

# Our Lady School Newsletter

**We are on God's Mission**

**Issue 1**

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**Dear Our Lady Families** Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! With the first three days under our belt, we have had a perfect start with the students! It's great to be back together! How blessed we are that you have chosen Our Lady for your child's education. You will see the positive benefits each year. We welcome all of our new families and students. Please feel free to email or call the office with any questions or suggestions.

**We are on God's Mission** This is our school theme for the 2017-18 school year. We will concentrate on one of nine Fruits of the Spirit each month. For July and August, Kindness is our focus. Please join us in prayer for a positive, productive school year as we strive to make God proud and give Him glory together!

**Let's Hear it for our Faculty and Staff** Wow! We have such a hard-working, dedicated group of educators and support staff here at Our Lady! They have been busy for weeks preparing for the first day and particularly, for your child. You have much to be proud of and we hope you enjoy seeing how terrific the setting is, how much they invest of themselves to know, love and educate our children. Their time, effort and care is so evident—I am proud to minister to such a devoted faculty and staff!

**Thank You Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County!** We have received a grant for Horseshoe Foundation for \$10,000 to supplement the adoption of new Science books, tech components and resources. This is a tremendous help as we put quality materials in the hands of our students to foster inquiry, investigation, reason, problem-solving and love of Science. Parents, through your sacrifice paying tuition and fees, along with generous support from the community and donors, we offer our children an accelerated, exceptional education! Thank you Horseshoe Foundation, for your support of Our Lady!

**Opening Forms** If you have not submitted all forms for the start of the year, please remit those to the school office by Fri., Aug. 4. We will put an extra copy in parent folders at Middle School Parent Forum and Gr. 1-4 Parent Night.

**School Supplies** Community supplies of paper towel, tissues, wipes are requested from each family. We ask that all supplies are brought at the start of the school as this is easier to track. Thanks for your kindness in meeting this need for our school.

**Kick Off Meeting for the 2018 Main Event** The Main Event, our parish and school's major fund raiser of the year, will be having it's Kickoff Meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please join us if you would like to be involved helping with plans! There is a niche for everyone and the more energy we have, the better our event will be!

**PTO News** Thank you, PTO, for the new Clever Touch Board in Mrs. Sarah Carver's Gr. 6-8 Science classroom! Parents your support for PTO events throughout this year help pay for this interactive board and give our children terrific technological benefits at Our Lady!

Thanks to PTO for the Back to School Faculty and Staff Luncheon from Q'Doba!

We had a happy first day after school at Zesto's and earned funds from our ice cream purchases. Don't forget PTO's Back to School Pool Party on Friday, Aug. 4 at Clarksville Cove from 7:30-9:30 PM, as we celebrate and enjoy time with one another!

**Successful School Year** To have a smooth year, we have important news to share at the start. Please be sure at least one parent of the student is at the required meetings.

Parents of middle school students in Gr. 5-8 will meet at Wagner Hall on Mon., July 31, for the Middle School Parent Forum. We will begin with a meeting at 6:00 PM and conclude in the classrooms by 7:45 PM. Parents will get a chance to meet all faculty and administrators, learn many details regarding middle school dynamics, discipline, dress code, homework and support. Then, parents will have 3 fifteen minute sessions to see their child's homeroom teacher, the other grade level teacher and then 15 min. of Open House time to see Special Area teachers, walk the halls, see classrooms and locker areas. Jupiter passwords, folders of specific procedures and more will be dispersed. You will have an opportunity to support our middle school programming by taking a coupon and returning a \$5 or \$10 gift card for recess items, Special classes, or to help with House activities and projects.

On Thursday, Aug. 3, parents of students in Gr. 1-4 will meet in the gym beginning at 6:00 PM for a welcome from administration, faculty and PTO. Parents will visit classrooms from 6:30-7:15 PM and 7:15-8:00 PM to meet grade level teachers and learn specific classroom news.

Kindergarten, Pre K, Preschool teachers have already greeted and met with parents before the start of school to answer questions, disperse information and give a warm welcome.

**The Importance of Communication** Each of the opening meetings is designed to start the year off with strong communication, emphasize the importance of talking together throughout the year and building a strong home-school connection for the well-being of each child. Maintaining a sense of community and family is vital; we share a common bond and focus with each family here. We recognize the precious gift of family-- for this is the first place our children come to know and love God. Thank you for attending these beginning meetings and keeping communication open throughout the year!

**Welcome, Archbishop Charles Thompson!** Our new Archbishop will celebrate the 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, July 30 at Our Lady with a welcome reception following mass. Please join us in greeting our new shepherd of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis!

**Important Dates:**

- Sun., July 30** Welcome Archbishop Thompson 11:00 AM Mass and Reception
- Mon., July 31** Middle School Parent Forum in Wagner Hall 6:00-7:45 PM
- Tues., Aug. 1** Main Event Kick Off Meeting in Parish Center at 6:30 PM
- Thurs., Aug. 3** Gr. 1-4 Parent Night in the Gym 6:00-8:00 PM
- Fri., Aug. 4** PTO Back to School Pool Party at Clarksville Cove 7:30-9:30 PM

Thank you! Rest up and enjoy the weekend! We have a full week of learning and meetings ahead!

Blessings,

Mary Ann Bennett

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