



Our Lady of Lourdes School Parent Newsletter

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OLL's faculty and staff wish you a peaceful and joyous New Year! We look forward to all that we will accomplish together in 2012!



OLL Takes the Gold!

Congratulations to OLL's fourth grade class for winning the Gold medal at Dancing Classroom's Colors of the Rainbow Team Match competition. Dancing Classrooms, an arts-in-education program that teaches social dance to students, spent ten weeks at OLL teaching fourth graders dance s like the merengue, rumba, waltz, foxtrot, and swing. OLL students spent two and a half hours a week perfecting their frame, poise, and grace.

On December 1st, the fourth grade dance stars performed all they had learned in front of over 150 guests and parents at Dancing Classroom's culminating event and on December 14th, they danced their hearts out in the rainbow competition and took home the gold medal! We wish OLL's fourth grade class luck as they advance in the competition!

Special thanks to our Patrons at The Partnership for Inner-City Education for sponsoring Dancing Classrooms at OLL. A very special thank you to Mrs. Muniz and Mrs. Saager for all their dedication and tireless efforts to prepare the students for the competition!



OLL's Fourth Grade Dance Stars along with Mrs. Muniz and Mrs. Saager at the Dancing Classrooms Rainbow Team Match Competition.

Thank You!

- To Ms. Foster, students, and teachers for putting on a great Christmas pageant!
- To our friends at J.P. Morgan for attending our Christmas pageant.
- To our friend, Dr. Solomon for attending our Christmas pageant.
- To Mariah's (K-1) parents for donating snacks for our after-school program

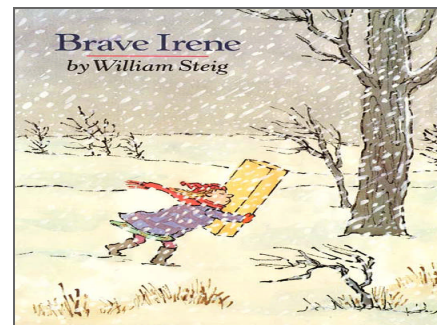
Re-Registration for the 2012-2013 School year:



January 30-February 03, 2012

More information to follow!

January's Book of The Month:



When Irene's mother, a dressmaker falls ill, Irene steps in and travels through a raging snowstorm to deliver a ball gown her mother made for the duchess.

Recipe Reference: White Chocolate Pretzel Twists

Remember to use Parent Supervision!

Ingredients:

- 1 cup white chocolate, chopped
- 3 cups unsalted mini pretzel twists or 4 cups short pretzel rods
- 2 tablespoons each, red and green sugars

Directions:

1. Line 2 cookie sheets with wax paper.
2. Place the chopped chocolate in a medium metal bowl over a small pot of simmering water. Stir chocolate, not allowing it to get too hot, until smooth.
3. Remove from heat and stir in the pretzel twists. Stir to coat with chocolate. Spoon about 2 to 3 pretzels in a bundle onto the prepared cookie sheets. While the chocolate is still wet, sprinkle the top with the crushed peppermints or sugars. Refrigerate until set, about 5 minutes.



Source: http://www.nickjr.com/recipes/white-chocolate-pretzel-twists.jhtml?path=/recipes/all-shows/seasonal_winter/all-ages/index.jhtml

Eighth Graders Visit J.P. Morgan Chase for Career Day

In early November, OLL's eighth graders got the chance to go to J.P. Morgan's downtown office to shadow the Operations team for Career Day! At the office, the students were greeted by their lively hosts ready to make their day memorable.

The students were particularly excited to sit in small groups with J.P. Morgan Operations employees to learn more about their day-to-day activities. The individualized attention allowed the students to fully grasp the nature of the different roles within the Operations team. The students ended the day with a fierce, competitive jeopardy game that tested all the industry and company knowledge they learned throughout the day.

We are thankful to our Patrons at J.P. Morgan Chase for providing our students with the opportunity to explore different careers within the financial industry. OLL is very excited for January's Career Day at J.P. Morgan Chase's midtown office!



8th grade students, Chelsea, Alvin, and Nateisha shadow a member of J.P. Morgan Chase's Operations team.

Important Dates in January

- 1.2: School Closed
- 1.3: School Resumes
- 1.6: Mass @ 8:45 a.m. hosted by Grades 1 and 5
- 1.9-1.13: Mid-term exams for Grades 5-8
- 1.9: Science Mid-term exam
- 1.10: ELA Mid-term exam
- 1.11: Social Studies Mid-term exam
- 1.12: Math Mid-term exam
- 1.13: Religion Mid-term exam
12:00 noon dismissal. After-school optional
- 1.16: School Closed. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1.27: Mass @ 8:45 a.m. hosted by Grades 2 and 7
- 1.29-2.4: Catholic Schools Week
- 1.31: OLL Quilt Day. Second Quarter Ends



Parents: Continue the Support!

Thanks to all parents who have helped OLL fundraise through Target's Take Charge of Education Program. Last year with your help, OLL received over \$200! Let's keep it going!

For more information, visit:

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