



1617 Parkview Avenue
Bronx, New York 10461

phone: 718-829-1706
fax: 718-931-2693
www.olassumptionbronx.org

JUNE

NEWSLETTER

End of the Year Goals

Each year, the school sets four goals for the upcoming school year, a spiritual goal, an academic goal, enrollment goal, and an administrative goal.

Our spiritual goal was to have a smooth transition from a parish based school to a regional school, as the direct line of administration is no longer run by the parish. The hard work of Father Knapp showed to have positive results with our sacraments and school masses as well as other religious ceremonies throughout the year. We still want to improve mass attendance and attendance at the grade level masses.

Our academic goal was to improve in math and ELA state scores, and although we do not have the NY State results yet, our MAP scores have indicated that there should be improvement from last year. The improvements are largely part due to our hard working teachers in all grades, and using 'official' data (MAP data, state scores) and 'informal' data (school observation, Khan academy, NewsELA, etc.) to drive their instruction.

Our enrollment goals continue to be met, as scholarships afforded to new families allow our school to be affordable. We continue to work with retention scholarships, to make sure existing families are a priority, as they are a valuable asset to our school family and culture.

Administrative goals are usually not seen, as they mainly deal with paperwork. However, with our school transitioning to a regional school it is important to share with you our hopes for a smooth transition. Despite the principal taking leave twice in the first two months of school, the transition has gone 'fairly' well. However, a key struggle was our after school billing (via Smart Tuition). We are working to better the billing system next year. The success of our transition is largely due to our acting principal, Mrs. Linda Dougherty (NEEB Regional Superintendent), and our great office staff, Mrs. Cathy LaMarca, Ms. Frankie Como and Mrs. Diana Liccesse.



End of the Year Celebrations

June 3rd: 8th Grade Breakfast (OLA Gym; 8:30 AM); Grades 1-4 Field Trip to the Bronx Zoo

June 4th: 8th Grade Dinner-Dance (7 PM)

June 5th: Altar Server/SCOLA Trip

June 6th: 8th Grade Trip to Philadelphia

June 7th: 8th Grade Honors (Morning Announcements, 8:05 AM); Graduation Mass (OLA Church 8:30 AM)

June 8th: 8th Grade Graduation (OLA Church, 1 PM)

June 10th: Field Day I: Pre-K – Grade 4; Half Day (K-7)

June 11th: Field Day II: Grade 5-7; 4th Grade Moving Up Breakfast (9:30 AM); Half Day (K-7)

June 12th: Kindergarten Graduation (9 AM);

June 13th: Pre-K Blue “End of the Year Celebration” (9 AM); Pre-K Yellow “End of the Year Celebration” (11 AM); Half Day (K-7)

June 14th: Pre-K Purple “End of the Year Celebration” (8:15 AM); Pre-K Green “End of the Year Celebration” (9:15 AM); End of the Year Awards (10:15 AM); Half Day (K-7)

OLA Summer Program

OLA Summer Program is back for summer 2019. It is open to Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 (as long as they are potty trained). The Early Bird Rate (by June 1st) is \$200/week and includes NYC Breakfast and Lunch programs. Financial Aide is available for qualified families.

Furthermore we offer split rates for students that are enrolled in the Extended Year program. The split rate allows them to end their day with the Summer Program and includes Fridays.

OLA Title I Extended Year

OLA Title I Extended Year runs from July 8th to August 8th, from 8 AM- 2 PM. The program is a Monday through Thursday program, with weekly field trips and fulfills any math/ELA summer school requirements. Although the cost of the program is free, not all students are eligible, as eligibility is based on standardized test scores and their zoned elementary/middle school. Many times a siblings' middle school eligibility is different from their zoned elementary school.



OLA Gym Roof Repair

Although the Archdiocese of New York has decided the repairs of the school gym are the responsibility of the parish, rather than the school, the school is committed to fixing the roof (the total cost of the repairs may cost as much as \$500,000). OLA School has worked closely with the Archdiocese of New York to get \$50,000 to start the repairs and is working to get a capital grant by the end of 2019 to cover part of the remaining costs.

Fundraisers

Drama Dress Down Day: \$367

8th Grade Dress Down Day: \$206

World's Finest Chocolate: \$10,083

Guys & Dolls Tickets: \$1,386

New Staff for the 2019-2020 School Year

Pre-K (UPK) Aide, Ms. Julie Macrino

Pre-K (UPK) Aide, Ms. Samantha Perez

Pre-K (UPK) Aide, Mrs. Isabel Bello

Key Dates for 2019-2020

First Day of School: September 5, 2019 (Thursday)

Religion Conference Day (**School Closed**): November 6, 2019 (Wednesday)

Northeast-East Bronx Conference Day (**School Closed**): March 13, 2020 (Friday)

Final Exams (Grades 5-7)

June 3rd: 5th-7th Math Final

June 4th: 3rd-7th ADNY Religion Final

June 5th: 5th-7th Science Final

June 6th: 5th-7th Social Studies Final

Sincerely,

John-Paul Barnaba

Principal

Tips for talking with young people



We believe talking about mental health can help you and those around you to be happier and healthier.

Anyone who works with or cares for a young person has the opportunity to play an active role in supporting their mental wellbeing. Giving a young person the chance to open up and have a conversation about their mental health can reassure them that help is available and empower them to access appropriate support should they need to.

Starting a conversation is the first step on that journey.

Creating a safe space

- Give yourself **plenty of time** so you don't appear to be in a hurry.
- Sit down** even if the other person is standing – it will make you seem less intimidating.
- Meet in a neutral space** such as a quiet room or pastoral room.
- Make it clear that they are **not in trouble**.

Talking tips

- Keep your body language open and non-confrontational**
- Be **empathetic** and take them seriously
- Take into account **cultural differences** in communication styles e.g. how much eye contact is appropriate
- Do not offer glib advice** such as "pull yourself together" or "cheer up"
- Keep the chat **positive and supportive**, exploring the issues and how you may be able to help

Useful questions to ask

- How long have you felt like this?
- How can I help you?
- What kind of support do you think might help you?
- How are you feeling at the moment?

How to listen

- Give the person your full focus** and listen without interrupting
- Listen to their words, tone of voice and body language** – all will give clues as to how they are feeling
- Accept them as they are.** Respect the person's feelings, experiences and values although they may be different from yours. Do not judge or criticise because of your own beliefs and attitudes
- Don't make a moral judgement.** Be genuine – show that you accept the person and their values by what you say and do
- Get on their wavelength.** Place yourself in the young person's shoes and demonstrate to them that you hear and understand what they are saying and feeling

What happens next?

- Keep the conversation going** – follow up and ask them how they are doing. Reassure them that you are always here if they want to talk, and really mean it.
- Give **reassurance** that there are **lots of sources of support** and some of these might be available at home through parents/carers, through their place of education, by visiting their GP, or online. If appropriate, offer to go with them to seek support.



Take a look at our **list of support organisations for young people**
To learn more about how to support the mental wellbeing of young people, visit mhfaengland.org
Find us on social media by searching **MHFA England**



© MHFA England 2016

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3 Math Final (5-7); 8th Grade Break-fast; SOTM Awards; Bronx Zoo Trip (1-4); Cozzi Clinic (4:30 PM)	4 Dress Down Day; ADNY Religion Final (3-7); 8th Grade Dinner/ Dance; Cozzi Clinic (4:30 PM)	5 Science Final (5-7); Altar Server/ SCOLA Trip (2-4)	6 Social Studies Final (5-7); 8th Grade Trip to Philadelphia; Drama Club Bake Sale	7 8th Gr Honors & Graduation Mass; Pre-K Half Day (11:30 AM); Pre-K Parent-Teacher Conferences (12:30- 3 PM)	8 8th Grade Graduation (OLA Church, 1 PM)
9 Pentecost Sunday	10 Half-Day (K-7); Pre-K has a Full Day; Field Day I (PreK-4); Faculty Meeting	11 Half-Day (K-7); Pre-K has a Full Day; Field Day II (5-7); 4th Grade Moving Up; Faculty Meeting	12 Half-Day (K-7); Pre-K has a Full Day; Kindergarten Graduation (9 AM); Faculty Workshop; Last Day of After School	13 Half-Day (K-7); Pre-K has a Full Day; Pre-K End of the Year Celebration (Blue 9 AM & Yellow 11 AM); Faculty Meeting	14 Half-Day (10:30 AM-K-7); Pre-K End of the Year Celebra- tion (Purple 8:15 AM & Green 9:15 AM); Year End Awards; Faculty Meeting; Pre-K has a Full Day	15
16 Feast of the Holy Trinity	17 First Day of Summer Program	18	19 Trip to Pelham Bay Park; Algebra I Regents (1 PM)	20	21	22
23	24	25 Primary Elections (Summer Program is OPEN)	26 Trip to Pelham Bay Park	27	28	29
30						