



# MOL School News

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## Calendar of Events:

September 20 (Wed.) - MOLMS Liturgy - Gr.7/8

Section 6 - 8:30 a.m. - OLOL

September 21 (Thur.) - School Picture Day -

MOLE - a.m., MOLMS - noon

September 21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Gr. Band Night Info. Mtg. - 7 PM -

MOLE Cafeteria

September 22 (Fri.) - MOLES Liturgy - Gr.3

Mrs. Witt's class - 8:30 a.m. - St. Mary's

September 25 - **NO SCHOOL FOR MOL STUDENTS** -

MOL faculty attending Diocesan Ministry Day

## General Items:

### DATES TO NOTE ON THE MOL CALENDAR

\*Parents, please note: There are 2 days this school year when MOL teachers will be attending diocesan workshops and there will be **NO SCHOOL** for our **MOL students**, (however, the LF Community Public Schools will still be in session). These dates are Monday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will be making up these student contact days on Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> is a half-day for LF Schools, but MOL will be in session for the entire day. There will be no afternoon bus provided for your child(ren) that day. On Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, the public school is not in session, so there is no busing provided in the a.m. or afternoon. We are asking parents & guardians to please help with their children's transportation on those 2 days. Please mark these dates on your personal calendars, so you can make arrangements for your child(ren). We will send out reminders to you by email as time gets closer to these dates. Thanks for your help with this!

### SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

School pictures will be taken on Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> by Inter-State Studios. The photographer will be at the elementary school in the morning and at the middle school in the afternoon. Packet information has been sent home with your child(ren)!

### SECURITY SYSTEM REMINDER

As many of you are aware, we identified our school safety and security as one of our key goals of improvement in our new MOL Strategic Plan created during our

accreditation process last year. We are very excited to share that we have met this safety goal by recently installing a new security system in each school building. The system includes approx. 12 security cameras in and around each building and 2 card reader buzzer stations (1 at each building) to allow people to enter at our main doors. Both school buildings are now locked during the bulk of the school day (approx. 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.). Please remember to press the buzzer at the card reader station (near the main entrance of each building) to enter. We are confident that once we work out just a few more details on the security system, it will bring greater safety to our school campuses. Thank you for your patience as we all become acclimated to this positive change!

### INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARENT & SCHOOL ORGANIZATION!

The first Mary of Lourdes Parent & School meeting of the school year will be Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the MOLMS Library. (This is our parent organization.) All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!! This is a great way to get involved in Mary of Lourdes School! *Please mark your calendars and join us!* ☺

### Parent & School Organization News....

The Parent & School Organization has five fundraisers scheduled for this year. Please mark them on your calendars! Want to help with any of these fundraisers? Contact Dawn Knopik at [volunteermols@gmail.com](mailto:volunteermols@gmail.com) or 632-5763. A list will be started for any interested volunteers and you will be notified closer to the date of each event as volunteers are needed. Thank you!

\*Marathon - Wednesday, October 18 (starts around 1:30)

\*Carousel of Crafts - Saturday, December 2

\*Evening for Education - Friday, January 26

\*Formal Wear Sale - TBD

\*Catholic United Financial Raffle - ticket sales begin in February

*A great big thank you to all the people who have signed up to volunteer already this school year! It has been a great start! Please watch for family emails regarding other volunteer opportunities!!* ☺

**REMINDER: PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR VOLUNTEER TRAINING**



Each year we have parents & guardians who volunteer their time to work in the classrooms, field trips, or help with school events. We

appreciate your help and service!

In accordance with the Diocese of St. Cloud, all volunteers who have contact with students must receive annual training. Please do this online by going to [www.stclouddiocese.org](http://www.stclouddiocese.org) (Diocese of St. Cloud webpage) and selecting Safe Environment tab. **All volunteers must also view the video presentation for 2017-2018 and complete the form online (on the diocesan website).**

**If you are new to the volunteer training, please go online to the Diocese of St. Cloud website to complete the following forms:**

- Diocesan Misconduct Policy (English)  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT: Sexual Misconduct Policy
- Guidelines for Ethics & Integrity in Ministry  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT: Guidelines for Ethics & Integrity in Ministry
- Background Questionnaire Concerning Sexual Abuse
- Form B Background Check from "Mind Your Business, Inc." for Volunteers

The receipts should be filled out online and a hard copy of Form B Background Check should be returned to either school office. We are required to do a background check for new volunteers and returning volunteers every 5 years.

**NEW & RETURNING VOLUNTEERS DO NEED TO COMPLETE ALL SAFE ENVIRONMENT DOCUMENTS.**

Thank you!!!

**GRANDPARENTS DAY AT MARY OF LOURDES ELEMENTARY**

This year's Grandparents Day at the elementary building is Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. It starts at 8:45 a.m. and includes a Mass at 9:30 a.m., lunch, and planned activities. Invitations will be coming home next week. If students see their grandparents during the Arts and Crafts Fair, it may be a great time to invite them to this special event!

Elementary School:

**4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND NIGHT**

Please mark your calendars...all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents are invited to attend a Band Information Meeting next Thursday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MOLE cafeteria.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION**

Mary of Lourdes School is focusing on the "Fruits of the Holy Spirit" this year as part of our Character Education curriculum. In the elementary school the students

attended an assembly and the fruit of "kindness" was introduced.

This month the staff will be looking for and recognizing random acts of kindness shown by our students. At home you can develop this fruit, too. Ideas: a Kindness Challenge (pick an act to focus on), a kindness jar (fill a jar with jelly beans every time an act is shown), or saying a special prayer to the Holy Spirit to help us grow in kindness. We are all Growing in God's Spirit!

**MOL "EARLY BIRD" PROGRAM REMINDER**

The "Early Bird" Program is off to a great start at MOLE! **Parents, please remember that if you drop your child off before 7:50 a.m., we ask that you make arrangements to enroll your child in our "Early Bird" Program (by completing the registration form found in your open house parent packet or stop by the office to receive a form). We request that you sign your child in each time you drop him/her off in our cafeteria.** The cost is \$3.00 per child/per day and \$1.50 for each additional child in the family per day. If you drop your child off or s/he rides the bus, the drop-off time is from 7:50-8:05 a.m. and you will not be charged. Thanks for your help with this!

**MOL PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ACCEPTING ENROLLMENTS**

Preschool registration for the 2017-18 school year is open to any families in the Little Falls area! **There are 3 openings left in the T/TH morning class.** Please call the elementary office if you have any questions about the program or would like a registration packet (632-5408).

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Middle School:

**PLAYGROUND FENCING PROJECT UPDATE**

MOLMS just finished installing a new 6 ft. fence on the west side of the playground and softball field. The MOLE fencing project will be installed soon by the City of Little Falls. Thanks to all families, parishioners, and our Parent & School Organization for supporting this project!

MOLMS EVENTS:

Sept. 19 – Gr.6 Water Day – (field trip to Camp Ripley)

**Schoenstatt Youth Group OPEN HOUSE Event**

**This Saturday!**

*Are you looking to nurture a spiritual child?  
Come check out the SCHOENSTATT OPEN HOUSE for boys' & girls' youth groups with the family!*

DATE: Sat., Sept. 16th

TIME: 2:00 PM

WHERE: St. James Catholic Church  
403 E. Minnesota Ave, Randall

*Monthly Schoenstatt Boys & Girls Group will meet on Sat., Oct. 7th and the 2nd Saturday in Nov.- May from 2:00-3:30 p.m.*