



MOL School News

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Calendar of Events:

Sun. Apr. 15 - First Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.

St. Mary's

Wed., Apr. 18 - MOLMS Liturgy Gr. 6 Section 4 -

LOLO 8:30 a.m.

Fri., Apr. 20 - MOLES Liturgy - Mrs. Gau's 1B class -

St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.

General Items:

INVITATION TO THE NEXT PARENT & SCHOOL MEETING & OFFICER POSITION OPEN

Do you want to find a great way to stay in touch with what's going on at MOLS and getting involved in our school community? Please consider coming to our next Parent & School Meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 6:30 p.m. in the MOLMS Library. (*Note date changed from May 3rd to April 26th.) All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend! There will be a final, follow-up meeting scheduled for Monday, May 14th. Please mark your calendars and join us!

We are also inviting parents to consider running for the Parent & School secretary officer position. Officer positions are for a two-year term. If there is interest by any MOL parents to run for the position or have questions about getting involved, please contact Dawn Knopik, our school volunteer coordinator (volunteermols@gmail.com) or either principal (Mrs. Becker: mhbecker@molschool.org, Mrs. Sowada: msowada@molschool.org).

We welcome everyone's interest and involvement in our MOL Parent & School Organization!

MOL ALUMNI RECOGNIZED FOR LFCHS ACADEMIC HONORS.....

Three of the 'Top Ten' Academic LFCHS Seniors this year are alumni of Mary of Lourdes School:

Maria Moe, Mitchell Schirmers and Grace Schulte!

...A big congratulations to the three of you!

Honor Society Two-Year Senior Members & MOL Alumni:

Faith Anez-Robinson, Melissa Anez, Alexandra Becker, Aria Kapsner, Katie Orth, Nicole Schilling, Sophia Sowada, Catherine Zack, and Nolan Zimmey. These MOL alumni make up 28% of the LFCHS Senior Honor Society Members. Congratulations!

Honor Society Inductees (Juniors) & MOL Alumni:

Megan Borash, Nicholas Durfee, Jacob Korver, Aidan Kray, Thomas Kula, Thomas Kunkel, Grant Litke, Elisabeth Novotny, Emily Popp, Abby Poser, Bethany Schilling, Mariah Schilling, and Allie Steinmetz. These MOL alumni make up 28% of the LFCHS Junior Honor Society Members. Congratulations on all your academic accomplishments!

DID YOU KNOW?....

Mary of Lourdes alum Nicole Schilling has been named March Girl of the Month at Little Falls Community High School. A member of the National Honor Society, she also was a Link leader as a junior. Nicole has competed in soccer for four years, and was captain as a senior. She has also been in track, and in Olympic lifting, where she placed fourth in the state competition in the 53 kilo weight class. Nicole also took care of wrestling stats and earned a letter. In the community she served at the haunted house and did an internship/shadow at Litke's Vet Service. Nicole plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston, to major in natural resources management or animal science.

Mary of Lourdes alum Nolan Zimny has been named March Boy of the Month at Little Falls Community High School. A member of the National Honor Society, he was also a member of the concert choir, and was named to the Great River All-Conference team. Nolan has been involved in cross country for four years, and earned Academic All-Conference honors. He has also been active in church, serving at Mass and helping to bake rolls for church breakfasts. Nolan has also volunteered at the Mary of Lourdes Harvest Moon Ball and has worked at the Royalton fish fry. He plans to attend the University of North Dakota to major in engineering.

RICE BOWL THANK YOU

Thanks very much to all our students who donated money to a Mary of Lourdes Lenten Rice Bowls. The total collection for the school was \$740 that will be given to the Catholic Relief services to aid those most in need. Great job!!

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to please return your registration forms & registration fee as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so. This will help staff plan for next year!

*PLEASE NOTE: As of April 4th, the registration fee is \$75.00. If any current families would like to discuss plans for next school year, we invite you to call either principal to set up a time to meet. We are happy to do so. Thanks to all the families who returned their registration forms. We appreciate your promptness!

FAIR TUITION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Don't forget to apply for a 2018-19 FAIR scholarship by going online to www.fairapp.com and punch in the school code "146" and the school password "mols146" or complete an application form (available in our offices).

All applications are due to the FAIR office by April 15th! Thank you!

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

A white-beaded Rosary was found in the gym at the Science Fair Thursday evening and a pair of men's eyeglasses were found outside after the MOLMS Passover Meal last week. If anyone is missing either item, please call the MOLMS office (632-6742).

MOLMS BOOKKEEPER'S SCHEDULE

Parents, fyi - our bookkeeper, Mrs. Elaine Mrozek's office hours are typically on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and some Fridays. Feel free to call her at 632-6742 or email her at mol_bookkeeper@molschool.org Thank you!

VOLUNTEER CREDIT REMINDER

March statements were sent home this past week, which includes updated volunteer credit information. **Just a friendly reminder: If you have not fulfilled all your credits, the remaining cost has now been added to your account balance. If you have not handed in a credit voucher, please do so as soon as possible so the account balance can be adjusted. Accounts cannot be updated without a voucher.** If you are in need of volunteer hours, we always welcome lunch and recess volunteers, as there are not many other volunteer opportunities left for the school year. The final day for volunteering for the 2017-2018 school year will be May 31st, 2018. If you need vouchers, please visit the MOL website: molschool.org and view "Volunteer Opportunities." Thank you!

SAFE ENVIRONMENT PAPERWORK - END OF THE YEAR FIELD TRIP DEADLINE REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to parents & other volunteers / chaperones: **In order to help chaperone upcoming end-of-the year field trips, you must have all Safe Environment and Background forms completed by April 27th,** so we can get new background checks processed in time for field trips. Please complete the information online at: <http://stcdio.org/about/safe-environment/>. Thank You!

SPRING IS A PERFECT TIME TO BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS!

Spring has (sort of) arrived and SCRIP is here to help with all your spring cleaning and remodeling needs. Please

remember we have scrip available for Menard's, Home Depot, Mills Fleet Farm, Hardware Hank, and Service Master, just to name a few! For all of you with First Communicants and Confirmants, we have SCRIP certificates available for Good Book Store and Melgrams.

Middle School:

MOLMS HOSTING SCHOOL DANCE TONIGHT!

The MOL Student Council is hosting a MOLMS Dance **tonight**, Friday, April 13th from 6:30-9:30 PM in the MOLMS gym. All Gr. 5-8 students are invited to come, as well as friends from LFCMS. Admissions is \$5.00.

MOLMS HOSTING DIOCESAN SPEECH FESTIVAL!

Please join us for the annual Diocesan Speech Festival on Saturday, April 21st! MOLMS is hosting it this year and speeches will begin at 9:30 a.m. Guests are welcome to listen to various speeches from 9:30-10:30 a.m.! Awards and refreshments will follow. Always an enjoyable and entertaining event!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOLMS STATE WRESTLERS!

MOL 8th grader, Austin Litke, competed in the State Wrestling Tournament in Rochester last weekend. **He went into the tournament undefeated!** He won his first match by a pin in 41 seconds and won his second match by a pin in 39 seconds! Austin lost his third match 6-4, won his next match 3-2, and won his last match 4-3, **taking 3rd place!** Noah Cameron also wrestled and placed 5th at the State meet! So exciting! *Congratulations to both Austin and Noah!!*

MOLMS GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents' Day will be celebrated at the middle school on Friday, April 27th, beginning with a **Mass at 8:30 a.m.** Students are welcome to sit with their grandparents during this liturgy. Grandparents are also invited to a band & choir concert, speech presentations, games in the classrooms, and enjoy muffins & coffee. We will conclude our festivities at approximately 11:10 a.m. with a blessing over our grandparents. We welcome all our grandparents to Mary of Lourdes Middle School! **Please RSVP to the MOLMS office by Tuesday, Apr. 24th, 632-6742.**

CHECK OUT 'FORCES OF NATURE' GRAA ART EXHIBIT

The Great River Arts Association is hosting a 'Forces of Nature' art exhibit this month. Some of the featured artwork is from our MOLMS 6th gr. art students. All are invited to stop by GRAA and check it out!

MOLMS DATES:

***TONIGHT, Fri., Apr. 13** - MOLMS Dance - 6:30-9:30 p.m.

***Sat., Apr. 21** - Area Catholic School Speech Festival - Hosted by MOLMS - 9:30-10:30 a.m.

TRI-PARISH EVENTS:

MOL FAMILIES INVITED TO P-F3 NIGHTS!

Theme for APRIL: Eucharistic Adoration

- 3rd Wed.: OLOL Church - Apr. 18th

Starts at 6:00 p.m. (dinner) with 6:30 p.m. program

All are welcome, and you don't have to belong to one of the parishes to come! Please join us!

PARISH PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Join us in praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet every Thursday evening from 6:30-7:00 pm at OLOL church. If you have any prayer intentions – please call Jacki Retka at 320-630-2103

YOUTH GROUP NEWS:

*Steubenville Pizza Ranch Fundraiser - Monday, April 16th from 4:30pm-7:30pm

*Middle School Fun Night - Friday, April 20 at JP11 – 6:30-8:30pm – Bring a Friend!

*Steubenville Pizza Ranch Fundraiser – Monday, May 7th from 4:30pm - 7:30pm

*Steubenville Youth Conference – July 13th, 14th and 15th with a mini-retreat the evening of July 12th. Please contact Tony Miller with any questions at 320-980-6074 or youthlol.hs@gmail.com

INVITATION TO SCHOENSTATT YOUTH GROUPS

The next gathering for the Schoenstatt Girls' & Boys' Youth will be held **THIS Saturday**, Apr. 14th from 2:00-3:30 pm at St. James Church in Randall. Girls ages 5 - high school (with three different age groups) are welcome to join! Fun faith-based activities, prayer, and a snack are provided. Parents are welcome to attend, too!

A REFLECTION ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION FROM APRIL'S LIVING FAITH BOOKLET....

And all day long, both at the temple and in their homes, they did not stop teaching and proclaiming the Christ, Jesus. Acts 5:42

This is a shout-out to Catholic schools - to the 6,429 US schools that have not had to close their doors and to the 1.8 million students who are fortunate to attend them. Here is to Catholic school teachers, past and present, who provide elementary and secondary children with an education rooted in the gospel of Jesus (Source: NCEA 2017). Here's to the families who sacrifice to enroll their children. Here's to the parish communities who support the schools. To the generations of American Catholics and non-Catholics who have been and continue to be powerfully impacted by their Catholic education. For their graduates, whose education has given them the privilege to lead families, communities and professions, may all their thoughts, words and actions proclaim the teachings of Christ Jesus.

-By writer, Claire J. King, Living Faith