

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School



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March 2011 Parent Newsletter

Friday	March 4	Faculty Meeting 12PM Dismissal
Monday	March 7	Make-Up Day for Terra Nova Testing
Wednesday	March 9	Ash Wednesday
Friday	March 11	Stations of the Cross for Students at 10:30AM Second Trimester Ends
Monday	March 14	Third Trimester Begins
Thursday	March 17	Happy St. Patrick's Day
Monday	March 21	Report Cards Sent Home
Monday	March 28	Snow Make-Up Day/Students report to school

SEASON OF LENT

Lent Season begins on Wednesday, March 9, 2011. During the season of Lent continue to pray, fast, and do penance. Stations of the Cross for students is scheduled every Friday during Lent season at 10:30AM. Confessions for students will be scheduled during Lent Season for grades 3-8.

WHAT TO GIVE UP?



- Give up complaining—focus on gratitude.
- Give up pessimism—become an optimist.
- Give up harsh judgments—think kindly thoughts.
- Give up worry—trust Divine Providence.
- Give up discouragement—be full of hope.
- Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness.
- Give up hatred—return good for evil.

Give up negativism——be positive.
Give up anger——be more patient.
Give up pettiness——become mature.
Give up gloom——enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up jealousy——pray for trust.
Give up gossiping——control your tongue.
Give up sin——turn to virtue.
Give up giving up——hang in there!

NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS

During the months of March each child is encouraged to bring in the change for the men, women, and children in need. We also encourage using the rice bowl to collect the change and bring in to school during Holy Week. Funds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

CATHOLIC SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Penance, Wednesday March 2, 2011 at 7:30 PM in the Church; First Eucharist Parent Meeting, Sunday, March 27, 2011 at 10:00 AM in Parish Center; First Eucharist, Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 4:00 PM in Church.

INTERESTED IN BEING CATHOLIC?

Any adult interested in being Catholic; learning more about the Catholic Faith; wishing to be baptized? Please contact our Parish DRE, Mrs. Laura McNeely at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center at 215-473-1669.

SECOND ANNUAL MARDI GRAS MASQUERADE

Celebrate one last blast before the fast! Please join us for our second annual Mardi Gras Dinner Dance which will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Mark your Calendars. A FUN EVENING for all! Tickets go on sale February 1, 2011. \$20.00 per person. As of March 1, 2011 and at the door, tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Buffet Dinner, Dancing, small Games of Chance ...BYOB. Join us in having an evening of fun and games before the discipline of Lent! Mardi Gras beads and masks will be provided at the door.

REGISTRATION

A Re-Registration Form was sent home with the students in January. Not all forms were returned. If you are interested in re-registering, please fill out the form and return to school as soon as possible. There is no re-registration fee of \$100.00 for the students already enrolled at Our Lady of Lourdes School. For all those who fail to re-register by Friday, March 11, 2011, a fee of \$75.00 will apply until April 15th and then will go up to \$100.00 per child thereafter. For families that recruit

and encourage new families to register, for each family that registers, is accepted and is remains in good standing until Jan 2012 the recruiting family will receive \$100 off their tuition payment in Jan 2012.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our Lady of Lourdes will continue to offer Pre-Kindergarten for 2011-2012 school year only full time. **Children must be four years of age by September 1, 2011 to register.** Applications are available in the school office and the school website: ourladylourdesschool.com

RESISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for registration, families must meet certain requirements listed in the School Policy Book. A student must be in good standing both academically and behaviorally. Parents must demonstrate a spirit of cooperation and have no outstanding fees. Registration Agreement Forms will be returned to families not meeting these requirements.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

Applications for BLOCS and the Children's Scholarship Fund are available online. Please take advantage of these scholarships. Applications are available online at www.BLOCS.org the deadline is April 15, 2011 www.csphiladelphia.org the deadline is March 1, 2011. All applications must be mailed to address on the application. **DO NOT RETURN APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL**

MARKS CLOSE

Marks close for the second trimester on Friday, March 11. Students having failing grades or unfinished projects should check with their teachers before marks close to see if work can be submitted for a passing grade. Report cards will be distributed, on Monday, March 21 to the students. If tuition and lab fees are not up to date your child may not return to school on Tuesday, March 22 and will not receive a report card. Parents needing to see teachers must request an appointment. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child is passing all subjects.

SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

The second trimester report cards will be distributed to students at the end of the day on Monday, March 21. We ask that parents sign the report card and return it to school by Tuesday, March 22. Teachers have no way of knowing if parents received the report cards unless the parent's signature is on the report card. Parents needing to keep the report card for an extended time must put this request in

writing to the teacher. All the tuition and material fee must be up-to-date in order to receive a report card.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Report card conferences for the second trimester will be available ONLY upon a parent or teachers request. Appointment is necessary. Students must attend the conference with their parents. Parents must meet with the teacher if their child has a failing grade on their report card.

DELINQUENT TUITION

In the past months, several families with severe delinquencies on their tuition accounts were put on suspension. We regret having to suspend our students from attending school for financial reasons; however, the tuition is the only source of income for the school.

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 your home page and help our students without leaving the comfort of your chair just to be sure to list “Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School Philadelphia, PA when asked who do you Good Search for?

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Mr. Brooker, CYO Director along with Mr. Liberis who will be helping with the track team will send out information at a later date for grades 4 through 8.

STUDENT COUNCIL

OLL Students Council students would like to thank all the students and parents/guardians for their contribution to the Bake Sale. As always your help is greatly appreciated. God Bless you all.

Remember to Re-register for 2011-2012 School Year!