

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School October 2010 Parent Newsletter



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Friday	October	1	Faculty Meeting ½ day Dismissal at 12PM
Monday	October	4	The Sermon on the Mount/Presentation by Biblical Actor Frank Runyeon at 7:30 PM in the Church
Wednesday	October	6	After School Music Program Begins
Monday	October	15	Professional Development Day/NO SCHOOL
Monday	October	17-22	Book Fair Week
Monday	October	18	Fall Fundraiser Begins
Monday	October	25	Progress Reports Sent Home
Saturday	November	6	Parish Fund & Friend-Raiser at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall. Autumn-themed Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Anyone interested in learning “more” about the catholic faith –or any catholic or non-Catholics interested in receiving Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation should contact Laura McNeely, Director of Religious Education at 215-473-1669. CCD classes began on Sunday, September 19, 2010

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

High school information night was held during September at Visitation BVM. Representatives from area high schools will be available with information regarding admission. Parents and students in grades 7 and 8 are welcome to attend.

September 28, 2010, 7-9PM

Visitation BVM

300 E. Lehigh Ave.

Philadelphia PA 19125

215-634-7280

HOT LUNCH BEGINS

Ms. Williams and Br. Gerard be in charge for 2010-2011 Hot Lunch Program. We will begin to serve Hot Lunch on Monday, October 11. **HOT LUNCH ORDERS WERE DUE AT THE OFFICE BY Thursday, September 30.** We are unable to serve the hot lunch to any student who did not have his/her order in by the due date. We ask you to order for the month instead of weekly or biweekly. Students who did not order for October must wait until the end of October to order for November. Students who did not get their orders in on time must bring their lunches to school.

Hot lunch order forms and menus are available on the **school website**. If you are not sure of the Free and reduced Lunch, please make sure to pay the full price for the lunches. There are 15 days of Hot Lunch for the month of October from Oct.11-29. Prices are \$0.00 (Free), \$.40 (Reduced) for both Elementary and Junior High, full price \$1.90 (Elementary) \$2.00 (Junior High). Elementary is Pre-K thru 5 and Junior High is 6-8. Payments for Hot Lunch will only be accepted with cash or money orders made out to Our Lady of Lourdes School **No Checks** and there will be No Change or No Refund given even if a student is absent it will not count for an extra day.

HOT LUNCH STATUS

Families can apply for free or reduced rate status for Hot Lunch. Applications were sent home in September. Families who have submitted forms must wait for official approval before children can be put on free or reduced rates. All families must pay full price for lunch until they are notified through the school or the Child Nutrition Office concerning their status for free or reduced rates. Families who were on free or reduced rates last year must submit a new application for the 2010-2011 school year.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The United States Bishops have designated October as Respect Life Month. During this time we renew our commitment to build a culture of life in our society. The Archdiocese traditionally begins the month with a Mass of celebration of life on the first Sunday of October at the **Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul**. All school families are invited to attend this special celebration. The participation of our youth will send a strong message of hope for the future or pro-life ideals.

WALKATHON

We will have our yearly Walkathon on Thursday, October 29 from 1:30 to 2:30 PM at School. Students should wear their gym uniforms for the Walkathon. The purpose of the yearly Walkathon is to raise funds for our school. We depend on our families supporting these events. This year we ask that families pledge a minimum of \$25.00 per family if possible. Fill out the Family Pledge Sheet and return to school with your donation anytime during month of October 1-29.

DINNER DANCE: FALL FEST

Please, help to support this fund raiser for our school children. We encourage all families to purchase at least one ticket. A wonderful menu, dancing, silent auction –all for only **\$30.00 per person, \$50.00 for couples, \$75.00 for a family of three and \$100.00 for a family of four or more**. All proceeds will benefit Our Lady of Lourdes School. The Fall Fest will take place on November 6, 2010 at 6:30PM at Our Lady of Lourdes School Hall. The doors will open at 6PM with dinner served at 6:30PM. Tickets are available at the Parish Center as well as in the Narthex of the Church. If anyone can donate or have a company donate something for the Silent Auction, it would be greatly appreciated. Please, pass the word and join us Saturday, November 6th !!! To purchase the tickets please contact Parish center: 215-473-1669 and school office: 215-877-2727. Thank you for your continued support.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports for the first trimester will be sent home on Monday, October 25. Parents must sign the progress report and return it to their child's teacher on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Parents should be aware that if a teacher requests a conference parents must respond. Teachers will put

their request in writing on the progress report. Parents may respond to the teacher's request on the progress report.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our Lady of Lourdes School will be collecting candy for the Halloween Party from October 18-22. Every Student who attends the party will get a bag of candy for a treat on October 29, 2010. There will be a haunted hallway and DJ party. More details will follow.

SCHOOL BUS

Bus service to and from school is provided through the Philadelphia School District. Families needing bus service must submit their request in writing at the beginning of the school year. Requests are submitted to the school district. Approval for bus service is dependent on the families' home addresses and distance from the school. We are not able to request changes in bus stops that involve students going to other addresses other than where they live. Bus stops cannot be changed unless the stop scheduled for a student was a mistake and very far from their home address. We ask that families consider not asking for changes throughout the year once the bus schedule is set unless it is an emergency. Requests for changes sometimes involve changing schedules for other students.

Children may not eat or drink on the bus—they must keep their head and arms inside the bus window at all times. Bus rules must be followed or children will not be allowed to ride the school bus.

WINTER UNIFORM

Students will change to the fall/winter uniform beginning Monday, October 11. Refer to student handbook for complete uniform dress code, make-up and jewelry policies. Demerits or detentions will be given for non-compliance.

SCHOOL FEES

When sending money to the office we ask that parents enclose money in an envelope indicating the name of the **child, grade and purpose of the payment. Please remember to make your tuition and lab fee payment before or/and on the 20th of each month. All July, August and September tuition and lab fees should be up to date.**

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th. Students will have their pictures taken during school hours. Order forms will be sent home at the end of September. **WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our fall fundraiser will begin Monday, October 18 and end on Monday, November 8. We will be using the Yankee Candles. We also have a new fundraiser we are doing called Claire's Gourmet. Please support us to raise money for the school.

MARKET DAY ORDERS

Please remember to place your monthly Market Day Order. Visit www.marketday.com our School account number is 27745. Students who sell at least one item will receive a free dress down day. E-mail questions to ollmarketday@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2010

Animal Blessing is scheduled on October 3, 2010 in front of the Church after the 10:30AM Mass. Please bring your animals to be blessed.

PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Any parent of an 8th grade student that needs transcripts sent to High Schools, please send in a self-stamped addressed envelope to the school office. In order for any transcripts to be sent out all Tuition and Material Fees must be up to date.

STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOOL STORE

Student council will be selling various school supplies and seasonal items during the school day. List is available below. See the items and the prices. It will start next week. Students will have a tour of the items this Friday, October 1, 2010.

NO SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 15 , 2010 and
NO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 1,2010

Our Lady of Lourdes

Store order form

Name : _____

Date: _____ Grade: _____

Product you wish to purchase: _____

Products include:

Folders-\$1.00 each Amount _____

Notebooks-\$2.00 each Amount _____

Eraser packs-\$2.00 each Amount _____

Crazy erasers-\$2.00 a pack Amount _____

Highlighters-\$2.50 Amount _____

B dazzled scissors-\$2.75 Amount _____

Shaped post-its-\$3.00 Amount _____

Mini pens-2 pens for \$1.00 Amount _____

Bubbles-\$0.50 Amount _____

Paddle games-\$1.00 Amount _____

Rings-\$0.10 Amount _____

Memo pads-\$1.00 Amount _____

Halloween erasers-\$0.25 Amount _____

Halloween pencils-\$0.25 Amount _____

Regular pencils-\$0.20 Amount _____

Games-\$1.00 Amount _____

Large calculator-\$1.00 Amount _____

Glasses-\$1.00 Amount _____

Loose leaf-\$1.00 Amount _____

Crayons-\$1.00 Amount _____

Hair clips-\$1.00 Amount _____

Glue sticks-\$0.50 Amount _____

Pens-\$0.50 Amount _____

Bookmarks-\$0.50 Amount _____

Jumbo calculator-\$5.00 Amount _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____