



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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SEPTEMBER NEWS

Dear Parents,

As your new principal, I'd like to welcome you back to a new school year. I have heard many wonderful things about Our Lady of Lourdes School from Father James and Sister Rose Mary and I am thrilled to be with you. Having spent the last eleven years in administration, I learned quickly that the faculty and principal collaborating together make a successful school. Hence the motto, "One Team, One Goal, No Limits."

Everyone has been working hard getting ready for a new beginning. We are excited and believe the coming year will be filled with as much enthusiasm for learning as ever. We are challenged as teachers and parents to prepare our children to meet the needs of our Church, our country and the society in which we live. We need to take every opportunity to share out faith and values with them to meet this challenge.

For those of you who are with us for the first time, we would like to welcome you. Parents, please stop by and introduce yourselves and know that my door is always open. The teachers and I are here to assist you in the education of your children. We are *One Team* (Parish, School, family) with *One Goal* (helping our children become all that they can be) and together there are *No Limits* (to what we can accomplish).

May we have a very happy and fruitful year.

May God Bless You,

Ms. Colleen Noone
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 6 Pre-K and K Parent/Teacher Orientation – 7 PM
- Sept. 7 Opening of School for Grades 1-8 – ½ Day Early Dismissal – 12:00 PM
- Sept. 8 ½ Day Early Dismissal – 12:00 PM (Grades 1-8)
- Sept. 9 ½ Day Early Dismissal – 12:00 PM (Grades 1-8)
- Sept. 12 Pre-K and K Opening (All Week ½ Day Early Dismissal – 12:00 PM)
Grades 1-8 – Full Day (Dismissal at 2:55 PM)
CARES Open morning 6:30 – 8:00 AM/afternoon 3:00-6:00 PM
- Sept. 14 Grades 1-8 Parent/Teacher Orientation – 7 PM
- Sept. 19 Full Day classes begin for Pre-K and K
- Sept. 21 Grand Café Desserts Sale Begins
- Sept. 23 NO SCHOOL – in Honor of Our Lady of Mercy
- Sept. 27 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day for Teachers



Our Lady of Mercy, Pray for Us

STAFF AND FACULTY – 2011-2012

Pastor: Fr. James Mayer, O.de M.
Principal Ms. Colleen Noone
Vice Principal Sr. Eleanora Anthonappa, SOLM
Secretary Mrs. McDonald

Pre-Kindergarten Sr. Sunitha Kurumthodathu, SOLM
Kindergarten Mrs. Leonetti-Johnson
1st Grade Ms. McKnight
2nd Grade Sr. Julia Balu, SOLM
3rd Grade Ms. Barcoski
4th Grade Mrs. Heim
5th Grade Sr. Eleanora Anthonappa, SOLM
6th Grade Mr. Mullholland
7th Grade Mr. Dotsey
8th Grade Mr. Miller
Library Mrs. Jimmo
Art Ms. Searles
Music Mr. Ross
Computer TBA

Title 1 Reading Mrs. Fuhermeister

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Grades 1-8 will begin school on Wednesday, September 7 with 12 PM dismissal on September 7, 8, and 9. Full day classes begin Monday, September 12 with dismissal at 2:55 PM.

Pre-K and K will begin school on Monday, September 12 with dismissal 12 PM the whole week. Full day classes for PK and K will begin Monday, September 19.

School is in session from 8:10 AM until 2:55 PM. Students arriving after 8:10 must report to the office for a late slip.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The Back to School Night for parents of children in Pre-K and Kindergarten is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6 and for Grades 1 through 8 is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14. The program will begin at 7:00 PM. The Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents will proceed directly to the classroom where the teachers will explain their curriculum and class expectations. For Grades 1-8, parents are asked to report to the school lunch room first. After a brief introduction, they will be dismissed to meet the teachers. We ask that no child/ren attend this meeting, it is for parents only. **It is a mandatory meeting.** We hope to see everyone.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The teachers will begin to post homework and announcements on the web. Parents should email teachers with any questions or concerns they have about their child. Do not expect the reply during the school hours. Teachers are allowed to e-mail during their prep time or/and after school hours. The email addresses are:

Sr. Sunitha gradepk@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Leonetti-Johnson gradek@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. McKnight grade1@ourladylourdesschool.com
Sr. Julia Balu, SOLM grade2@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. Barcoski grade3@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Heim grade4@ourladylourdesschool.com
Sr. Eleanora, SOLM grade5@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Mullholland grade6@ourladylourdesschool.com

Mr. Dotsey grade7@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Miller grade8@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. Searles art@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Ross music@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Fuhermeister reading@ourladylourdesschool.com
(Title 1 reading teacher)

CARES PROGRAM

The CARES Program: before and after-school care will begin on Monday, September 12 for students in grades K through 8. CARES program for Pre-K will start Monday, September 19. Parents must send to school the CARES Registration Form and payment of \$25.00 before the children can participate in the program. Registration information is on the web.

STUDENT COUNCIL INSTALLATION

Installation of the Student Council officers and class representatives is scheduled to take place after the 8:30AM Mass on Wednesday, September 21. Parents and friends are invited to attend. We congratulate the following students:

President: Celina Jones
Vice-President: Rex Haye
Treasurer: Sara Bien-Aime
Secretary: Kimberly Anderson

Grade Representatives

Grade 7	Yahnira Dogan Lawrence Trahan	Brandi Jones
Grade 6	Samantha Scroggins	
Grade 5	Ahmarri Jenkins Alexander Brown Patrick Hewitt	Desiree Junfijiah Sydney Haye Carington Hooks
Grade 4	Kymora Howell Ameera Alade	Charles Haynes Tiniti Massenburg

SHELTER IN PLACE SUPPLIES

All students must bring a “shelter in place” food bag to school. We are asking for a gallon size food bag containing a 16oz bottle of water and a non-perishable snack such as saltine crackers, graham crackers, or cereal bars for your child. **Please do not bring any food with nuts or peanut butter.**

UNIFORM POLICY

Parents are once again reminded that golf shirts must be worn tucked into the uniform skirt and trousers. Please no oversized golf shirts. This year the uniform store is selling a banded golf shirt. The length of the uniform jumper and skirt for girls is at the knee not above the knee. Please remember that the white golf shirts are worn by the girls and the light blue golf shirts are worn by the boys. The uniform policy is strictly enforced.

MEDICATIONS

If a student has a food allergy, asthma, or other life threatening condition the parent must supply the school with the proper medication. Failure to do so may result in

your child being suspended from school until the medication is received in the school office. All medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached.

GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOK FORM

Each family is asked to complete the Government Textbook Form and return it to school in the Family Envelope. We are required to keep an updated form for each family on file.

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

The updated Parent-Student Handbook is found on our school website. Please read and discuss the handbook and school policies with your child. All parents and students must sign the policy book agreement in September.

HOT LUNCH MANAGER

Ms. Williams is our Hot Lunch Supervisor and Br. Gerard is our Hot Lunch Manager. Hot Lunch will begin on Monday, October 3, 2011. All students must bring lunch from home in September. Parents are not permitted to deliver lunches on a daily basis. **NO FAST FOOD.**

Families interested in ordering Hot Lunch for the month of October should fill out the Monthly Order Form (money enclosed) that will be distributed to the students the latter part of September. **Hot Lunch must be paid in advance.** Students **may not** pay for lunch on a daily basis. There are **no refunds** if a child is absent or leaves school early.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents must call the school before 9 AM on days your child is absent. The absent note with the reason must be brought to school when the students return to school.

EMERGENCY FORMS

If you have not yet filled out your child/ren Emergency Form, please complete the form and send back to school in the Family Envelope during first week of school. In cases of any emergencies, we need to have current emergency numbers on file. Please inform the office if any of the emergency numbers change throughout the school year.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL FOR CARS

Cars coming into the schoolyard at the beginning and end of the day must form a line. Parents are asked to stay in their cars. Students are not permitted to walk through the schoolyard. Teachers will put children into cars one car at a time. We ask for your cooperation and patience with the arrival and dismissal procedure for cars. This procedure will ensure the safety of all students and parents.

TELEPHONE USE/MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS

No student may call home during the school day. Please make sure that students have all materials, assignments and other needed items before leaving home. Students may not call home for homework, permission slips or to change their dismissal arrangements. Should the need arise to get a message to your student, please call the school office allowing sufficient time to deliver your message. Any student found using a cell phone on school grounds will have the device confiscated and held by the principal until picked up by a parent. We are not responsible for lost and/or damaged phones.

ELECTRONICS/UNWANTED MATERIALS

Students are not permitted to possess the following items on school property or at school functions: Electronic games or devices, including PDAs, MP3 players, iPods, CD players, gameboys, PSP, cameras, etc... are not permitted at any time on school grounds.

Any electronic device found on a student during the regular school day will be confiscated. Laser pens or laser pointers, as well as liquid correcting fluid, are not permitted. We are not responsible for lost or/and damaged items.

ELWYN PERMISSION FORMS

Enclosed in this month's family envelope is an Elwyn permission form. This is a "universal" permission form allowing students to receive any of the services offered through the program. Please sign and return the form by Monday, September 13.

FALL FUNDRAISER

Our fall fundraiser will begin on Wednesday, September 21st and end on Monday, October 31st. We will be using Grand Café Desserts. Please support our efforts to raise money for the school.

REMINDERS

Return in the Family Envelope by first week of school or on Monday, September 12.

1. Government Textbook Form/Policy Book Form
2. Family Emergency Form
3. CARES Registration Form and \$25
4. Emergency Medical Form (those who did not submit)
5. Acceptable Use Policy for Technology and permission form
6. Elwyn "Universal" permission form
7. Shelter in place bags

