

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,

Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you to all parents, grandparents and volunteers for making our classroom Valentine's parties, breakfast and celebrations so yummy and festive! You know how to make us feel special. Thank You! Also, I wish you a most holy and fulfilling Lenten season.

Lent Each newsletter in Lent, we will pass along a resource or idea you might choose to strengthen your personal Lenten journey or that of your family. If you do not get Matthew Kelly's daily reflections, now is the time! Best Lent Ever offers daily thoughts to help us focus on making Lent a special awakening. Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> to register.

Lenten Rice Bowls Students received Lenten Rice Bowl banks from Catholic Relief Services to fast from snacks and offer savings to feed the hungry. See what a difference you can make this Lent!

Stations of the Cross We will have three opportunities for Stations of the Cross during the school day this Lent: 2:00 PM on Mon., Feb. 26 and Wed., March 7 in church. Then, our eighth graders will present Silhouette Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, March 30 at 8:30 AM in the gym.

A Great Season I'd like to recognize the amazing season and tournament play of our Gr. 7/8 Boys A team! They lost by only 2 points in the second round of regional games to the Nativity Titans on Sunday. We praise God for the talent, drive, spirit and pride of our student athletes--and fans!

Valentine's Day Program The Kindergarten and Gr. 1 Valentine's Program is tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 PM in the gym. Mrs. Michelle Welp, along with Kindergarten and first grade teachers, will lead our youngsters in song. Please be sure to stay afterwards for some refreshments and to mingle with family and friends in the Café. Don't miss this precious proclamation of our love!

Fish Fry Please come out to the Athletic Committee's one and only fish fry this Lenten season on Friday, Feb. 16 from 4:00-7:00 PM in the gym. Enjoy a delicious fish dinner with your family and friends; dine-in or carry out! Students earn an out of uniform day on Monday, Feb. 19 by contributing a dessert for the Fish Fry. Support our Athletic Committee and have a great dinner!

Snow Make- up Day We are in session on Monday, Feb. 19, Presidents Day as a make-up for Jan. 12.

Academic Olympics On Tuesday, Feb. 20, Gr. 6-8 Our Lady quick recall teams will compete at Providence High School in Academic Olympics. These students have been practicing for months and will test their knowledge and timing against New Albany Deanery teams. Thanks to faculty sponsors, Anne Woods and Kristina Bauerla. Good luck, ladies and gentlemen! Bring home the plaque to Our Lady!

Parent-Teacher Conferences We look forward to meeting with parents of Preschool-Gr. 8 students during Parent-Teacher conferences on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 20 and 21. (Conferences for middle school students are at the request of teachers or parents, and the middle schooler is part of the round-table discussion with all of their teachers.) Conference times will be confirmed through Jupiter on Friday, Feb. 16. Knowing your children better and discussing student progress and expectations for success is a plus for everyone!

PTO News What a precious night it was on Saturday for the third annual **Daddy-Daughter Dance**. Thanks to all dads and special guys in the lives of our little girls who made this evening a star-studded event! Sounds Unlimited didn't disappoint with a confetti canon. Thanks to Becky Dykes for being an Oscar-winning paparazzi and to PTO President, Jessica House and her team for all the planning, set up and clean up. Young ladies, you looked so beautiful! Thank You, Our Lady dads!

Internet Safety Night is on Wednesday, Feb. 21 for all Our Lady parents. Following Parent Teacher conferences from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Café, Sheriff Frank Loop and Lt. Brad Powell (internet investigator) will offer advice on how to keep children safe from internet sites and predators, with special tips for parents. Join us in the Café at 6:30 PM for this important parent information night. Be sure to sign-in so your child earns a comfy clothes day on Friday, Feb. 23. Refreshments and Child Care will be provided.

Our Lady Sweatshirt and T Shirt Orders Get your new navy Our Lady sweatshirts, hoodies, long or short sleeved T's! Place orders by Wed., Feb. 21, so we can have shirts ready for pick-up school before Spring Break. See order form on the website.

Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart runs through Wednesday, Feb. 21. Mrs. Sweet will have the Jump-a-thon during PE classes on Feb. 21 and 22. Students earn prizes daily! Money and envelopes are due by Feb. 21. We appreciate Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Blessing for chairing this event.

Main Event 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 Friday, 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 held on Saturday, April 7 in the transformed Our Lady gym and is the main parish fundraiser of the year! With a theme of Casino Royale, it's sure to be a night of funding and fun! Raffle and dinner tickets will be sold after masses on Feb. 17/18 and Feb. 24/25.

Café Servers are needed! Parents and grandparents, if you can lend a hand, it is much appreciated! Email Sandy at sgilland@olphna.org Thank You!

Chess Camp Mark your calendars! Chess Camp is back by popular demand! Chess Camp will be held March 12-14 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Aftercare room. More information will be coming from Mrs. Gilbert.

Guitar Club Mr. Jeremy Sebolt, Our Lady substitute teacher in Gr. 1, K and Gr. 6, and guitarist for The Rumors, is offering guitar lessons for interested students, 9 years old or older. Sessions begin in April on Mondays from 3:00-3:45 PM at a cost of \$60 per four lessons. See the flyer on the website for details.

Office of Catholic Schools Annual Special Publication The students in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic schools are doing great things! Please take a moment to review the 2017-2018 Special Publication from the Office of Catholic Schools at <http://www.archindy.org/OCS-Special-Publication-2017-2018/> highlighting our schools' many accomplishments!

Thank you for the TLC you show your children each day and giving them the best gift of all—a relationship with Jesus. The faith foundation set at Our Lady will carry them for a lifetime!

I wish you a prayerful start to Lent,
Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 14	Ash Wednesday, 8:00 AM All School Mass <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i>
Thursday, Feb. 15	Valentine's Day Concert presented by Kindergarten and Grade 1, 6:30 PM in gym
Friday, Feb. 16	Fish Fry, 4:00-7:00 PM, sponsored by the Athletic Committee
Monday, Feb. 19	School in Session – Snow Makeup Day – Presidents' Day
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Academic Olympics at Providence High School Grade 1 Field Trip Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3-7:00 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 21	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart (Packets due today) Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:00-6:00 PM Internet Safety Night, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Café, presented by the Floyd Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Thursday, Feb. 22	Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart continues Lenten Reconciliation for Grades 2-8 beginning at 9:30 AM Parish Lenten Retreat begins, 6-10:00 PM in Wagner Hall
Friday, Feb. 23	Parish Lenten Retreat, 6-10:00 PM in Wagner Hall
Saturday, Feb. 24	Parish Lenten Retreat, 8 AM-Noon
Monday, Feb. 26	ISTEP Applied Skills begins in Grades 3-8 2:00 PM, Stations of the Cross in church
Wednesday, Feb. 28	1 st Communion Meeting for parents and children, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Monday, March 5	SPIRIT DAY
Wednesday, March 7	I-READ Testing for Gr. 3, Wednesday and Thursday Stations of the Cross, 2:00 PM in church
Friday, March 9	8:00 AM All School Mass 3 rd Quarter Ends
M-W, March 12-14	Chess Camp (pre-registration required)
M-F, March 12-16	SPRING BREAK/INTERCESSION WEEK/SNOW MAKEUP DAYS IF NEEDED
M-F, March 19-23	SPRING BREAK