



Our Lady's Catholic High School



A National Teaching School

Thursday, 3 October 2019

The Prayer Theme next week is Faith.

We are reminded in Sunday's Gospel, *'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey'.* (Luke 17: 5-6). We are called to be faithful to God, and to trust in Him. In turn we should be loyal to each other and treat each other with respect and generosity of heart. It is simply our duty.

Lord, strengthen our faith, especially in times of difficulty. Help us to accept the gift of love that You have given to each of us and teach us to follow You each day.

'Fan into a flame the gift of God' 1 Timothy 1:6-7

JUDAISM WITH JEREMY

On Tuesday, 24 September all Year 8 pupils received an enriching workshop as part of their Year 8 Religious Education curriculum on Judaism. Jeremy, our Jewish guest speaker, spoke about what it is truly like to live as a Jew today in the UK. The pupils were extremely inquisitive, and Jeremy allowed lots of opportunity to ask questions. Pupils were able to see and try on various Jewish prayer items and all showed great enthusiasm throughout.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

The second OLCHS Cheese & Wine Evening will take place on Friday, 1 November 2019 at 7pm in the Arts' Theatre, for over 18s only. Tickets cost £10 each and will be on sale from Monday next week. Numbers are strictly limited, so tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis so don't delay! Please contact Mrs Gavell (lga@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) or Mrs Bilborrow (pbi@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) to buy yours. The format of the evening is very relaxed and informal, and our host is Mick Gould, who some parents will already know from other cheese & wine events at primary school. Mick has been in the wine business for many years and is currently based at Huntley's Farm Shop in Samlesbury. He will bring many different wines and cheeses for you to try as well as provide information about where the wines are from and which foods they complement best. Why not get a group of friends together and come along for a cosy autumn evening?

YOUNG ENTERPRISE 2019-2020

This year's Young Enterprise team have been working hard in preparation for their first selling event. Tonight at Open Evening the team, Wick'd & Co, will be selling their product. The team has chosen candles as their product and these can be pre-designed or personalised with an assortment of embellishments. Product prices start at £2.00 and the team will be in Room 33.

ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2020

The process of applying for high school places in September 2020 has now begun for Year 6 pupils. Parents wishing to choose Our Lady's should apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/> or via the link on Moodle. Parents should ensure that preferences are selected in the correct order as Lancashire County Council always aim to offer places in order of preference. Please be aware that it is necessary to apply even if a brother or sister is already at Our Lady's and it is imperative that all applications are received **before the deadline of 31 October 2019**. In addition to the Lancashire application process we ask that a Supplementary Form is completed if you wish to be considered on faith grounds. These forms are available on the school website or from reception and should be returned to school by 31 October 2019.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Please be reminded that voting closes at 12 noon on Monday, 7 October. All Ballot Papers should be returned to school by that time if they are to be included in the count.

TRAINING AFTERNOON TEA INFORMATION EVENT

Do you have (or are soon to be awarded) a degree? Are you interested in a career in teaching (primary or secondary or post 16)?



If you can answer yes to both of these questions then the Catholic Teaching Alliance invites you to attend a **free, no obligation, information event** in the Training Centre at Our Lady's Catholic High School.

Date: Friday 11 October

Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm

If you are interested, we would encourage you to come in and have a chat with us about the exciting opportunities available for teacher training in your local Catholic schools. Please contact our ITT director Mr Adrian Gormally on CTAschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or 01772 326931 to book your place.

Dates to remember

Friday, 4 October – INSET day, school closed

Friday, 18 October – School closes for half-term

Monday, 28 October – School opens

Thursday, 7 November – GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

Friday, 8 November – Presentation Assemblies – school closes at 12.45 pm

Thursday, 19 December – School closes for Christmas at 12.45 pm

Monday, 6 January – School opens for the Spring Term

Friday, 14 February – School closes for half term

Monday, 24 February – INSET day pupils at home

Tuesday, 25 February – school opens