April 2019

A Message to our Students:

Good luck with your Standardized testing. Tips for a better testing experience….

*Get a good night's sleep the evening before the test.
*Eat a healthy, protein-rich breakfast the morning of your test.
*Relax your mind before the test begins.
*Read the instructions carefully.
*Read each question carefully, paying attention to details.
*Pay attention to time passing in relation to the time allotment.
*Don't get distracted by other testers in the room.
*If you come across a question that is difficult, don't spend all of your time on it. Move on and come back to it at the end.
*Don't second guess yourself by changing your first answers unless you are 100% certain.
*Don't fall into the trap of looking for patterns in the answers. There really can be three (or more) "C" answers in a row.

Upcoming SFA Events:

Friday, April 5
Last Day to buy discounted Easter Tickets

Saturday, April 6
Easter Eggstravaganza 10am – 2pm

Thursday, April 11
SFA Family Night 6:00pm
Volleyball
SFA 2019-2020 Officer Elections

Thursday, April 18
Grandparent's Day
Restaurant Night Squires 11am-10pm

Thursday, May 2
Out of Uniform Day for Rest Night

Tuesday, May 7
Field Day
Lunch provided by the SFA

Your Help is Needed…

Field Day Lunch Crew

Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Volunteers are needed 8:00am – 3:00pm
Sign up at : http://signup.com/go/UcgXhFQ

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Friday, May 10, 2019
Volunteers are needed 7:30am – 3:30pm
Sign up at: http://signup.com/go/GFoimEW

Tuition Raffle on Sale Now. Your support of the SFA is greatly appreciated.

SFA Contact Information:

Join our facebook page today for all updates: https://www.facebook.com/groups/717279271714744/

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SQUIRE'S
ITALIAN
RESTAURANT
FAMILY DINING

It's all Good. All Ways

Our Lady of Hope is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the Our Lady of Hope/ St. Luke SFA. Bring your flyer with you to Squire's and 15% of your purchase will be donated.

When: Thursday, April 18, 2019

Where: Squire's Restaurant Dining Room, Bar, or Carryout

Time: 11am-10pm

***Donation percentages exclude tax and tip. Valid for Dine In and Carryout. Flyer must be presented before ordering for organization to receive credit. **Flyers are to be distributed prior to event day. No solicitation of customers in the parking lot, at the door or inside the building. If someone is caught doing so, the event will be cancelled and no donations will be made.**

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

The School Sisters of Notre Dame at Villa Assumpta enjoyed a wonderful bingo sponsored by OLH/SLS on March 16, 2019. Students, faculty, parents and friends provided prizes, favors, and snacks for the nearly 50 sisters in attendance. The sisters express their gratitude and enjoyed all of the helpers who shared their time with them.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

The 2019 Annual Giving Campaign has raised $27,525 to date. We are grateful to our generous benefactors. It is never too late to donate to this annual campaign. Checks are to be made payable to OLH/SLS and may be mailed or dropped off at the school or rectory offices.

AUCTION

The Fall Fest Auction is scheduled for October 11, 2019. We are seeking donations of – Handcrafts, Baskets, Collectables, Services and New Products. All donations may be delivered to the school office during school hours. If you would like to work with the auction committee call the school office, at 410-288-2793.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

On February 26th and 27th the students participated in our annual Jump Rope for Heart event to benefit the American Heart Association. Thanks to their efforts we were able to raise over $3400 to help with the fight against heart disease and stroke. Thank you, Mr. T.

THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM OF BALTIMORE

You are cordially invited to attend our Forty-Second Annual Instrumental Music Program Festival which will be held at Notre Dame Preparatory School, 815 Hampton Lane, Baltimore, MD on Sunday, April 14th from 12 noon until 5:00 pm. This festival was established to present a concert for the families and friends of our students and to create an opportunity for everyone to enjoy an afternoon of music. Each band will be evaluated and trophies will be presented to all schools based upon the scores compiled by the adjudicators.

- ✓ Join Your Student for Lunch Day! – April 11th
- ✓ Science Fair – May 1-2, Set-up on April 30th
- ✓ Carnival May 3-4-5 and May 10-11-12
- ✓ Field Day – May 7th
- ✓ Barnes and Noble-May 15th and Chili's at White Marsh
- ✓ Beauty and the Beast – May 24th
- ✓ Variety Show – May 30th

It's a Great Day to be an O's Fan!

Thursday, April 4th is the Baltimore Orioles Opening Day! Students may come out of uniform wearing Orioles t-shirts, jerseys, hats and accessories. If you don't have any of those because you root for a different team, you may come to school dressed in black and orange.

CARNIVAL TIME

*Volunteer sign-up sheets are being emailed and will also be sent home with students during the week of April 9th. If you are a member of a Catholic parish and receive parishioner rates, you are required to work a minimum of 5 hours at the carnival.

*Fun bucket donation sheets will also be sent home at this time.

Pre-K: 3 Dollar store toys suited for girl or boy (jump rope, bubble wands, play dough, cars, etc) Please keep toys in their original wrappers.

KDG: 3 Dollar Store stuffed animals

Gr. 1: 12 snack size bags of salty snacks (potato chips, pretzels, cheese puffs, etc)

Gr. 2: 3 four packs of non-refrigerated jello

Gr. 3: 3 four packs of non-refrigerated pudding

Gr. 4: 3 boxes of microwave popcorn

Gr. 5: 3 boxes of fruit snacks (fruit roll-ups, fruit by the foot, fruit gummies)

Gr. 6: 3 six packs of juice boxes

Gr. 7: 3 Dollar store toys

Gr. 8: 3 Dollar store stuffed animals

*Raffle tickets will be mailed to all school families soon. If you do not receive your tickets, please stop in the office or call. Additional tickets are available.

*Students in K-8 are eligible for 90 minutes of free rides on a designated school day if they sell 25 dollars' worth of raffle tickets per family.

*School families that sell at least $50 worth of tickets will be eligible for a special drawing, whose winner will receive $1000 toward the tuition for the 2019-2020 school year. This grant will be applied directly to your OLH/SLS tuition bill. Each family will receive one chance for the first block of $50 sold, and one additional chance for every $25 worth of tickets sold thereafter.

Flu season is upon us. Our absentee rates have been relatively low. Continue to practice good/frequent hand washing, cover your mouth/nose when you have to cough or sneeze. If a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve, NOT your hands! Remember not to share personal items like drinks, food, or unwashed utensils. And lastly, be vigilant with monitoring your children for signs of illness (fever-100 degrees or higher, sore throat, a runny/stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and fatigue). Keep them home if they are exhibiting symptoms of illness. The likelihood of them picking up a secondary illness is higher if they are already compromised. Students may return after being symptom free for **24 hours** without the use of fever reducing medications.

Remember the Health Care Policies: A child may not come into school until they are 24 hours symptom free without medication (vomiting/diarrhea/fever) or if prescribed antibiotics, they should have at least 3 doses before returning to school. This is very important to the health and wellness of all the students, faculty, and staff. Feel free to contact the School Nurse with any questions or concerns at any time via email or phone.

Attention!!! Attention!!! Attention!!! Attention!!!

In preparation for the carnival and the closure of the school office side parking lot, a new morning drop off is starting on April 1, 2019. If you drop your child off on the North Boundary side (cafeteria side), please note the following changes:

- **Enter off of Lynch Road by the church**
- **Pull up to the curb/crosswalk in front of main doors**
- **There are 5-6 spaces for vehicles to pull in**
- **A safety patrol member/adult will be on site to open the door for your child and help escort them to the door**
- **To exit, please pull forward and exit to the left alongside the field**
- **Please use the MIDDLE driveway as the exit since there is a crossing guard present at the end driveway (signs are posted)**

If you are walking your child in, please park and cross in the crosswalk only. An adult will be there to ensure your safety and the safety of your student. **Again, this is only for morning drop off on North Boundary side.**

If anyone is interested in being a greeter and assisting in the morning from 7:45-8:05, please contact Mrs. Beam in the office or Mrs. Marlow at bmarlow@olhsl.com

Thank you for your cooperation and adherence to our new policy!

CHANGE IN HANDBOOK

Summer uniforms may be worn starting on April 1, 2019.

BOYS GRADES K-8

Pants: Navy blue shorts with dark belt – must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company.
Shoes: School regulation shoes

GIRLS GRADES K-8

Pants: Navy blue shorts with dark belt –Must be purchased from Dennis Uniform Company.
Shoes: School regulation shoes

GYM UNIFORM K-8 GIRLS AND BOYS

Summer Gym Wear

Students may continue to wear navy or gray sweat pants with an Our Lady of Hope/St. Luke gym T-shirt. They may choose to wear **SOLID** navy blue shorts. Solid navy blue shorts are always available at Dennis Uniform Company. **Bike, yoga, or logo shorts are NOT appropriate choices.**

No hair dye or nail polish.