

# Our Lady School Newsletter

**We are on God's Mission**

**Issue 2**

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Dear Our Lady Parents,

Welcome to the first full week of school for the 2017-18 school year. Thank you to our middle school parents for being present on Monday for the Parent Forum. Our connection to home is crucial for student success! We look forward to seeing Gr. 1-4 parents tomorrow. Please read on for the news...

**Newsletter** Each week, the school office will publish the news of the week and important reminders and dates. Please be attentive to this news; it is very important to stay informed and involved with your child's school. We will do our best to keep it simple and straight forward. You will find expanded information and pictures on our school website by going to [school.olphna.org](http://school.olphna.org) Please see attachments when needed for forms, outside events, registrations, etc. We have much to be proud of at Our Lady!

**Peanut-Free Table** At Our Lady, we are very careful to recognize and safeguard those with food allergies. Please help us by getting the message to all individuals and groups using the Café after school. Please do not sit anything (purses, water bottles, backpacks, snacks, etc.) on the peanut-free table due to possible contamination. Help us keep all students safe!

**Arrival and Dismissal** Just a few reminders—If you are in the car line in the morning, please stay in your vehicle; only students should get out. If a parent needs to get out of a vehicle to help a child, please park in the upper lot instead and walk your child to the door. At dismissal, please do not park on the side street waiting to pull in the lower lot. Instead, cars should be parking in the upper lot, closest to the field. It truly takes less than 10 min. to dismiss the upper lot. We need to be a good neighbor to the homes adjacent to Our Lady and not block the street. Thanks for your help informing all drivers in your family.

**Gr. 1-4 Parent Night** is from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thurs., Aug. 3 beginning in the gym. Parents will attend a general session, meet the faculty and PTO leadership, then have two classroom sessions from 6:30-7:15 and 7:15-8:00. (If you only have one student in grades 1-4, then you are finished at 7:15!)

**PTO News** This Friday is the Annual PTO Back to School Pool Party from 7:30-9:30 PM at Clarksville Cove. Pizza, water and sno cones will be served free of charge. Come out and have a blast with your friends!

Thank you, PTO, for giving each faculty member \$150 for classroom needs. This is a great help to our teachers who spend so much of their own money on their classrooms and students. We are very grateful for this generous gift!

Wow! PTO works hard to provide fundraising and fun-raising opportunities for our students and families. Proceeds from fundraising support classroom needs and improvements. We continually progress with technology, too, thanks to PTO. This year, a Clever Touch board has been purchased for Sarah Carver's Science Lab classroom. The Smart TV from the Science Lab was then moved to Abby Haynes' classroom, as her interactive board was in need of replacement. What a tremendous gift this is for instruction and assessment. Thank you, parents and Our Lady's PTO!

**Spirit Day** Monday is Spirit Day! Students may wear spirit shirts, jeans and tennis shoes. Uniform shorts or pants are fine, too and if you don't have a spirit shirt yet, wear your uniform polo. Show your Our Lady pride! We changed Spirit Days to a Monday each month so we don't conflict with House days (held on Tuesdays) in middle school. Spirit days are Aug. 7, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Apr. 2, and May 7.

**Boy Scouts** Boys in Gr. 1-5 will hear a brief presentation on Mon., Aug. 7 to learn the cool camping experiences, benefits, leadership opportunities and teamwork of being part of the Boy Scouts of America. Parents, there is an informational night for you on Tues., Aug. 8 at 6:30 PM in the Cafe to sign up your gentleman for scouting.

**Summer Scholars Celebration** Woo Hoo! We are proud of all who kept the learning going over the summer through organized programs, tutoring or summer reading and projects. We will celebrate your cerebral growth on Monday, Aug. 14 with games and treats in the gym. Please submit your workbook or proof of tutoring to Mrs. Horton by Wed., Aug. 9. The New Albany-Floyd County Library has sent us a list of the participants in their summer reading program, so we have those names already, readers!

**School Pictures** Plan those haircuts and outfits! Fall Picture Days are Mon., Aug. 21 for Gr. Preschool-4 and Tues., Aug. 22 for Gr. 5-8. Students may be out of uniform on their class picture day.

**Middle School Deanery Play** Mark your calendars right now! You will not want to miss the presentation of Seussical at Providence High School on Sept. 9 and 10. We have many Our Lady actors in the cast including Henry Fisher, Mary Clare Furnish, Abigail Hicks, Will Dykes, Ashley Zeller, Sarah Boehm, Margaret Gahagen, Erin Popson, Laney Dykes, Grace Kaiser, Tati Kean, Audrey Ramsey, Stella Read, Alli Wade, Olivia Head, Sydney Herrin, Kalena Martin and Cailey Welch. This is sure to be a treat with so many of our students performing!

**Community Supplies** Each student is asked to bring in 3 rolls of paper towels, 3 boxes of tissues, one bottle of hand sanitizer and one container of disinfectant wipes. Please send these to the classroom teachers by Friday, so we are stocked for the year!

**Kroger Community Rewards** If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Designate Our Lady as your school of choice and we will receive a quarterly rebate. The more families we have enrolled, the greater our check amount! Even if you don't shop regularly, you may get gasoline there and every little bit helps! Please go to [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com) to enroll; our code is **10059**. If you have any questions, call or email the school office for assistance.

**Office Depot** The Give Back to Schools Program through Office Depot offers Our Lady of Perpetual Help School 5% credit on qualifying purchases. Mention our school code of **70037078** at check-out. What a no-hassle way to earn funds for our school!

**Br. Lorenzo** We welcome seminarian, Brother Lorenzo Penalosa to Our Lady. He will be at our opening parent meetings and offering vocation talks to middle school Religion classes. Br. Lorenzo will be at Our Lady until Aug. 18 when he returns to St. Meinrad. Thank you for giving him a warm welcome!

Thank you for your kindness, prayers and excellent communication. We are having a positive start to the school year! I'm wishing you a blessed week! See you at the Pool Party!

Mary Ann

### **Important Dates:**

<b>Thurs., Aug. 3</b>	Gr. 1-4 Parent Night in the Gym 6:00-8:00 PM
<b>Fri., Aug. 4</b>	PTO Back to School Pool Party at Clarksville Cove 7:30-9:30 PM
<b>Mon., Aug. 7</b>	SPIRIT DAY
<b>Mon., Aug. 14</b>	Summer Scholars Celebration 1-2:30 (gym)
<b>Tue., Aug. 15</b>	Feast of the Assumption (All School Mass 8AM) (Evening Liturgy 7PM)
<b>Mon., Aug. 21</b>	Picture Day PS, PK and Gr 1-4 (out of uniform PS-4 ) PTO Mtg. 7PM
<b>Tue., Aug. 22</b>	Picture Day Gr 5-8 (out of uniform 5-8)
<b>Wed., Aug. 23</b>	Early Pre-School Parent Mtg. 6:00PM
<b>Mon., Aug. 28-Sep.1</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Washington DC Trip
<b>Tue. Aug. 29</b>	Early Pre-School "Meet and Greet" 5:30-6:30PM
<b>Fri., Sept. 1</b>	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day