



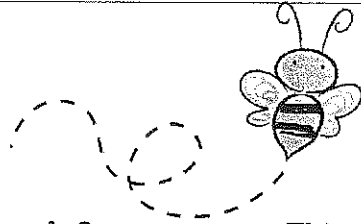
# September 30-October 14



## Paw Prints 2016

### A Note from Ms. B:

Can you believe that we have worked through a month of school already?



This has been a great start to the year. Granted we had a few hiccups, but we have worked them out and are headed for the midterm of the first trimester. I have learned so many things: front-end estimation from the fifth grade, verbs and adjectives from the first grade, and haikus from the fourth grade. I tried to count money with the third grade (that was a crazy lesson) and I sang with the second grade in church. Phew, I'm tired. Your students always surprise me with their excitement and energy. I have so much to learn from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade. And the Kindergartners? They teach me how to be wide eyed, curious, and eager to meet each school day with a fresh approach. Thank you for entrusting us with your students, they are great learners...and teachers!

*Ms. B*

### From Ways and Means (The Hot Lunch Ladies):

Ways and Means is having an all day **LaRosa's** Fundraiser on Wednesday, October 12. If you dine in or pick up from the Bridgetown LaRosa's from 11am-11pm on this day & present the attached flyer, 10% of the money earned goes back to OLL. This includes lunch orders placed by teachers!

### From the Front Office:

Make sure to call in your student when you are tardy or absent. It is required by law to be notified by the parent/guardian!

One final call for the **Income Forms** we sent home last week. There are about 19 families we still need forms from. This helps Our Lady of Lourdes receive funds from the government. We can send another form home if needed!

### From Education Commission:

**Tutoring** will be Wednesdays in the library starting on October 26th. Grades 3-8 will tutor from 2:30-4:00 and K-2 will tutor from 2:30 -3:30.

### From the Director of Religious Education's (DRE's) Office:

St. Francis of Assisi had a deep compassion and love for all of God's creation. On Tuesday, October 4, Our Lady of Lourdes will remember St. Francis with a Blessing of Pets. Bring any pet, big or small, for Fr. Len to bless at 6:30 pm in the school courtyard.



### From the IDEA Lab:

We are continuing to accept donations for the lab which is in the annex, Rm. 4. It opens within the next two weeks! More info to come. Please contact Mrs. Ruwe if you have questions.

**From the Handbook and Fashion Police:**

The weather is becoming milder, thank goodness! Time for football, fall weather, and fuzzy slippers. **Here are a few dress code updates**, just in case...Hoodies are no longer allowed to be worn in school. Athletic jerseys and spirit wear with team names and last names in the back are prohibited as well. Old school sweatshirts with OLL or Lourdes written in navy blue or white are allowed.

Please make sure they have our school colors navy and white. If it has any other color, then it's not allowed unless on an out of dress code day. Leggings are fine under uniform skirts. Thank you for your attention to your students attire.

**Mark your Calendars!**

**October 11-14: Pregnancy Center West** will be presenting to the 6th-8th grades in Science class.

**October 17-18: The Council on Child Abuse** will be presenting in small groups to our students. More info to come.

**October 18: The Seventh Grade field trip** to Camp Joy. Team building and character building for our new junior high students. 8am-4pm. Make sure to get your permission slips and money in to Ms. Mullins or Ms. Florimonte.

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What great opportunities for our students to participate in worthwhile experiences outside of the classroom. If your student's grade hasn't planned a field trip yet, don't worry! There are many more planned as the year progresses.



**From the PTO:**

**Cosi on Wheels on Current Conditions** will be rolling in to Our Lady of Lourdes on **October 6**. PTO could always use volunteers for this event.

If anyone is willing to volunteer for **Crayons to Computers**, this can help the teachers obtain supplies for their classroom to use with students. **AND**...it's an opportunity to meet new parents and guardians in our community while volunteering for a worthwhile cause! If you are interested, contact Stephanie Knapke at [skrizsa@hotmail.com](mailto:skrizsa@hotmail.com).

**Rollerama Skating Party** will be **October 26**.  
Woohoo!

**Campbell's \$10,000 grand stand for schools!**  
Enter now: [www.grandstandforschools.com](http://www.grandstandforschools.com).  
There's strength in Numbers. This ends by **October 31**...Hurry!

The biggest Money Maker for Our Lady of Lourdes is shopping at **Kroger**. Create an account: [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards).

**Progress Book:**

Today marks the **midterm**. Please check your student's grades on Progress Book. Your child's teachers are sending home information if grades are below a 76%. Please follow the procedure your student's team has developed. The end of the trimester is **November 10th**.

**Drivers!** Please, when picking up your student could you wait a few moments for other students to get into their cars? We have had many instances when **drivers immediately sped off without regard** to children in the lots. Additionally, when picking up in the church lot, please park facing the church. **We just want to ensure the safety of all children.**

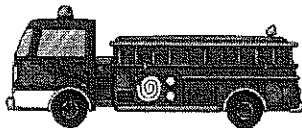


# Paw Prints 14-28 October 2016



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I had the awesome opportunity to have lunch with three first graders: Charlotte, George, and Landen. In their class they are learning about the economy and money and apparently, lunch with me is \$10! Wednesday after school I saw a line of cars in the driveway right outside the front door. I was a bit nervous until realized guardians were picking up their students from the Green Tigers club, our environmental club. This is our second organized club on campus, Tiger Pride Council being the first. What a great turnout! I cannot wait to see what initiatives they develop. Firefighters came to visit the Kindergarten! Mr. Neiheisel explained to the class what firefighters do and Engine 35 arrived to show the students the equipment on the truck. They also got to watch Engine 35 leave on a run! What a great week for OLL Tigers!

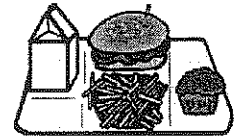


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## A Message from The Hot Lunch Ladies

It is important that the orders for hot lunch come to school by the Wednesday morning of the week we are ordering. Anything later cannot be included that week. Cash on the day of the hot lunch cannot be accepted either. Also, please have each student pay and turn in their **own order** not one slip for the family. Our volunteers do not know every student and it is very difficult to get the meal tickets to the right student. We want to make sure the students have the correct meals and have the time to enjoy it! Thank you for your help.



## From the office of the D.R.E.:

### FIRST PENANCE/RECONCILIATION PARENT NIGHT

Parents of second grade students who will be receiving their First Penance/Reconciliation are invited to attend a parent educational meeting on Thursday, October 20, at 7 p.m. in Trinity Hall. Parents will receive important information to help them prepare their children to receive this sacrament of God's love and forgiveness. At least one parent of each child preparing for the sacrament is expected to be present.

## Lourdes Pullovers

We are sending home information and order forms for the "new" uniform pullover. If you would like to purchase the pullover, please send in your order forms, making sure to include first and last names. **This is not required for the uniform, it is an option.**

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**October 28: Birthday Book Club**

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## Paw Prints 28 October-4 November



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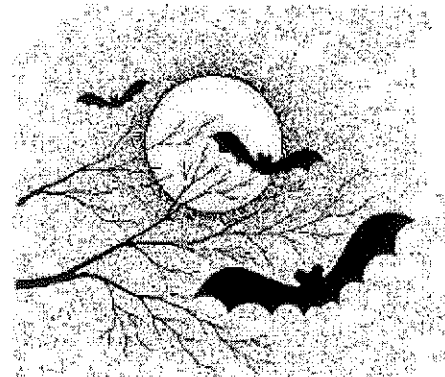
There always seems to be something going on... The fourth grade visited the symphony, the Green Tigers had a meeting with Rumpke, and the first grade and Kindergarten went to the Aronoff Center to see Mo Willem's Elephant and Piggie. I've been told that our students' behavior is exceptional and I am not surprised! We have great students who are proud to be tigers. Birthday Book Club is today in the library and what a great way to have a lasting memory at Our Lady of Lourdes. Halloween is fast approaching, the Kindergarten will dress and parade as in years past. The rest of the student body will have cray sock day. (Actually, two eighth grade young men came up with the idea, I cannot take the credit!) Our all school Mass will be on Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate All Saint's Day. Wednesday will be our next Den Day and TAG day. Make sure to check the Friday folders for information on the Ronald McDonald House and our character trait: Determination, the focus of our next Den. This will get our pop tab collections underway. I hope all is well with you and your family. Happy Halloween!

Ms. B



### From Mrs. Ruwe and the IDEA Lab:

As many of you may have seen in the Western Hills Press, the OLL IDEA Lab is up and running! A huge thank you to all of the parents who donated materials, sewing machines, tools, etc. for the lab. Students have been working on projects from creating balloon powered cardboard cars to making flowers and crafts out of duct tape. We have had parent volunteers offer to teach knitting and crochet, and several sixth graders recently had their first knitting lesson. We are hoping to begin using carpentry tools for wood projects after Christmas. At this point, we are looking for any knowledgeable volunteers who would like to volunteer to teach interested students how to use simple tools to make their own projects. Volunteers would work with a group of three students a day on basic carpentry skills, while a classroom teacher would be supervising other students in the lab. The time commitment would be once a week or even once a month during the hours of 11:30-12:50. Any volunteer would need to be VIRTUS trained. If you would be interested in helping, please contact the school office at 347-2660.



### **Opportunities in the Water:**

#### **Swim Lessons**

Mercy HealthPlex will be offering group swim lessons for ages 6 months – adult starting October 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>. Private & Semi-private lessons are also available by appointment. Junior high classes are available for beginners or stroke refinement.

For additional information, please contact Annie @ 389-5498 or e-mail [asmacke@mercy.com](mailto:asmacke@mercy.com)

#### **Sea Cubs Swimming**

The Sea Cubs program is a fun way for 6 - 12 year old swimmers to condition & learn about competitive swimming. The focus will be on the four competitive strokes, starts, turns, conditioning and safe diving technique. Small swimmer to coach ratio. This is a once a week practice. For registration and information contact:

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### **Mark your Calendars!**

**November 8:** The Third Grade Reading Guarantee State mandated test.

**November 11:** No class; teacher in-service

**November 15:** The eighth grade will be touring the Cathedral and the fifth and sixth grade will be visiting the Cincinnati Cyclones.

**November 18:** Kindergarten Creation Celebration

**November 19:** High School Placement Test

**November 21:** Grandparent's Day. Mass followed by coffee and donuts.

**November 22:** Engineering Day for the Intermediate grades.

**November 23:** Thanksgiving Day Break begins, see you Monday!