

OLPH School News for September, 2018



8th GRADE RETREAT

Class retreats are an important time set aside for classmates and teachers to learn with and about each other. In September, our 8th-grade students and faculty took a pause from the everyday learning environment and traveled to Camp Lookout for three days of hiking, caving, kayaking, ropes challenges, songs, games and prayer.



FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

The much-anticipated Grand Ram Tricycle Race and Fall Festival were blessed with dry (if not cool) weather this year. The race hosted over seventy participants in heats from Pre-K to adult, with our own Mrs. Fox taking the title in the Faculty and Staff category. The fun continued throughout the day with inflatables and pony rides, games, food, a petting zoo, a pie eating contest and the very popular dunk tank.



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Virtue of the Month of September: Kindness - An eagerness to put others at ease. It is a sweet and attractive temperament that shows friendly regard.

TENNIS

Our tennis teams ended the season at 7-2 for the Girls and 3-6 for the Boys. Unfortunately, tournament play was cancelled due to heavy rains and flooding in the area.



START WITH “HELLO”

Our Beta Club took the lead to implement Sandy Hook Promise’s “Start with Hello Week,” a program that enables students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way by encouraging them to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help others who are showing signs of social isolation.

Beta members began with a PowerPoint presentation to each of the grades (2-8), promoted Wear Green Day (Sandy Hook Promise’s colors) to further promote awareness, provided for Lifesaver Day, when students go around and give other students Lifesaver candies to represent that one small act of kindness can save a life, and went into classrooms to talk to other students about the program.



A HEALTHY UPGRADE

The addition of a salad bar has been very popular with our staff and Middle School students. The option will be gradually introduced to students in the lower grades.



YMCA FEEDING PROGRAM SERVICE

Our 6th-grade students began the Middle School service learning at the J.A. Henry Community YMCA Center preparing 800 hoagies, 1,053 wraps, bagging 210 lunches, 1300 meals, and 75 snacks for students experiencing food insecurity in our community.

PRE-K CELEBRATES JOHNNY APPLESEED

Focus on apples and the legend of Johnny Appleseed provided a week of hands-on fun for our Pre-K. They used all of their senses to learn: reading the story, singing, painting, and even making applesauce... Yum!

