



ACADEMY OF
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

10 County Road, Tenafly, NJ 07670

August 29, 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcoming you all with a virtual warm hug as we prepare for the start of school, ever so grateful that we are teaming up once again. We are gearing up to bravely warrior through another year of slaying challenges with our resilience, creativity and good humor.

We love our school! Yes, we love our school! That's our battlecry as we usher in our children through their first day of school. We love OLMC... that's why we are back inspite of our changed world; inspite of the many unknowns looming ahead of the school year 2020-2021. We love our school and we are willing to shore up its weaknesses, harness its strengths, and pray for it so that our children flourish academically, spiritually, physically and socially. Along the way, we as parents of OLMC school children will learn how best to nurture our children's learning environment. For it is true, that our environments do not flourish out of nothing. The Academy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is a second home to our children and being parents dreaming great men and women out of them, we naturally want a hand in navigating the ship to its best sail.

On that note, the OLMC-PG Executive Board confidently welcomes more voices, more hands, and more thoughts during this school year 2020-2021. Come, join us. We will have fun as we create the best situation for our children.

This year's Parents Guild programs have been slated into the school website-calendar. This schedule is updated regularly at the OLMC website. We encourage your participation, attendance in Parents-Guild monthly meetings and are open to suggestions through our contact information below.

Presently, launched programs in the pipeline are:

A. OLMC masks for teachers, staff, students, friends and family

Students coming into the school are required to wear masks. We have engaged a vendor to make it very comfortable for the children without compromising its protective ability. It is the CDC recommended 3-layered mask, with an optional filter, washable and insertable as children can tolerate them, especially in the event of a COVID-19 second wave.

Let's be proud of our school and spread the word of who we are through our uniforms and masks. Please feel free to give them as gifts to friends and family. We are sure, our children will get a kick to see grandma and grandpa wearing the same OLMC masks!

B. E-scrips

We have upgraded our gift-card fundraising to include 700 vendors including Visa, Starbucks, Amazon, Panera and other exciting vendors. This year's goal per student is a rebate earnings total of \$125. Gift cards can be purchased and used at anytime through your smart phone app. It is available as a physical gift card, emailed gift card and digital cards in your phones. Please see the attached details on this program.

C. OLMC Family Runners' Club

We are currently growing a Runners Club to include all members of your family. Resistance to COVID-19 infection and recovery increases with a strong physique through a healthy lifestyle. To join the OLMC Runners Club, register at www.strava.com and type OLMC FAMILY RUNNERS' CLUB. Your physical fitness activities including walking, bicycling, hiking, etc. are tracked as family achievements. We are planning several big enjoyable events as physical fitness becomes a part of your family culture while logging in their achievements in the Runners Club. Let's move and stay fit!



OLMC FAMILY RUNNERS' CLUB

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D. We Love Our School On-line Giving

As in-person events and activities may become prone to cancellation due to the pandemic, it is clear that there's unprecedented need for online fundraising. Available to friends and family who want to support our school, this call to action campaign is time sensitive. Our school needs the availability of immediate resources to adapt to these challenging times, and the Parents Guild responds to this in true Warrior spirit, declaring its virtual

battle cry, “WE LOVE OUR SCHOOL”. This campaign will be actively fundraising through the school’s first trimester.

E. Fall Event/ Drive-In Movie Night

An outdoor movie night complete with popcorn and movie goodies is planned for families to enjoy a cool Autumn night at the Tenafly Field. All these while social distancing and following NJ State safety guidelines.

You might wonder why active fundraising is part of the Parents Guild activities. Presently, our school revenue stream can only cover fixed costs such as salaries, teachers/staff training, supplies and major building repairs. Previous years Parents Guild fundraising covered for:

- Repair of leaks and re-painting of cafeteria/lunchroom.
- Expansion and upgrades (bathrooms)
- Air conditioner units
- New laptops, computer systems, smartboards
- New books
- Repair of Odyssey Theatre Sound system

Please feel free to email us your thoughts at parentsguild@academyolmc.org. We hope to see you at the Parents Guild monthly meetings as scheduled in the web calendar.

Let’s go Warriors and together we will meet the year’s challenges. God bless you with happiness, good health, and His protection.

Sincerely Yours,

OLMC Parents Guild
Executive Board 2020-2021

Maria Sidoti - Co-President
Marlene Bayersdorfer - Co-President
Radame Perez - Vice President
Marie Salvia - Treasurer

E-SCRIPS PROGRAM GIFT-CARDS FUNDRAISING

We are updating our gift-card fundraising to make it more exciting, accessible, easier to use and practical for everyone. Details of the programs are as follows:

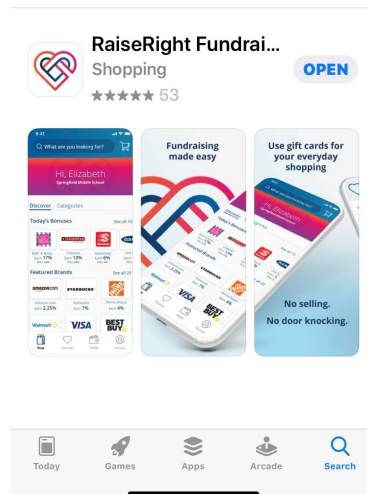
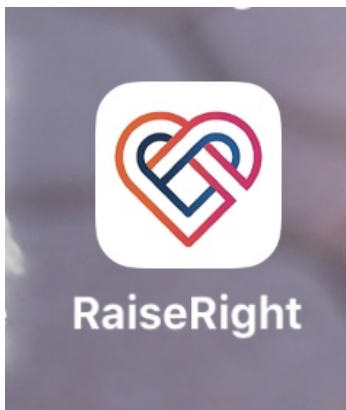
1. Each OLMC student is **required to raise \$125.00** of rebate earnings via the Scrip program. There are 3 options to raise the \$125 goal:
 1. Buy gift cards at anytime through Mary 31st, 2021.
 2. Buy a partial amount of gift cards and pay the balance of unused rebates to OLMC-PG.
 3. Buy out of the program by sending a check of \$125 payable to OLMC-PG. Buying out does not exclude you from buying gift cards at anytime. The website is open to anyone at anytime.
- 4.

How to Join the Program and Purchase Giftcards

Scrips has 700 companies participating in the program. Different brands provide different rebates to our fundraising program.

A. Download Scrips app or open <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/Login>. Enroll and use this enrollment code:

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parent Guild
Tenafly, NJ

Step 1 of 4

Let's create your account

First Name

Last Name

Who are you fundraising for?
Student, athlete, musician, etc.

Name (Optional)

Classroom/Group (Optional)

Next

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B. Fill in your information. It is important that you identify your child's grade and name. Your rebate earnings from gift card purchases will help meet the required \$125 total rebate per OLMC student.

C. If your friends and family are signing up to buy giftcards, please tell them to put your child's name and grade to credit their rebate earnings to his/her name.

B. Set up your payment option by inputing your ACH# or credit card information:

1. ACH payment works like PayPal, checks or debit payments. It has a lower charge. To set up, input your bank routing and account # during your registration. **This has a flat rate charge per transaction of \$.015 (no minimum, no limit).**

2. Credit card: input your credit card info. **Charge per transaction is 2.6% of your purchase.**

What type of gift cards you can buy:

A. **Physical gift cards:** Gift cards purchased are bulked together and mailed to OLMC-PG every first and third Monday of the month. OLMC-PG will be charged a shipping cost of \$8.50 per shipment. We will send your gift card orders through your child or in cases of school closure, schedule a pick-up from school.

Important note: these gift cards are re-loadable. For example, if you are gifting a card to grandma and would click for her to continue using it, you can reload it via Scrips. Keep barcode and pin numbers handy for cases like this.

B. **Digital gift cards** -will appear in your smart phone Scrips app and are ready to use for online or store purchases. At purchase, barcodes or QR codes are scanned by stores or entered in on-line purchase. They are re-loadable.

C. **Emailed gift cards** - barcodes or QR codes are emailed to you and are ready to use. These are NOT reloadable.

What you can do with gift cards? EVERYTHING!

- a. Shopping for needs: food, grocery, school supplies, clothing, gas, household supplies.
- b. Gifts to family, friends, co workers, clients, etc.
- c. Donate to charities, event raffle programs, prizes.
- d. Dine-out, amusement shops and parks
- e. Charge your entire travel to Scrips (Visa, Discover, Disney, Carnival, etc.)
- f. Pay for home improvements (Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, Lowes, Home Depot, Home Goods).

Scrips will keep a record of your purchases and rebates contributed to OLMC-PG. You can easily check your balance through their app or your sign-in web account. OLMC-PG will get an aggregate monthly report as well.

For any question and problems, please contact Maria Sidoti or Marie Salvia at parentsguild@academyolmc.org

Back-to-school shopping is starting soon, please register into Scrips app or website as soon as possible.

Participating retailers (a few of the 700)

Adidas•Airbnb•Amazon•American Airlines•Athlete•Applebees•Banana Republic•Bed Bath & Beyond•Best Buy•Bloomingdales•Bonefish Grill• Boston Market•BP•Burger King•Carnival Cruise Lines•Celebrity Cruise Lines•Chipotle•Cold Stone Creamery•Columbia Sportswear•Container Store•Marriott•Crate & Barrel•Dick's Sporting Goods•Discover Card•Hilton Hotels•Disney•Exxon• Flemings Prime Steakhouse•Groupon•HomeDepot•HomeGoods•Hulu•LLBean•Lands End•Legal Seafoods•Lowe's•Marshalls•Morton's Steakhouse•Neiman Marcus•Nintendo eShop•Nordstrom•Panda Express•Panera•PetSmart•PotteryBarn•Pottery Barn•Red Lobster•Princess Cruise• Ramen San•Red Robin•REI•Renaissance Hotels•Ruth Chris Steakhouse•Saks Fifth Ave•Vera Bradley•Visa•Waldorf Astoria•West Elm•Westin Hotels•Williams Sonoma•XBox•

OLMC MASK SAFETY FUNDRAISER



Support our school and start off the school year safely and in style by pre-ordering our OLMC face masks with our school logo on it.

Masks will come in packs of two and will have one of each of our school logos. (Formal/Athletic).

- Both masks are in Navy color.
- 3 layers as recommended by CDC.
- With adjustable ear straps.
- AntiMicrobial and moisture wicking.
- Made in the USA.
- Washable

We will also have breakaway lanyards and extra refill filters for sale!

You can purchase mask through:

- Online school store at academyolmc.org
- Mail/Email. Pre-order by emailing the order form to parentsguild@academyolmc.org or mailing check and order form to:
OLMC-PG/Mask
Academy of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
10 County Rd.,
Tenafly, NJ 07670
- Pick-up day. Masks unsold after pre-orders will be available for sale at pick up day.

Masks will be available through curbside pick-up at OLMC. Pick up is scheduled on September 4th.

MASK ORDER FORM

NAME _____ . PHONE _____

EMAIL: _____

	Quantity	Total
2 PACK MASK: \$30/pack		
Breakaway Lanyard: \$5.00		
	Total	\$