



# ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

*"this is for you and yours, a privilege..."*

February 27, 2018

Dear OLMC Families,

We hope this letter finds you well and rested after the Winter Break. Our OLMC students have returned and picked up right where they left off... working, learning, growing, and achieving greatness!

The Safety and Security of all students, faculty, and staff are our top priority at OLMC. Over the winter break we continued our Academy updates as well as installed more cameras, updated the phone communication system, ran system checks, and secured Wi-Fi in areas of the building that were not connected. The Tenafly Police Officers will continue to check our facility weekly, as they always have. We met with and will continue to meet with the Tenafly Police Department to discuss any/all security updates to ensure that we are in full compliance with their directives.

We were all extremely saddened by the horrific event that took place in Parkland, Florida just two weeks ago. As an OLMC family we have prayed as a community and will continue to do so. As members of the Archdiocesan School District we will be participating in a prayerful service and demonstration to show support during this difficult time.

On Wednesday, March 14th, the Academy will be having a School Wide Prayer Service at 9:30am in church. Afterwards, the Middle School Students (Grades 6-8) and their Teachers will continue this prayerful morning outside to join the national voice during the National School Walkout Day. Students will be asked to wear Orange on this day to show support to focus on school safety and the dignity of every human. We also ask for the Holy Spirit to grant wisdom to our legislators to enact true solutions to protect children and others from senseless violence in our nation and in our world.

We invite all of you to join us in this prayerful experience led by our Campus Minister, Mr. Justin Fernandez and our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class.

May God Continue to bless you today and always,

Miss Kelly Koval  
*Principal*

Mr. Justin Fernandez  
*OLMC Campus Minister*