

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

## January 2011 Parent Newsletter



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Monday	January	3	Professional Development Day/NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January	4	Classes Resume/ Gianni's Pizza Sale Begins
Friday	January	7	12PM Dismissal/Faculty Meeting
Monday	January	17	NO SCHOOL/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday	January	19	Gianni's Pizza Order Ends
Sunday	January	30-Feb 5	Catholic Schools Week
Sunday	January	30	Open House 12PM-2PM
Monday	January	31	Progress Reports Go Home
Tuesday	February	1	Gianni Pizza Order Delivery
Friday	February	4	Faculty Meeting/12PM Dismissal

### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The priests, brothers, sisters, faculty and staff of Our Lady of Lourdes School wish our students and their families a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Blessed NEW YEAR. You and your intentions will be remembered in our prayers. Let us live as though we have opened wide the door for Christ into our everyday lives. Merry Christmas to all.

### CHRISTMAS VACATION

School closes for the Christmas holidays at 12PM on Thursday, December 23. School reopens on Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

### BAPTISMS

Hearty Congratulations to the students: Myles Wilcon-Randolph, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Kameron Dutton, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Kendrick Key, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Kymora Howell, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Kendall Key, 1<sup>st</sup> grade who received their Sacrament of Baptism on December 15, 2010. We would like to

thank their parents and God parents (Sr. Julia, Ms. McKnight, Mr. Ross, and Mr. Dotsey, our school teachers). God Bless you all and keep you close to Him all the time.

#### **GIANNI'S PIZZA KIT FUNDRAISER**

Our pizza fundraiser will begin on Tuesday, January 4. Our students will be selling pizza and snack kits just in time for the Super Bowl Sunday. The oldest child in the family will receive the brochure. Prizes will be awarded to the highest sellers.

#### **CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship applications must be received by March 1, 2010. You can apply online at [www.csphiladelphia.org](http://www.csphiladelphia.org) or BLOCS.org. No applications are available at the school.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK & OPEN HOUSE FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR**

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Schools Week Mass will be held at 10:30AM on January 30, 2011. Open house for new families is from 12:00PM to 2:00PM. Pre-Registration applications for 2011-2012 school year are available for new families. New families will have a tour of the school and will have an opportunity to meet the faculty and students.

#### **TUITION**

The final tuition payment for 2010-2011 school year are due in April 2011. We want to remind families that tuition must be paid before the due date. All tuition payments can be mailed into the school or payments can be made at the school office. Families who are behind in their payments will not be eligible for re-registration. Families **ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to send their payments before the due date. Students **ARE NOT** permitted to come to school if tuition is not up to date. Families have a two day grace period for tuition payments, after the grace period a fee of \$25.00 is charged for any late payments.

#### **BERNADETTE SOCIETY**

The Bernadette Society at Our Lady of Lourdes is a society for girls in grades 2-8. Bernadettes participate in special Masses and community outreach programs. You do not

have to be Catholic to be a Bernadette. During the month of December they made food trays for the elderly. Thank you Bernadettes: Jada Boyd, Jessica Hugee, Kayla Williams, Jackie Mason and Sara Bien-Aime.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Replenish school supplies over the Christmas Holiday. Check your child's art box for crayons, markers and glue. Also, please bring in boxes of tissue for the classroom.

### **FIRST PENANCE**

Children who are registered members of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, are at least seven years of age and baptized Catholic are eligible to receive the Sacrament of First Penance and Eucharist. The parents must be practicing Catholic and attend church regularly with their child. The first Penance meeting will take place on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 10:00AM in the Parish Center. Contact Laura McNeely at 215-473-1669. First Penance will be received on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:30PM at the Church.

### **SECOND TRIMESTER PROGRESS REPORTS**

Progress reports for the second trimester will be distributed to students on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Students are required to have parents sign the progress report and return it to their teacher the following school day.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK**

National Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese during the week of January 30 through February 5. We will begin our week with Mass at 10:30AM in Our Lady of Lourdes Church followed by Open House at school Sunday, January 30 from 12:00PM-2:00PM. Some activities planned during the week will include special assemblies, guest speakers and entertainment for the students. Additional information concerning these activities will be sent home.

## GOODSEARCH

Raise money for your school while finding the things you need on the internet. Good Search will donate to “Our Lady of Lourdes School” whenever you search the internet. Make [www. Goodsearch.com](http://www.Goodsearch.com) your home page and help our students without leaving the comfort of your chair just be sure to list “Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School (Philadelphia, PA) when asked Who do you Good Search for?

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year of 2011!*



Oh, God.....

Help us rightly to remember  
the birth of Jesus, that we may share  
in the songs of the angels, the  
gladness of the shepherds, and the  
worship of the wise men.  
And may Christmas morning make  
us happy to be your children.

We pray that God's presence be near and  
dear to you this Christmas.