



OMPH School Scene

Welcome Back, OMPH Students!



The faculty and staff welcomed the children of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. James Parishes back to school on Monday, August 28! The children, excited to see their classmates after the summer break, filled the hallways with laughter and smiles. Both new and

familiar faces greeted our students when they arrived. We are pleased to have Dr. Thomas Castner re-join our faculty for the 2017-18 school year as our interim Principal while Miss Gardner undergoes treatment for her illness. We also welcome Miss Angela Szczecina as our new first grade teacher! Our school-wide theme for this year will be To Jesus, Through Our Blessed Mother Mary. Throughout the year, we will reflect on Mary, who is the patron of our school and the mediatrix who guides us to her son, Jesus. Our school families have been invited to create a family poster sharing how, as a family, they demonstrate their love for Mary. These posters will be displayed on the bulletin boards in our school hallways. During the school year, our school families and parishioners are welcome to join us for our weekly school Mass and other seasonal liturgical celebrations. At our opening school liturgy, Father John held a special blessing of the faculty as they began a new year of ministering to God's children. On September 8, Father will bless the children asking Our Lord to watch over and care for them throughout this new year of learning. On September 14th, our school liturgy will be celebrated by Bishop Gainer in honor of the 60th Anniversary of Our Mother of Perpetual Help School. At each school liturgy, the children will pray for our parishioners and the benefactors of our school. We ask that you also pray for us, that OMPH School will be a place of learning where our love for Jesus continues to grow!



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A New Face in First Grade

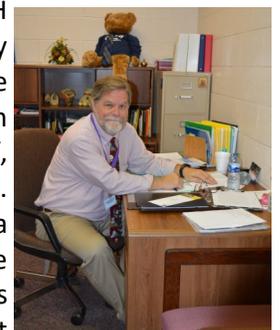
Welcome to Miss Angela Szczecina, our new first grade teacher at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School! Miss Szczecina holds a Bachelors Degree in Early/Primary Education from The University of Scranton. She moved to PA from New Jersey after graduating in May of 2017. She is excited to start her teaching career at OMPH School. Miss Szczecina shares that she was lucky enough to attend Catholic school her entire life, and feels even more blessed to



begin teaching in that same environment. We are happy to have you at OMPH, Miss Szczecina!

A Note from Dr. Castner...

My name is Dr. Tom Castner, and I am filling in for Miss Gardner as your Principal. Before I retired as a school counselor a few years ago, I had the chance to work in many different schools. Having the chance to spend time at OMPH School, I believe you are one of the closest and kindest school families I've ever connected with. I want to thank Father John and Miss Gardner for this opportunity to join and support our OMPH family, and I greatly appreciate the welcoming warmth of our faculty, staff, and students. Together, as a school family, we will fulfill Miss Gardner's wish that



we have a great school year filled with listening, learning, and loving. Welcome back, everyone!