

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 Parents,

Due to conversations this week, I wanted to reaffirm that I care deeply about our children and their safety. I take decisions affecting students and our school very seriously. A lot goes into decisions to close or delay school; each school has criteria and location that are unique. School Commission and Fr. Eric back these decisions. We do not have inexperienced drivers or any child waiting outside in weather conditions, so Our Lady may not align with Providence or NAFC at times. Thank you for your respect and school pride. We have much to be proud of and I will continue to work hard for Our Lady families!

Sweatshirt Orders If you'd like to order the new PTO sweatshirt or T shirt with *#Our Lady Pride* or a new middle school House shirt, now is the time to place an order with River City. The deadline has been extended to Friday, Jan. 19 for new orders. Order forms are online!

Providence Happenings The Providence Girls Basketball will be hosting "Deanery Night" tonight, Jan. 17, during their home game v. Rock Creek. All girls' basketball players and their coaches are invited to attend and be recognized. Coaches and players should wear team uniforms or coach's shirts. Arrive to PHS by 6:30 PM. Teams will be presented in between the JV and Varsity games.

Right to Life Prayer Service On Friday, January 19 at 2:00 PM the Right to Life Committee and school students will be participating in a prayer service honoring the precious gift of life. Please join us in church to pray for life in all stages.

Baptism Class There will be a special baptism class for parents with children in Kindergarten or first grade who have not yet been baptized, but desire baptism in the Catholic Church for their children. The class will take place on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:30 PM in the church, and is for both parents and children. Please call the Parish Office at 812-944-1184 to register or for more information.

Handbook Reminder Students may not wear devices (Smart watches, etc.) to school that have a camera option. Also, in keeping with the electronic use policy, texting or playing games on Smart devices during school time is not permitted. Thanks for your reinforcement at home.

Middle School Homework Clarifications Students are responsible for recording homework assignments in their planners or recording it with an iPad. Homework is posted on the board in each classroom daily for easy view and reminder to students; teachers regularly give prompts. Long-term assignments are posted on Jupiter to encourage time management, but daily work is posted in the classrooms and is the responsibility of the student. Middle schoolers know where to look for their work in each classroom.

Homework assigned previous to an absence is due on the original due date. Assignments or exams given during an excused absence are due at the adjusted time (number of days a student was absent).

Athletic News Bidy Basketball is offered to grades Pre-K through 2. Please see information for signing your child up on Orgs Online. Games are on Sundays from 1:00-5:00 PM, on Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4. Parents are needed to help run Bidy Ball Soccer which will be after spring break. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please let Paul Kaiser know. No physical is required for bidy ball sports.

On Sunday, January 28 at 5:00 PM, Pre-K and Kindergarten players will get uniforms and have a group photo taken. From 5:00-7:00 PM, 1st and 2nd graders will have assessment and uniform handouts. 3rd and 4th Grade Basketball begins at the end of January. Sign-ups and physicals are necessary to play.

FC Little League Spring 2018 Baseball Register online Jan 1- Feb 22. Divisions may close early as they fill. Cost is \$130 for baseball and softball; \$105 for T-ball with a \$25 multi-player discount. Boys ages 4-6 and all girls play at Floyds Knobs Community Club in Floyds Knobs. Boys ages 7-14 play at HYR in Georgetown.

Open House 2018 This special kick off of Catholic Schools Week will be held on Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:00-3:00 PM. Please help us spread the good news of our parish and school to prospective students, in-coming preschoolers, family, friends and neighbors. Our Lady is an exceptional place to learn, worship and serve! As happy parents and grandparents, thank you for being our best form of marketing!

Main Event A flyer for raffle and dinner ticket sales will be coming home with the students in their Monday/Friday folders the week of Jan. 22. The top third is a save the date section to put on your refrigerator or bulletin board, the middle third is for dinner ticket sales and the bottom third is for raffle ticket sales. There is also a class contest to sell the most raffle tickets. The class that sells the highest percentage of \$25, \$50 and \$100 raffle tickets by Feb. 23 wins a comfy clothes day and pizza party! Text your friends and relatives, contact those outside connections. Let's do a big push and have all raffle tickets sold by Feb. 23!

Main Event is Our Lady's main parish fundraiser of the year benefitting all ministries including the school ministry. It will be held on Saturday, April 7 beginning at 6:30 PM right here in Our Lady's transformed gym. With a theme of Casino Royale, it's sure to be a night of fun fundraising! Raffle and dinner tickets will be sold after masses on Feb. 10/11, Feb. 17/18 and Feb. 24/25.

Parent Night Moms, dads, grandparents, It's Fun to be Catholic! Gary Montgomery is coming to Our Lady on Wed., Jan. 31 from 6:30-7:45 PM in the church. Gary is the former WDRB sportscaster, a coach, dad, granddad and faith formation teacher. He will be presenting his inspiring talk, *It's Fun to be Catholic*. Our middle school students will be opening the evening with song from 6:30-6:45 PM. Give yourself a Catholic Schools Week treat and come out to hear Gary. Sponsored by PTO, Gary's books, *It's Fun to be Catholic* and *I Can Play! A Philosophy for Life* will be on sale afterwards.

Stewardship Intention Cards and Parish Tax Statements have been mailed. Please prayerfully consider the ways you are asked to contribute to the active life and mission of our parish and school community.

Sign up to Serve Lunch! Please check the cafe volunteer calendar on the Our Lady website. If you can help serve lunch, email or call Sandy Gilland at sgilland@olphna.org. The Café has lots of openings for the remainder of the school year. For two hours of your time, you get a free lunch and can enjoy seeing your children, grandchildren and their friends! Thank you--we appreciate your help!

Here comes the sun! Wishing you a bright week,
Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 19	2:00 PM Grs. K-8 Right to Life Prayer Service
Monday, Jan. 22	PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Jan. 24	1 st Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Sunday, Jan. 28	OPEN HOUSE – Noon-3:00 PM -- Begin Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, Jan. 31	Program in church sponsored by the PTO, beginning at 6:30 PM with songs performed by our middle school students, followed by <i>It's Fun to be Catholic</i> presented by Gary Montgomery