

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Newsletter

We are on God's Mission

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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,

We have so much to be proud of! Our Veterans Day program was well-attended and appreciated by many. Providence's Open House and performance of Godspell were awesome, and our eighth and sixth graders are bustling with service and prayerfulness today. Thanks for reading on for more news...

Parent Satisfaction Survey The Marketing, Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee of School Commission is asking all school families to complete a parent satisfaction survey online. Submission of the survey will be from Nov. 20-Dec. 8. We are hoping for a response from each school family. Once we receive 2/3 of the surveys, students will gain an Out of Uniform Day and our Preschoolers will get a treat, too. Please follow the instructions and submit electronically. We are grateful for your genuine, candid answers to gain constructive feedback and continually improve.

Retreats and Service Days Thank you for your prayers and support as our middle school students have been on retreat and participated in service. We are grateful for Wendy Kaiser who once again organized Operation Christmas Child, Michelle Braden who is spearheading efforts with the Angel Tree, Sonja Russell for coordinating the NET Ministry Team and Gasper River Retreat. Thanks to our parent chaperones, Dan Abel, Greg Bottorff and Abdul Butt along with our office staff and middle school team of teachers who make this magic happen and coordinate all details. We hope you are hearing lots about the retreats at home from your children. Living our faith and nurturing the pride and goodness of Catholicism are key.

Operation Christmas Child Thank you for your generosity! Wendy Kaiser delivered 285 boxes to the distribution center to be sent to children in need this Christmas. The fruit of the spirit of charity is alive at Our Lady!

Student Council A huge thank you to Student Council officers, McKenna Brown, David Wade and Cailey Welch for attending the Indiana Association of Student Councils State Conference on Saturday in Indianapolis. They bring back lots of ideas and exuberance to drive our Student Council to honor status. Special thanks to McKenna's dad, Mike, for driving and spending the day in Indy, too.

PTO News Thanks to our first and seventh grade families for providing delicious foods for our Faculty and Staff Luncheon today. The next PTO meeting is on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 PM in the Faculty Workroom. We hope to see lots of parents there. Don't miss the Craft Bazaar on Sat., Dec. 2 from 10-3. You can get your Christmas shopping done right here at Our Lady thanks to the many talented vendors. A Secret Santa Workshop will be available for youngsters to shop, too!

Coat Drive Our Lady's NJHS students are collecting gently used coats, blankets, sleeping bags for those in need. We will collect items Wed., Nov. 29-Friday, Dec. 1 through the pedway at arrival and dismissal times. Thank you for donating to keep others warm this winter season.

Calendar Dates for 2018-19 Our complete school calendar for 2018-19 will be published next semester, but here are some dates so families may plan ahead. Our Lady aligns with our county public school, New Albany-Floyd Co. and Providence High School, but some dates may vary.

First Day of School for Preschool- Gr. 8- Wed., July 25

Intercession Week- Oct. 1-5; School may be in session for weather/emergency make-up

Fall Break- Mon.-Fri., Oct. 8-12

Thanksgiving Break- Wed.- Fri., Nov. 21-23

Christmas Break- Dec. 19-Jan. 2

Intercession Week- March 18-22; School may be in session for weather/emergency make-up

Spring Break- Mon.-Fri., March 25-29

Last Day of School- Fri., May 24

I'll see you at our All-School Mass on Friday and wish all families a very blessed Thanksgiving!

Warmly,

Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 17	8:00 AM All School Mass
Monday & Tuesday, Nov.20-21	7 th Grade Overnight at Gasper River
Monday, Nov. 20	8 th Grade Shadow Day at Providence High School
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Parish Thanksgiving Feast in Wagner Hall following the 5:30 PM Mass
Wed., Thurs., Fri.- Nov. 22,23,24	- THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
Saturday, Dec. 2	PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar , 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 3	Beginning of Advent Season
Monday, Dec. 4	SPIRIT DAY
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Happy Saint Nicholas Day! Grs. 5-8 Trip to Actor's Theater
Thursday, Dec. 7	9:30 AM – Reconciliation Service for Grs. 3-8 in Church Grs. 2-4 Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30 PM in Gym
Friday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – 8:00 AM All School Mass
Saturday, Dec. 9	First Reconciliation, 10:00 AM in Church
Friday, Dec. 15	Middle School Holiday Dance
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 18 & 19	Classroom Holiday Parties
Tuesday, December 19	2 nd Quarter Ends – End of 1 st Semester
Wed., Dec. 20-Tues., Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Classes Resume following Christmas Break