

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,

Congratulations to the 37 second graders from our parish and school who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday. We are especially grateful for the attendance and participation of so many parents and grandparents at this sacrament. Added grace and forgiveness are yours!

Sending Blessings Mrs. Alison Ernspiker, middle school Social Studies long-term sub, and instructional assistant, Miss Sierra Davis, are completing their assignments at Our Lady. We wish them the very best as Alison will be on our sub list and Sierra moves forward with more lab work for her Education degree. Thank you for the hard work and many gifts you have shared while at Our Lady!

Candy Grams will be on sale in the gym Dec. 13-15 from **National Junior Honor Society** students. Be sure to order your Candy grams for just \$1 each. Send friends, siblings, etc. a sweet note of Christmas cheer! See the order form posted on our website.

Youngest Carolers Preschool and Pre K students are traveling to Providence Retirement Home and Autumn Hills Retirement Center today and on Friday, Dec. 15 to share some holiday cheer as they sing Christmas carols with the residents. The students will also send cards and artwork to their senior friends.

Middle School Dance Party! On Friday, Dec. 15, Gr. 5-8 students will be treated to a Dance Party complete with creative dances, grade level challenges, light-hearted holiday fun, drawings, Q'Doba queso & chips, soft drinks, cookies and Our Lady's famous DJ, Brent Rogers! Don't miss this time with friends, so plan now to be at our Holiday Dance Party from 3:00-4:30 PM on Dec. 15. Permission slips will be sent through Jupiter today. Students may change into gym or comfortable clothes for the dance after school on Friday!

Ugly Christmas Sweater Day On Monday, Dec. 18, Student Council is sponsoring an Ugly Christmas Sweater Day for all students, faculty and staff! Wear your gaudiest, over the top Christmas wear or Christmas colors on Monday!

Dress Rehearsal First graders have dress rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass on Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 8:30 AM. To avoid cameras during Mass, you are welcome to photograph your child during this dress rehearsal time. First graders should arrive at Christmas Eve Mass at 3:00 PM to prepare for the Nativity procession before the start of Mass at 4:00 PM. Christmas Masses are

on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM and midnight and on Monday, Dec. 25 at 9:00 AM.

Dismissal on Tuesday, Dec. 19 Since Aftercare is not open on Dec. 19, we will be dismissing the entire school from 2:40-3:00 PM. The safety of our students and teachers is top priority, so please refrain from cell phone use; be especially attentive to the teachers on duty and where to park for the safety of all. Families with Preschool-Gr. 2 students only park in the lower lot. Grs. 3-8 and their younger siblings are dismissed to the upper lot by the football field. Dismissal is over at 3:00 PM. Thank you for the awareness to be on time.

End of the Semester We complete the first semester on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Report cards will be opened on Jupiter on Monday, Jan. 8 with second quarter grades. The second semester and third quarter begin on Wednesday, Jan. 3 when we return to school.

SGOs Now is the time to designate funds toward Our Lady's Choice Scholarship account for SGOs and earn a tax write off for half the funds donated. Help children receive a Catholic education with this wise investment. See the flyer on our web site for more details.

Parent Satisfaction Survey Thank you to all families who completed the parent satisfaction survey. With a return of 53%, responses were received from 121 of our 228 families. We sincerely appreciate the time and attention given. This Marketing, Retention and Recruitment Subcommittee of School Commission will post a summation of results in January.

Amazon Smile With no cost or inconvenience to families, we will be able to collectively earn additional funds to meet the Department of Education's technological requirements for ISTEP. We are asking families to place Amazon orders through Amazon Smile whenever possible. See the online flyer for details. Simply by ordering through Amazon Smile, together, we may make a big difference for Our Lady!

Advent Tree Thank you for your generosity to give so many families a happy Christmas. Your gifts for the parish Advent tree will be blessed on Friday and distributed. We are very grateful for your goodness!

Winter Closing and Delay Information You will receive news of winter weather delays or closings through Jupiter by 6:00 AM as well as an announcement on Facebook and the website. You may also watch WDRB TV news for school closings. On delayed starts, classes are typically delayed 2 hours with school beginning at 9:45 AM. Morning care is provided in the Aftercare room from 7:15-9:15 AM for a cost of \$5 per hour per child. Pre K and Preschool sessions on a delay are 9:45 AM-12:00 noon and 12:30-2:45 PM.

Spirit Shirts Orders will be available for pick up from River City Workwear at 4020 Earnings Way off of Hausfeldt Lane in New Albany, on or after Tuesday, Dec. 19. Thanks for supporting Our Lady's PTO!

Lost & Found is overflowing! Please claim items before Tuesday, Dec. 19. Unclaimed clothing will be donated to charity or the PTO Used Uniform Sale. Please remember to label your child(ren)'s clothing so if it is left at school we will know the owner and return it.

Café Servers Needed Our Lady Café needs your help for the month of January! If any parents or grandparents can lend a hand serving lunch to our students, we would be most grateful! We love our volunteers and the students look forward to seeing you!

Thank You for your support from home, attentive communication, prayers and school pride this first semester. We look forward to a grand second semester and the joys 2018 will bring. Our children make us proud, give us good laughs and stories as we marvel at their ingenuity! It's great to see the strong relationships here. We truly love and honor our children. Thank you for sharing them with us!

Christmas Blessings On behalf of Pastor, Fr. Eric Johnson, myself, Mrs. Terry Horton and the faculty and staff of Our Lady, we wish you a most blessed Advent and Christmas season! We look forward to starting the second semester and a New Year with you on Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018! May the Birth of our Savior bring rebirth in each of us!

With Wonder, Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 13	7:00 PM Parish Advent Penance Service in Church
Wed.-Fri., Dec. 13-15	NJHS sells Christmas Candy Grams \$1 each
Friday, Dec. 15	Middle School Holiday Dance Party, 3:00-4:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 16	Free Soccer Clinics for girls in grades K-8 at PHS
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 18 & 19	Classroom Holiday Parties
Monday, Dec. 18	Preschool and Pre K Christmas Program, 6-7:00 PM in the gym
Tuesday, Dec. 19	NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE TODAY 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