



# MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## OLV DECEMBER MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



### IMPORTANT DATES

- **December 2: Dismissal@ 11am.** Parent Teacher Conferences.
- **December 3: No school for students.**  
Parent Teacher Conferences  
Free Spaghetti Dinner and Fundraiser.
- **December 6: Dismissal @ 1pm.** \$1.00 Dressdown
- **December 9:** Honor Roll Assembly.
- **December 10:** Sweepstakes Gift Gathering Party.
- **December 17:** Confessions after mass.
- **December 18:** Breakfast with Santa. 10am.
- **December 20-21:** Santa Shop Open.
- **December 22:** Christmas Program 9am. **Dismissal @11am.**
- **December 23-January 2:** Christmas Break.
- **January 2:** School resumes.  
Early Release @ 1pm. Dressdown for \$1.00.



### NEWS

\* Congratulations to our 8th graders! They are now proudly wearing their signature hoodies, a sure sign of 8th grade bliss! They look great! Many of the eighth graders also took the Catholic high school exam and we hope everyone did great!

\* Congratulations to the students that joined the Basketball teams! Good luck in your games! I am sure you will make OLV proud!

\* We welcome our new gym teacher, Mr. Leavell! He begins on November 29!

## **CLASSROOM BRIEFINGS**

| <b>CLASS</b>   | <b>Grade 5</b>  | <b>Grade 6</b>   | <b>Grade 7</b>   | <b>Grade 8</b>  |
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| <b>SCIENCE</b> | Students started a new unit on Matter and Energy in Ecosystems. We will explore food chains and food webs.  | Students have started a new unit on the Geological Time Scale. They created mold and cast fossils. Students will be researching extinct organisms. | Students have started a new unit on The Periodic Table. They will be working on element projects.  | Students have started studying Biochemistry. They are learning the importance of the 4 organic molecules necessary for life.  |
| <b>MATH</b>    | We are working hard on long division skills. Our next unit will be decimals. Things are going well and I encourage all students to keep working on basic facts. | Students are working on a unit about decimals. The students in this class always give their best.  | Seventh is currently working on integers.. And 7A is working on a unit on percents, and applications of percents. Good effort in this class. | Eighth grade is working on completing a unit on Geometry and will continue with Transformations .Algebra 1 is currently working on Linear Equations and graphing, including writing equations in their various forms. |
| <b>ELA</b>     | 5th grade will learn stories from Greek Mythology and beginning a new grammar unit.   | 6th grade will complete the graphic organizer for their theme essay and then begin a new novel study.  | 7th grade will finish <i>The Pigman</i> and then begin their theme essay.  | 8th grade will continue reading <i>Animal Farm</i> with supporting texts concerning the cultural significance of the novella.   |

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| <b>SOCIAL STUDIES</b> | 5th grade is on the unit about the Eastern Hemisphere. | 6th grade is on the Ancient China unit, learning all about their history and culture. | 7th grade is beginning the <i><b>"Christmas in Denmark"</b></i> project! This is an interdisciplinary project with Mr. Patti and his daughter who teaches in Denmark. | 8th grade is continuing learning about the conflicts between the North and the South, leading to the Civil War. |
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**\*Please periodically check your child's planner. Homework can be found on Google Classroom.**

**\*Please make sure your child wears a clean fresh mask daily and understands the importance of properly wearing the mask and social distancing.**

**\*We look forward to meeting with you at the Parent Teacher Conference.**

**Remember to please contact us with any concerns.**

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**We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!**

**Fondly,**

**Mrs. Coenen, Mrs. Hennigan, Mrs. O, and Mrs. Rivera.**

