

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Newsletter

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School forms leaders of tomorrow by expanding minds, touching hearts and nurturing spirits through the traditions and teachings of the Catholic faith.

Dear Our Lady Families,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a terrific fall break! It's great to be back together. We have a very eventful second quarter, with lots of learning and family events! Here's the latest news...

Thank You! Moms and dads, we really appreciate the time you took to be at parent conferences so we can know your children better and team together to give them the best education possible. We ran middle school conferences as a round table discussion with all teachers, counselor and myself at the table. We are particularly proud of our students for being part of each middle school conference and sharing what they want help with or what they feel are their strengths and challenges. We're now on to a new quarter and fresh start this week with more support in place!

Report Cards Will be available to parents and students on Thursday evening, October 19. If you have any problems with Jupiter, Mrs. Horton at thorton@olphna.org can assist.

Keep Payments Current Please remit tuition, Café and Aftercare bills on time. If more time is needed to pay, please communicate with Office Manager, Connie Andres, or me. We are glad to work with families regarding extenuating circumstances.

Extra Help with Math, Language Arts We hear the need for more support for some of our middle school students, particularly in Math. Here are some of the ways we are meeting this need.

1.) Extra interventions and practice will be given to Gr. 7 & 8 students who need more review of skills or did not pass ISTEP in Math and Language Arts. During Study Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, Mrs. Bauerla and Mrs. Russell-Read will work with these students.

2.) Providence High students often offer service hours to mentor students in Math without cost. Jaimie McRae, Providence High Guidance Counselor, can help link a Providence High student with ours, so let us know if you are interested. We may even have an Our Lady alum or two back to mentor.

3.) For extended time and attention, you may want to employ a tutor. Mr. Stemle and Mrs. Ernspiker tutor after school. Mrs. Ernspiker has a flier online today with her information. As we have more names to share, we'll send that information out.

4.) Oftentimes, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Schrock are willing to see students from 7:15-7:35 AM before classes to answer questions or work through a Math problem or two. Students need to speak with these instructors to receive permission to come from the gym.

Parents, please keep communication open so we can hear your concerns, the needs of your child and try to offer extra time and support.

NJHS Officers Congratulations to our NJHS Officers for the 2017-18 school year: President-Cade Carver; Vice President- Jackson Folz; Secretary- Nathan Ross; Treasurer- Jacob Kaiser; Induction- Jackson Kaiser and John Walthers; Service- Zain Butt and Cody Jackson; Fundraising- Ethan Richards and Alex Kemp. Way to go, gentlemen! Scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship are the hallmarks of NJHS. We look forward to a great year under your leadership!

Academic Olympic Tryouts Calling sixth, seventh and eighth graders to try out for Our Lady's quick recall team! Requirements for participants are a C or better in all classes, Satisfactory in conduct with less than 5 demerits each quarter, and attendance at practice once a week for an hour. Try-outs will take place in Mrs. Woods' classroom from 3:00-4:30 PM on Mon., October 23-Gr.8; Wed., October 25-Gr. 7 and Thurs., October 26-Gr. 6. Competition between other Deanery schools will be in February, so we look forward to awesome teams representing Our Lady!

Science Fair On Tuesday, October 24, it's Science Fair Day at Our Lady. We celebrate the scientific process and oh, so many great hypotheses and proofs! Classes will observe projects in the morning, then at 6:15-7:30 PM we welcome parents, grandparents and guests to join us in the gym. You will see amazing display boards, samples, specimens, evidence of experiments and grand educated guesses! Meet our scientific minds and their role model, Mrs. Sarah Carver! I learn so much from them each year! Winners go on to represent Our Lady on November 2 at Providence High School in the New Albany Deanery Science Fair.

Student Council News Wow! Do we have a lot happening the next two weeks as Student Council has two service projects and Red Ribbon Week activities! Mon., October 23 is "Colors for Chloe Day!" PreKindergartner, Chloe Schafer, is fighting tumors and paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration. Student Council is asking for donations of \$2 per student to wear a pink, purple or your favorite color T shirt, wrist band, hair accessory, along with uniform shorts or pants. (House shirts are fine; please do not feel you need to buy a new shirt. A ribbon or crepe paper wrist band or headband are fine!) We want her to feel the love and know that her school family is behind her in prayer and goodness to help at this difficult time.

Our Lady students are saying no to drugs and bullying! During Red Ribbon Week, October 26- 31, Student Council, along with Mrs. Gilbert, have some fun activities planned for the school to show our stance against drugs and bullying!

Thursday, October 26 "Don't Get Crazy—Say No to Drugs!" Students may wear crazy hats, hair and socks.

Friday, October 27 "Let Faith Grow—Not Addiction!" Students, faculty and staff spend extra time in prayer, particularly for those struggling with unhealthy choices.

Monday, October 30 "Be on a Drug Free Team Today!" It's extracurricular jersey day, but keep the bottoms uniform shorts or pants. At 2:10-2:40 PM on Monday, feel free to join us for the Student Council vs. Faculty Kick Ball Game!

Tuesday, October 31 is our Halloween Walkathon. To participate in the Walkathon, each student is asked to support **Hope Southern Indiana** by bringing in pasta/side dishes, canned or dried beans, all varieties of canned or packaged soups, and basic hygiene items to bless those in need. There is quite the House competition going on to stock the pantry, too! Thank you, students, for giving up a treat or using your allowance to help others. We'll complete Red Ribbon Week activities on Tuesday with the theme, "Make Goodness Great Again—Stomp Out Bullying!" as we walk together as a school family!

Halloween Walkathon The ever popular Our Lady Walkathon is on Tues., October 31. This is for the whole school and families are invited to walk along. Students may dress in Halloween costumes. We will have stations along our route with water and incentives. Here is our schedule for the day: Assembly/Opening Prayer in the gym at 9:15 AM. Walkathon is from 9:30-10:45 AM. We are on a regular lunch schedule. Trips down the Middle School Haunted Hallway and classroom parties will be held in the afternoon. Early Preschool, Preschool and Pre K classes please follow your classroom newsletter for the schedule of events for our youngest students. Preschoolers will have their own walkathon and party day on Mon., October 30, so read Miss Naville's class news for details.

Halloween Costumes Please keep it positive and fun on the costumes you choose to wear to school on Tues., October 31. No blood, gore, or super scary masks; no risqué or revealing costumes; no fake weapons, swords, guns, sabers, etc. are allowed. Save the ultra-creepy or intricate accessories for your evening events. We are a Catholic school family and will be walking, so do not want our youngest students upset. It's very important that students have comfortable tennis shoes for walking and can see well, so no masks during the walk but face paint is allowed. Children should be able to move easily in their costumes and attend to restroom needs on their own. We will be going outside for recess, too, so thanks for keeping costumes manageable. Students do not have to dress in costume and may wear a spirit shirt, jeans and tennis shoes. Students not caught up with homework will have to sit out of the Walkathon, so plan now to have all your work in because Our Lady's Walkathon is too fun to miss!

PTO News 1.) **Halloween Parties** are on Mon., October 30 for Preschool and Tues., October 31 for Early Preschool, Pre K and K-Gr. 8 classes.

2.) **Trunk or Treat** will be held on Sat., October 28 following the 5:30 PM Mass. After Mass, Our Lady Men's Club will be serving chili and hot dogs. Proceeds from food sales will go to help Mrs. Gilland with her medical expenses. **PTO Trunk or Treat** will be 7:00-8:30 PM with decorating of cars beginning at 6:45 PM. Enjoy trick or treating and the creepy, creative trunks of treats in the parking lot. See the flier online for details.

3.) **Boxtop Collection** Please clip and collect Box Tops For Education. It's appreciated if you put them in baggies of 50 each and put any "bonus" box tops in a separate bag. We are collecting now and every little bit helps earn funds for PTO! Middle schoolers, you can get House points for collecting Boxtops, too!

4.) **Save the Date!** PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar is Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM. A colorful flier and vendor application is online!

Veteran's Day Once again, please help us reach out to the veterans in your families and in our parish and school community. It is important for our students to make a connection to the history and sacrifice so many families have made by having a loved one in the military protecting our safety and freedom. Veterans and spouses, plan now to join us on Fri., November 10 from 8:00-10:00 AM for breakfast, display of military memorabilia and a special program in your honor. Look for the reservation form, memorabilia request and Wall of Tribute information online at the end of the week

Whew! This active, progressive school keeps us moving! Thanks for keeping up with all these details!

I'm wishing you a week of gratitude and goodness,
Mary Ann

CAREER DAY

We are moving Career Day **back to the fall** and it is quickly approaching! We are interested in parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. that would love to share their career and/or vocation with the students here at Our Lady!

Career Day will be **Tuesday November 7th from 11:30-2:30** in the gym (**rain date is Wednesday November 8th**). If you are interested in participating, please print a Career Day form under the "links" on the newsletter page on the Our Lady website, or email Mrs. Gilbert to request one. Please return the form back to Mrs. Gilbert no later than **Wednesday October 25th** via email or send it in with your child. Any questions please contact me at [812\) 944-7676 x1016](tel:8129447676) or bgilbert@olphna.org . Once you are signed up, more information will be coming your way!

Thank you for sharing your time and enriching the lives of Our Lady students!

Bri Gilbert
School Counselor and Special Education Coordinator

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 18	1 st Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Thursday, Oct. 19	8:00 AM School Picture Re-take Day (Out of uniform for those having a picture taken) Parents have access to report cards in Jupiter.
Friday, Oct. 20	8:00 AM All School Mass Double O Club goes to McDonald's
Monday, Oct. 23	"Colors for Chloe" Day – donate \$2 and wear pink or purple
Tuesday, Oct. 24	Science Fair in gym – 3:15-6:00 PM, Judging; 6:15-7:30 PM, view projects
Thursday, Oct. 26	Begin Red Ribbon Week – "Don't Get Crazy – Say No to Drugs" (Wear crazy socks, hair and hats)
Friday, Oct. 27	"Let Faith Grow – Not Addictions" (Wear School Spirit Shirts with uniform pants or shorts) Kindergarten to Deere Farms
Saturday, Oct. 28	5:30 PM – Mass at Our Lady After Mass, Our Lady Men's Club will be serving chili and hot dogs. Proceeds from food sales will go to help Mrs. Gilland with her medical expenses. PTO Trunk or Treat will be 7:00-8:30 PM with decorating of cars beginning at 6:45 PM.
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Wednesday, Nov. 1	All Saints Day – 8:00 AM All School Mass – 1 st Grade Saints Parade