

# December Newsletter

2023

## Principal's Message

"Come, Let us climb the Lord's Mountain." (Isaiah 2:3)

As we anxiously prepare for the Advent and Christmas season, we ask God to bless and remind us of the reason for the celebrations during this season. During this time of the year, we will experience travel, cooking, gift exchanges, decorations, stocking stuffers, and other festivities. With it all, we continue to surround ourselves with reminders and preparations that the Lord is coming. Traditionally, OLV first grade meets their loved ones in our cafe to build and decorate their family advent wreath. The jingle of the bells fills the air while the glitter and garland are on full display. Every classroom at OLV prepares a special place for their advent wreath and prayer. Our Lady of Victory is blessed to be able to be part of each family's journey this advent season.



Daniel Groody points out in some of our first reflections for Advent, we must remember why we are climbing the Lord's mountain. The summit we desire to seek is the summit of the Lord. The mountain we climb may have unanticipated obstacles and through those challenges we must change ourselves.

"Only after I changed my approach to the journey was I able to climb higher and make it to the awe-awaiting summit." (Daniel Groody)

Justin Matias, Principal



## Development News

Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving - Thank you to our Eagle families and friends of OLV. We raised \$12,814 for our safety program and needs on campus.

Letters will be going home with students in December for our Annual Fund.

Gala - SAVE THE DATE: Friday, February 9, 2024

## Handbook

Please see the handbook as there have been some revisions. They are highlighted in yellow. Changes from the beginning of the year are highlighted as well.

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## Christmas Program

The Christmas program for grades 5K-8th will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 pm at the VISD Fine Arts Center. We will have only one show with all students participating in it. It is a large facility and there are no bad seats in the place! We will have a dress rehearsal at the facility on the morning of Dec. 13th. Parents will need to drop their child at the Fine Arts building that morning for practice, we will bus them back to school later in the morning. More information will be given by email concerning the program. Please read all the emails to stay on top of what's going on!



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## After School Care News

Friday, December 1st is an Early Dismissal Day. If your child will be staying for After Care that day they MUST have a sack lunch and a drink. The cafeteria will be closed.

Christmas Break - After Care will be open Wednesday, December 20th, through Friday, December 22nd and will be available for those students that are signed up. The sign up link will be sent out Monday, December 4th and must be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 13th. Students that attend After Care during the break must bring a sack lunch and a drink.

If you are planning to use one of your vacation weeks during the break please let me know either by email at [dcastillo@ourladyvictory.org](mailto:dcastillo@ourladyvictory.org) or through Procure messaging by Dec. 18th.

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## Library News

The month of December brings our thoughts and attention to the birth of our Savior. With all the hustle and bustle of decorating, shopping, and gift giving don't forget to take time to enjoy your family and reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. The library has many Christmas books to remind us of this special time of year. Come Take a Look!

*Feature Author: C. S. Lewis*

Clive Staples Lewis (C. S. Lewis) was one of the most influential writers of the 20 th Century. He became best known for his popular works of children's fantasy.

Check Out – The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Don't forget a Book is a wonderful Christmas gift!

Merry Christmas!



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