**Dates to remember...**

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| Dec. 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day)  
Elementary Celebrating Mass @ 10:30 a.m. |
| Dec. 11 | January Lunch Menu is DUE ⭐   |
| Dec. 11 | ESH Parent Night Out   |
| Dec. 14 | P.T.G. Meeting 6:30 in the Annex   |
| Dec. 15 | Elementary School Penance service @ 1:00 p.m.  |
| Dec. 17 | Dad’s Day – Pancakes!   |
| Dec. 18 | 4th Grade Packing Party   |
| Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 | NO SCHOOL - PK-12 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!  |
| Jan. 4   | school Resumes   |
| Jan. 8   | Fist Friday Coffee   |
| Jan. 11  | Lucky Tray Day ⭐   |
| Jan. 14  | First Communion Parent Meeting - 6:30 p.m. |
| Jan. 15  | End of Quarter 2 - Half Day for students - 11:45 a.m.  |
| Jan. 18  | NO SCHOOL - PK-12 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  |
| Jan. 29  | No Dismissal Buses for ELEMENTARY ONLY   |
| Jan. 30-Feb. 6 | Catholic schools Week   |
| Feb. 1-12 | Gleaners Food Fight (more info to follow)  |
| Feb. 4   | Blessed Cathedral Mass   |
| Feb. 10  | Ash Wednesday   |
| Feb. 18-19 | NO SCHOOL - PK-12 - Winter Break |

**Knights of Columbus Poster Contest:**

Students have the opportunity to submit poster entries that reflect the theme: **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS.**

Entries must be submitted by January 3rd to the Knights of Columbus at the Parish Center. You may also drop them off to the elementary office before we break for Christmas. The entry form is attached to this newsletter.

**Michigan Mittens:**

Our Lady of the Lakes P.T.G. is selling Michigan Mittens. They are $20 for children sizes and $25 for adult sizes and come in various colors. The mittens will be sold at Laker events as well as in the office. They make great Christmas gifts!
OLL Lakers Hockey:

OLL Lakers Hockey Club Alumni Game
Saturday, December 26th 5:20 p.m.
at Lakeland Arena

Everyone is invited to the Blue Rink at Lakeland Arena on Saturday, December 26th for our 10th Annual OLL Lakers Hockey Alumni Game.

This Alumni v. Alumni Game will start at 5:20 p.m. with introductions of all players attending. Admission is free, but we will be collecting donations for the Kevin Dalley Support Fund to help with expenses associated with Kevin’s recovery from a severe spinal column injury he sustained this past July.

Kevin played on our OLL Hockey Team from 2006 – 2008, then helped coach through 2010, and he’s played in most of these OLL Alumni Hockey games over the past 9 years! Please bring a donation for Kevin, then join us after the game for pizza & pop at Lakeland (canned good donations are not expected this year).

For more info, contact Mike Mulligan at 248.789.2324 and/or find the group: “OLL Laker Hockey Alumni” on Facebook if you’re an OLL Alumni Hockey Player interested to play in this game.

Sock Drive:

The Optimist Club is collecting donations for the Hope Warming Center from December 1st – 11th. We are in need of medium, large, and extra-large socks, underwear and undershirts.

We are having a contest to see who can donate the most items between the elementary school, the middle school, and the high school.

The winning team receives a jeans day!!

Coke Rewards:

Families can enter their codes online at www.cokerewards.com and then choose to donate to Our Lady of the Lakes Elementary (make sure you choose correct school). Up to 75 points per week can be donated. Points will convert to cash, allowing OLL to spend it on physical education, new technology, art supplies, etc. If you are unable to enter codes online, please continue to turn them in and they will get entered for you. Any questions, contact Jen Ward 248-935-3592

Shoparoo:

Do you “Shoparoo”?

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the "Shoparoo" app, snapped pictures of your receipts and invited your friends and family, too! OLL has accumulated over $100 in points already this year. Keep it up! It is fun (and even a bit addictive). Haven't tried "Shoparoo", yet? Download the app, use a referral code from a friend or use "dog16647", sign up and take a picture of any receipt. Receipts from stores that sell groceries (including Meijer, Target, Amazon, Speedway) earn points while other receipts (restaurants, craft stores, etc.) earn sweepstakes entries for $. Join in the fun, see the top earners by grade and for the entire school!

Tips and Tricks

Buying online? Print out your receipt (or invoice on Amazon) and take a picture of it with the app. Amazon counts for points! (remember to click through the Amazon link on the ollahonline.org).

Snap a pic of your receipt right after you get it, or set up a reminder (the app does this) to upload your receipts once per week.

If you upload a receipt each week for 5 weeks straight, you qualify for "bonus points" for each receipt uploaded.

Split up your order at the grocery store into smaller purchases. You can upload up to 3 receipts from the same store from the same date.

Dinners for Dalley:

You are welcome show your support for our beloved Mrs. Dalley by providing dinner. Mrs. Dalley's son has returned home and it would be wonderful if we can provide dinners for a while. Right now we are scheduling 3 meals a week. You can sign up here:

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0945abae23a31-dinner

Please plan to provide food for four people. Please bring dinner to school at 3:00.

Thank you in advance for all your generous support. This is truly why it is the Lakers' Family.
Lunch News:

Volunteers Needed: The kitchen is in need of your help on Mondays. Please consider volunteering and sign up on the Laker Credits website.

January Lunch Order: The January Lunch Menu has been posted. Orders are due by Friday, December 11th.

Dad's Days - Dates to remember: December 17th, and February 4th. If you are planning on being here for Dad’s Day, please contact the elementary office so we can confirm how many Dads will be joining us. You may call the office at 248-623-0250 or email Nichole Campbell at nichole.campbell@ollonline.org. Looking forward to seeing you!

Lucky Tray Contest – is scheduled for January 11th. Look under your trays to win!

The kitchen will have straws available at lunch. White and chocolate milk will be sold daily for 50¢ each, and small waters are available for 25¢. Additional entrees can be purchased for $1.50.

There will be extra breadsticks sold on Fridays for 50¢ and possibly extra slices of pizza for $1.50 each.

If you have any question regarding our lunch program, please email Anne Keith at irishlady293@yahoo.com.

Koeze Nuts:

The OLL Koeze Nut sale is back. Our prices are lower than Koeze’s catalog or online prices! The items that are being sold are Colossal Cashews, Mixed Nuts, and Pecan Puddles.

Have questions? Please email: ollkoeze@gmail.com or you may call Vicki Asai at 586-871-3585 or Beverly Clancy-Johnson at 248-821-7240. Please allow 48 hours for a return call!

Brunch with Santa:

PTG would like to thank all the families that attended Brunch with Santa. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for preparing and serving the delicious food. PTG was able to raise $140.00 for Desert Angel and the packing party thanks to the generous donations from the Sigler family for the raffle during BWS. We also had many volunteers from the middle and high school. This was a great success thanks to all of the great Laker families!

Fourth/Fifth Grade:

Click the link below if your fourth or fifth grader is interested in skiing FREE!

Click Here For Details

Lucky Tray Winners:

This month’s Lucky Tray winners are:

Hadley Pearce and Josephine Paul.

Robotics:

This past weekend the Robot Rulers competed in the Bloomfield Bash and all their hard work and practice paid off.

The FLL Robot Ruler 5th and 6th grade team (Frank Roth, Holtie Ware, Brody Wargel, Luke Ronquillo, Justin Sigler, Keldon Koshorek) finished 3rd in the robot competition and won the top award for Project Research. They have qualified to compete in the State competition on December 12th!

Candy Cane Sales:

The Student Council will be selling candy canes during the last 10 minutes of each lunch period in the lunch room for five days only, December 14 - 18. The candy canes are regular size and cost 50 cents.

With each purchase, you get a chance to win a prize such as a jeans day or other Christmas themed items. Bring in your money starting Monday, enjoy a yummy candy cane and try your luck while supporting your Student Council. Merry Christmas!
For us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
POWER IN NUMBERS!!

Parents and students: We, the She-Bots, would like to present the following information.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Problem: Fast food companies make too much trash!

Solutions:
- Instead of using sandwich and fry containers, use a paper liner and a tray.
- Instead of using waxy paper cups (that aren’t recyclable), use a reusable cup.
- Instead of using plastic silverware and straws, use metal straws and silverware.
- Don’t take silverware, straws, or napkins if you don’t really need them.

If ALL of us make an effort to tell fast food restaurants to make less trash, WE can make a difference! SPEAK UP!

Write a letter to our State Senator requesting fast food companies to utilize our solutions and find new ways to make less trash. SPEAK UP!

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP OUR PLANET AND OUR TRASH PROBLEM!
4th Grade Christmas Celebration

Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas:
Desert Angel Packing Party & Pizza Lunch

Date: Friday, December 18th
Time: 10:00 am – 11:45 am (parent volunteers needed from 8:30am – 12:30pm)
Location: St. Joseph Hall
Pizza Lunch to follow (11:50 – 12:15pm)

How You Can Help/What You Need to Know
😊 Go to signupgenius.com to volunteer your time and donate needed supplies for the Packing Party & Pizza Lunch on Dec 18th “2015 Desert Angel Packing & Pizza Party”

😊 Send to school, by Dec 18th, items needed for the Desert Angel Miracle boxes which will be shipped to our military service men and women (see back for more information)

😊 Donate $5.00 for the Christmas Pizza Lunch

IMPORTANT for Hot Lunch Students:
Do NOT sign up your child for hot lunch on Friday, December 18th.
4th Grade Desert Angel Packing Party

What is Desert Angel?

- Local organization started in 2001. Care packages are called “Miracle Boxes” in honor of Joseph Miracle who was a Michigan soldier who gave his life defending his unit. The boxes contain items not provided by the U.S. Government.

Please donate needed items

- Your child brought home a flyer from Desert Angel listing needed items.
- CASH donations are welcome to cover shipping costs
- Short list of things needed:
  - To Keep Warm: hats, scarves, hand warmers, foot warmers, gloves, dark colored socks for men & women
  - Food: poptarts, Instant Mac n cheese, lifesavers, raisins, cereal, homemade cookies, crackers, slim jims, peanut butter, pretzels
  - Personal Items: combs, brushes, toothbrushes, baby wipes, razors, toothpaste, chap stick, Q-tips, soap, deodorant, toilet paper
  - Recreation: DVDs, music CDs, stationery, magazines, pens, paper, envelopes, greeting cards, footballs, stuffed animals, decks of cards

You can do more!

- Do you have a family member or friend serving in harm’s way? Sponsor a Miracle Box for him/her! Write a letter to be included in the box. Provide his/her address. If you want you can donate supplies you know your soldier needs and/or $15 for postage.
- Sponsor a soldier! Write a letter from your family to be included in a box. Donate $15 for postage. If you wish, provide supplies/needed items.

For more info on Desert Angel & the items our soldiers need, go to www.thedesertangels.org
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER
CONTEST ENTRY FORM

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY ENTRANT

I wish to enter the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST in the age division and theme checked below. I realized that my entry becomes property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Office.

☐ AGE 5-7 DIVISION  ☐ AGE 8-10 DIVISION  ☐ AGE 11-14 DIVISION

COUNCIL NUMBER ______________

Name of Entrant ___________________________ Date of Birth ____________

Street Address ____________________________

City ___________________________ State/Province ______________ Postal Code ______________

Telephone Number ____________________________ Signature of Applicant ______________

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/GUARDIAN

The undersigned hereby request and approve the entrant's registration and participation in the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" POSTER CONTEST. In consideration of such registration and participation, the undersigned hereby agrees to blameless and without liability and hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless all of the above mentioned from any and all claims and expenses resulting from or relating to entrant’s said participation. The Entrant may compete in only one council-level contest. Entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council office which retains exclusive rights to use said images in future promotional materials, with creative credit given to artist.

Witness ____________________________ Father/Guardian ____________________________ Date ____________ Mother/Guardian ____________________________

SCORE SHEET

THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY K OF C OFFICIALS

Scoring instructions: A 100-Point Scoring System is used to determine winners.

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Information on Rules and Judging are on other side of this form.
RULES

- Poster must reflect the theme of **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS**.
- Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person.
- Poster must be 11x17 inches in size. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered with clear plastic. Posters may be in color or black and white.
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest entry form. The name and age of the person entering the poster should be included on the back of the poster.
- All entries become the property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. **Posters will not be returned.**

JUDGING

Judging should be done by teams composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, Chaplin, Pastor, etc. In keeping with the theme of giving young people the opportunity to develop their own feeling towards Christmas and our savior Jesus Christ, it's important young people are included in all phases of the judging process.

A **100 point scoring system** will be used to determine the winner.

30 **Points:** Slogan — How clearly is the theme presented?

30 **Points:** Visuals — How well do the visuals convey the message?

40 **Points:** Overall impact — How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?
TGIF Ski and Snowboard Club will be meeting again this year at PINE KNOB for Skiing and Snowboarding fun! TGIF is a club that offers discounted skiing and snowboarding for students and parents. The club meets regularly (except for the holiday break from December 21st, 2015 – January 3rd, 2016) on Friday evenings. A TGIF representative will be at Pine Knob each Friday, in the Pinery Café, beginning at 4:00 pm. At the club table you may purchase your club memberships, discounted lift tickets and also get discounted rental equipment for that Friday evening. The Pinery Café is located up the stairs, hillside, just in behind the Ski shop. You’ll see a “TGIF” sign indicating the location of our club!

2014 - 2015 Pricing

| Club Membership Cards* (Adult, Ski and Snowboard) | $19.00 |
| Lift Tickets                                      | $19.00 |
| Ski Rental                                        | $19.00 |
| Snowboard Rental                                  | $19.00 |
| Helmet Rental                                     | $10.00 |
| Patches                                           | $2.50  |

*Please Note – No additional fees are charged for membership in TGIF

Student Membership cards include 2 complimentary Ski lessons or 1 complimentary Snowboard lesson. Each Parent membership includes 10/$5.00 off punches. Parents can purchase an All-area lift for the price of $19.00 on club night only. This year, during the holiday season (12/21/15 – 01/03/16), student and parent club members can use their membership card to receive a $5.00 discount during both am and pm sessions. Membership cards must be presented at the box office window only during this period.

Please contact the Club sponsor if you have any questions:

Rob Cook - 248-505-8974

Just a Reminder: If possible, please try and register for the memberships early to save you from waiting in long lines on the first few nights the club meets. We try to process the families as quickly as possible but sometimes there are long delays. I will also be available for membership sales from my home address in Lake Orion prior to the clubs starting for the year!

See you at Pine Knob for the 2015-2016 Season!!
School Collections:

Box Tops - Please remember to keep clipping "Box Tops". Our school receives 10¢ for each Box Top sent in and the money is used to help defray the cost of field trips.

Campbell’s Soup Labels – Please send in your UPC labels from Campbell’s Soup cans/packages any time during the school year. We only receive credit for the UPC part of the label.

Coke Rewards – Continue to collect and turn in your Coke Rewards found on bottle caps and boxes. Click here for flyer.

Tenuta’s – Please remember that we are collecting Tenuta’s receipts. These receipts equal cash for our school.

Can Tabs – Please continue collecting can tabs throughout the school year. Ms. Karen will stop by periodically to collect them for the memorial.

Aunt Millie’s School Spirit – We are collecting UPC symbols from Aunt Millie’s Bread, Sunbeam, Holsum and Soft ‘N” Good bread with the “School Spirit” logo.

Kellogg’s – Kellogg’s codes are now being collected. Codes can be found inside or on any specially marked package with the Kellogg’s Family Rewards logo. For products that come in boxes or cardboard carriers – look for a 16-digit code printed inside the box.

Amazon – Go to www.ollonline.org. Click “About OLL”, Click “Support Our Lady of the Lakes”. This will bring you to Amazon’s home page. Begin shopping.

Theological Virtues

December - Hope

Definition: Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 11:1
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Dear God,
When I stand at the beginning of a new day, Bless me with the vision to see The best of things to come... Wisdom to make good decisions... And most of all, Faith That you are walking with me Every step of the way. Amen.

Anchored in Faith, Foundation and Future