

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,

Please note our mission statement. The students have memorized it as part of the middle school Principal's Challenge this month, and you will see it posted in our halls and on the weekly newsletter. We strive to meet this mission each day at Our Lady.

Mr. H Thank you for your prayers and support for middle school Social Studies teacher, Mr. Bob Hornung, his family and our school as Bob undergoes treatment for cancer. He plans to return to his students as soon as his oncologist allows, expecting approximately 8 weeks of treatment. During this time, Mr. Clayton Bliss, an Our Lady, Providence and IUS alumnus will instruct students as substitute teacher, keeping in touch with Mr. H, but making the classroom his own. Mr. Clayton Bliss holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education with concentration in Social Studies including History, Government and Geography.

Thank you for your respect of Mr. H's privacy as he concentrates full time on recovery. His strong faith and family support are amazing! If you would like to send Mr. H cards or letters of encouragement, please put his name on the correspondence, and we will be sure he receives your well wishes. Prayers are most powerful—especially when we pray in community. We have attached a Novena that we will begin as a school family on Monday. Please join us in praying for Mr. H and all those we love who are battling cancer.

Mrs. Haynes This month, Mrs. Abby Haynes will begin her maternity leave as her second little one arrives. Mrs. Haynes expects to return to her students around Oct. 24. In her absence, Mr. Jeremy Sebolt will be substitute teaching. Mr. Sebolt is a Transition to Teaching grad with a background as a bank manager who has spent the past year student teaching in first grade. (He loved it so much he stayed on for two semesters of preparation—not just one!) He is the father of a Kindergartner, Stella, and is excited to join our school family on Aug. 29. Thanks for welcoming Mr. Sebolt.

Summer Scholars Celebration Thanks to all who turned in workbooks, proof of tutoring and summer library reading lists by today. You will enjoy a treat from PTO and extra PE time on Monday, Aug. 14!

Eclipse Day We are planning to make Aug. 21 a Science and weather day for our students with lessons on the sun, moon, solar and lunar eclipses. We will have a lunch outside picnic-style at the field with eighth graders having the privileged spot in the Shelter House! We have ordered sunglasses for all faculty, staff and students. We will view the eclipse from the field by the playground at approximately 2:27 PM, so all are safe before dismissal. If you do not want your children viewing the eclipse with sunglasses, please send an email to your children's teachers and we will be sure to keep them safely in the pedway for the few minutes of the eclipse. Look for final details in next week's newsletter or from classroom news. You know we wouldn't let this historic event pass by without making it a celebration for our kids!

PTO News Thank you for the terrific turn-out to the Back to School Pool Party on Friday! It was great to see so many families, faculty and staff there! Please stay connected and engaged by attending the PTO Meeting on Mon., Aug. 21 at 7:00 PM in the Faculty Workroom.

Jupiter Moms and dads, thanks for your patience as we have worked through some glitches with the new Jupiter format—especially in posting assignments or due dates. We need to work with the administrator of Jupiter and cannot make changes on our own. If you have questions, please reach out to your classroom teachers or Mrs. Horton for assistance.

Café Servers Needed Moms, dads, grands, we need your assistance at lunchtime as servers! You'll enjoy seeing your children and friends and get a free lunch! Please check the volunteer calendar and call or email Sandy Gilland if you can help out. You receive a \$10.00 credit to your lunch account for each day you volunteer, up to 5 days offsetting the \$50.00 cafe fee!

Thank You Once again, Dave Murphy of Quin's Mobile Wash, volunteered and power washed all the Café tables and benches to prepare for a safe, clean lunch environment for our children. Thank you, Dave, for your kindness and generosity! This is a great help to our school!

Providence Afterschool STEM Clubs Providence Science teacher, Mrs. Laura Swessel, will begin accepting reservations at lswessel@providencehigh.net at 6:00 AM on Mon., Aug. 14 for the very popular STEM sessions offered last spring. An all-new Family STEM Camp for parents and children is offered, too. Space is limited for both of these STEM activities and email reservations are required.

Keep it Positive! We have much to be proud of at Our Lady! Thanks for keeping comments on social media encouraging. Parent pages are a great way for moms and dads to share a Quizlet, link up for a night out or lend a hand. We are in this great ministry together as teachers of children. Thanks for lifting fellow parents and teachers up with positivity and prayer!

We hold many in prayer as we transition during times of hardship and joy. Thank you for joining in the Novena. Here's to a healthy week,

Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Monday, August 14	Summer Scholars Celebration, 1:00-2:30 PM in the gym
Tuesday, August 15	Feast of the Assumption of Mary, 8:00 AM All School Mass
Monday, August 21	ECLIPSE DAY – Check next week's newsletter for schedule School Picture Day for Preschool, Pre-K and Grades 1-4 PTO Meeting at 7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 22	School Picture Day for Grades 5-8
Wednesday, August 23	Early Preschool Parent Meeting, 6:00 PM
Mon., Aug.28-Thurs.,Aug.31	– 8 th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
Tuesday, August 29	Early Preschool Meet & Greet, 5:30-6:30 PM
Thursday, August 31	Early Preschool Meet & Greet, 10:00-11:00 AM
Fri., Sept. 1 & Mon., Sept. 4	– NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND