

September 20th, 2018 Family Association meeting

Mrs. O'Conner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Mrs. O'Conner introduced Fr. Dominic who opened the meeting with a prayer told us a little about himself.

Mrs. O'Conner addressed the parents and introduced the staff at OLQP. She thanked the faculty for going above and beyond.

- State test scores have not yet been released.
- Thanked Mrs. Pinto and Mrs. Paradiso for their hard work on preparing the 8th grade children for the regents. 100% of our students who took the Algebra regents passed. Out of 47 children who took the living environment regent, 43 passed.
- The archdiocese has decided that grades 3-5 only have to take the religion midterm and final.
- Students in K -8 have to take the MAP test in Sept , January and May. The teachers are given a two week span to give the tests.
- Grade k-4 will have dance and grades 5-8 will be learning American Sign language.
- Excited that 7th grade joined the iPad program which are provided by St. Joseph by the Sea. A teacher from Sea will come every Tuesday to help the children with learning all the programs on their new iPads. The 7th grade will also be utilizing the science lab at St. Joseph by the Sea and when they are in 8th grade they will be entered into the robotics competition.
- Happy to offer the three year old program 5 days a week.
- Fr. Dominic wants the children to go to mass together as a school twice a month. It will be the 1st Friday of the month at 8:30 and possibly the 3rd Friday of the month as well. All parents are invited to join us.

- The faculty and staff have been trained in safety drills, will start lockdowns and safety drills soon, she wanted to give parents the opportunity to talk to their children first.
- Last year was the 1st year we provided services in school, Mindy our speech therapist is wonderful. As well as Pamela our Occupational therapist.
- Last year was our first year with the National Junior Honor Society with Mrs. Albanese as our liaison. Being a part of the NJHS is a wonderful thing to put on your child's application.
- We will continue with early drop off at 7am, please drop off your child at the Steele Ave entrance. Afterschool is until 6pm. December 20th there will be no after school.
- This year we started our hot lunch program with Nucci's, as with any new program there are always glitches in the beginning, but we seem to be moving along smoothly. You can either pay online or send in a check, once your balance is low you will be notified. Children will never go without lunch, if a child comes to school with no lunch, they will be given lunch and you will be billed. All checks must be made out to Nucci's.
- School office hours are from 7:00-3:30, if you leave a message after 3:30 you will receive a call back the next morning.
- We have 180 people coming to bingo.
- September 29th from 9-1 is the Fun Run in South Beach which is a family fundraiser, if every family can donate \$5 that would be wonderful
- Thank you for all you do to fundraise for the school.
- Please do not post negative things about our school on social media, if you have a problem please see the teacher first, if you are still unhappy my door is always open.

Linda Sciortino addresses parents.

- Welcome back families and welcome to new families.

- Class rep bags are in the corner, please put your name and number on a paper and put in your child's class bag if you are interested in volunteering. Criteria for class parent is you must volunteer for 2 school events plus the Christmas Fair. You must attend the FA meeting and encourage others to do so. Also, act as a liaison between the teacher and parents.
- Tomorrow is bingo, you may pay at the door.
- October 12th is our Basket Auction
- We will be having our Halloween Trunk or treat event again and we are looking for 19 cars, as well as kitchen volunteers. Car volunteers are taken on 1st come first serve basis.
- November 3rd is our Night at the Races.
- Our annual Christmas Fair is November 16th and 17th. We need volunteers for both Friday and Saturday as well as starting Wed of that week to decorate and set up. We need of unused items for our capsulary table this year please send in your donations to the office to the attention of Kelly Illuzzi.
- We will be kicking off Catholic School Week with a pasta dinner for our OLQP family on January 27th, what better way to kick it off by having Sunday Dinner together.
- Shoparoo is ongoing, teachers are collecting receipts and scanning them for their class. We received a 1,000 check from Shoparoo for last year. Thank you to the teachers.
- Box tops are being collected, any amount you can send it helps.
- Supermarket gift cards are available year-round, please encourage family and friend to participate, please send your check to the office ATT: Paul Cannavo, all checks must be payable to Our Lady Queen of Peace.
- Volunteers are needed to assist us in all school events, they enrich our school. Please consider joining us. We will send home a volunteer slip before each event that you can fill out and send back.

- Our next meeting is 1/28/19 at 7pm.