



# OUR LADY of MERCY

Mercy  
Memos  
August 21, 2022

“Your light must shine before others.” Matthew 5:16

## Information for all Students

- **Dismissal Changes** - In the event that there is a change in the way your child goes home in the afternoon, be sure to contact the school by 2:15pm via email. Note that dismissal changes are only intended for plans that may change from what you originally communicated to your child before arrival. Dismissal changes should be used only when necessary and are not intended to be daily communication of how a student should go home. Lower school changes can be reported to [lowerschoolreception@olomschool.org](mailto:lowerschoolreception@olomschool.org). Upper School changes can be reported to [upperschoolreception@olomschool.org](mailto:upperschoolreception@olomschool.org).
- **Labeling Student Items** - All items brought to school by students should be clearly labeled with the student's first and last name. Labeled items will be returned to students when found. This includes sweatshirts, lunch boxes, water bottles, PE bags, etc.
- **Family Ministry** - We invite our families to join us for Family Holy Hour in the Church on the First Wednesday of every month from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Praise and worship music will be provided by the Romero family on Wednesday, September 7th. Children of all ages are welcome. Come for a few minutes or stay the whole hour!
- **School Pictures** - At this time, everyone should have received an email with a link to view and order your student's school day portrait. Please check your spam folder, as some email settings may send it to your spam folder. If you have not received the link, please contact Barberito Photographers at [Contact@barberitophotographers.com](mailto:Contact@barberitophotographers.com).
  - Please let Barberito Photographers know the school, student's name, and grade. Also, include a good contact phone number and email in case there are any additional questions or concerns.
  - If your student was absent or is in need of a retake portrait, Barberito Photographers will be on campus on January 18th.
- **Reminder** - There will be no school on Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

## Home & School News

- **New Parent Coffee** - The Home & School Association is hosting a New Parent Coffee on August 25th from 8:00 am until 9:00 am in the Parish Activity Center (PAC). We invite our new Mercy families to come meet others that are new to the nest, and let Home & School answer any Mercy questions you may have. You can RSVP [HERE](#).

- Home & School is looking to fill four committees. If you are interested, descriptions and sign up can be found here:  
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0b4eaba62caaf85-committee>
- **Spirit Shop** - Click [HERE](#) to purchase Mercy Spirit items through the online spirit shop through August 30th.
  - You can purchase school sweatshirts though the spirit shop.
  - The **spirit shirt** for students this year will be the same design as last year. This is the navy blue t-shirt with Mercy in white lettering and Blue Jays written in the blue rectangle underneath. There will be designated spirit shirt days throughout the year and this will be the shirt allowed on the specific days.

### Lower School Information

- **Mass** - 2nd graders will be attending Mass at 9am on Friday, August 26th. We welcome parents to attend Mass and share in the Eucharist with our school community. Parents who plan to attend Mass on Friday should allow all students to be seated before finding a seat in the church. Dress uniforms are not required until after Labor Day.

### Upper School Information

- **Mass** - 3rd - 8th grade will be attending Mass at 9am on Friday, August 26th. We welcome parents to attend Mass and share in the Eucharist with our school community. Parents who plan to attend Mass on Friday should allow all students to be seated before finding a seat in the church. Dress uniforms are not required until after Labor Day.
- **Altar Server Training** - Any 5th - 8th grade students interested in Altar Serving this year should attend one of the following training sessions held in the church. Mrs. Montagnino will walk the students to the church on Tuesday and Thursday. There are 3 opportunities for training, but students only need to attend 1 session. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.
  - Tuesday, August 23rd from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. The parents will meet at 4:15 pm.
  - Thursday, August 25th from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm. The parents will meet at 4:15 pm.
- **Middle School Bible Study for 6-8 Graders** - Middle School Bible Study meets Tuesday after school from 3-4 pm in the John Paul II Youth House (behind the Parish Activity Center.) Parents need to email the Upper School receptionist to notify them that your child will be dismissed with walkers on Tuesdays. Tori will meet them in front of the church and walk them to the youth house for a Sunday Gospel reflection. Parents will pick up students at the JP II House at 4pm. Tori will walk any students for extended day that participate in that program.
- **Youth Ministry for 6th-8th grade** - Youth Ministry Kick-off! Sunday, August 28th from 5:30-8:30 pm in the PAC. We will provide pizza, play games, study the Gospel, have small groups and prayer time as well as a glow in the dark game of capture the flag! Register here by Friday, August 26th:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/38f2e97c-df65-4286-84b5-1277d7cb2443>