

OLL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF
THE WORLD





ADVENT



The season of Advent this year began on Sunday, December 2nd. During the four weeks of Advent we wait and prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath has 4 candles, 3 purple and one pink.

On the first Sunday of Advent the priest or deacon will wear a purple vestment to symbolize Royalty- Jesus is the King of Kings. He will light the 1st purple candle which symbolizes HOPE. On the second Sunday in Advent he will light the 2nd purple candle, along with the 1st, which symbolizes PEACE. The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday and the priest or deacon will wear a pink vestment and light the first 2 purple candles and the pink one, which symbolizes JOY. Gaudete means joy in Latin. On the fourth Sunday in Advent the last of the purple candles will be lit along with the first 2 purple and the pink one. This candle symbolizes LOVE.

The Nutcracker



This year Sacred Heart Academy performed their annual *Nutcracker* play and OLL's 6th grade class got to attend the performance on November 15th.

I, along with some other OLL students, Lila C., Emma R., Brooke N., Reagan W., and Elizabeth H., had a dancing part. We were Angels. Some OLL graduates also had various parts in the show.

The *Nutcracker* is about a little girl named Clara whose uncle gave her a beautiful nutcracker doll for Christmas. When she fell asleep she had a dream that took her on a magical journey to the Land of Sweets. It is truly one of the best Christmas shows ever!

Dancing in the *Nutcracker* was a wonderful experience and I hope I will be able to dance in it again.

By: Annie Schiller

Mother/Daughter Paint Party

The first OLL Mother/Daughter Paint Party was held on Saturday, November 17th in the Hank Maier School Hall. There was so many happy faces on the mothers and daughters. At the event the moms and daughters made a painting of a snowman. It didn't matter if they were a good painter or a bad painter, they all had a great time. Everyone had a blast!

By: James D.





Cradle of Aviation



On Tuesday December 4th, the 5th grade visited the Cradle of Aviation. It was full of fun things to see. There is a planetarium, an exhibit on how to live and survive in space and an Apollo 11 exhibit. The planetarium was my personal favorite. It brought you to every planet and some of their moons. It was a very nice trip.

By: James D.

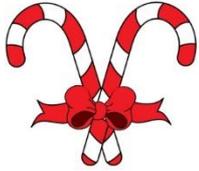
Rock Hall Museum

On November 16th our 4th grade class had a trip to Rock Hall Museum. We explored a very old house. First we split into two groups. One group went to the rooms on the top floor which were the living quarters and the other group went to the basement. In the basement we made wampum. Wampum are beads that the Native Americans used as money. They made bracelets, belts and other things with it and traded for goods. One of the best parts was when we went outside and saw the animals that lives on the land. Rock Hall Museum was so much fun!

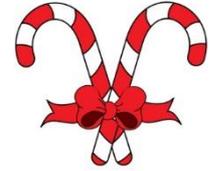
Make sure to visit Rock Hall.

By: Nick S. and Owen M.





Christmas Boutique



Our Lady of Lourdes School had their annual Christmas Boutique on December 2nd in the Hank Maier School Hall. There were many vendors there selling nice items such as jewelry, handbags, toys and slime! The boutique had a children's section where you could decorate a giant gingerbread cookie and a kit to make a snowman with pretzels, marshmallows and M&M's. They also had raffles to win a nice prize. It was a fun event!

By: Nicholas S.



Christmas Concert



Our Christmas concert, led by Mrs. Mockwart, was on December 13th. Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8th participated. The songs and performances were terrific! The 8th graders performed their songs in sign language, led by Mrs. Finneran, which was a touching musical experience for us all.



Christmas Band Concert

The Our Lady Of Lourdes School Band showed students how to get into the Christmas spirit.

In the Christmas concert this year they played songs like “Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer,” “Deck the Halls” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas.”

About two dozen students in grades two through eight played wonderful songs with their violins, bells, flutes, trumpets, saxophones, clarinets, and drums. The new band teacher, Mr. Spera, helped make this year’s concert very special.

“I have been to all the band concerts since the beginning and I have to say this was one of my favorites,” said MaryJo O’Brien, who had two grandchildren performing in the concert. “The children were very well prepared and performed each song with perfection. Looking forward to the June concert.”

By: James D. and Nicholas S.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR !

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