

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,

Thanks to all families who are registered for the 2018-19 school year! We look forward to planning programs, staffing, textbooks and supplies based on enrollment, so the sooner we can have current families registered, the better and you save money, too! The Pre-registration form is online and the fee is \$50 per child until March 7--after that, registration is \$75 per student.

Jump Rope for Heart We have 2 service projects for the season of Lent: Jump Rope for Heart to raise funds for the American Heart Association and Lenten Rice Bowl Project to support Catholic Relief Services fight against world hunger. Jump Rope for Heart begins on Thursday, Feb. 8 and runs through Wednesday, Feb. 21. The Jump Rope Demo Team will be here tomorrow to get our hearts pumping and then Mrs. Sweet will have the Jump-a-thon during PE classes on Feb. 21 and 22. Materials were sent this week; students earn prizes daily! Money and envelopes are due by Feb. 21. We appreciate Mrs. Sweet and Mrs. Blessing for chairing this event. We'll send more news about the Lenten Rice Bowl Campaign next week. Thank you for your generosity and support of these important service projects.

Spelling Bee Please send Nathan Coker, Margaret Gahagen, Jacob Kaiser and Cooper Wilmes your positive thoughts as they represent Our Lady at the New Albany-Floyd Co. Spelling Bee on Friday, Feb. 9 at 1:00 PM. Tune into Cable Ch. 25 to hear our students compete. Best of Luck, Our Lady Spellers!

PTO News The Daddy -Daughter Dance is on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6:30– 8:30 PM. Moms, if you can help decorate, please be here at 10:00 AM to help transform the gym for this Hollywood-glam night! See the flyer on the website for details of Our Lady's third annual Daddy-Daughter Dance!

February PTO Meeting is on Monday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 PM in the Faculty Workroom.

Do you want to earn your child a Comfy Clothes Day at School?! Parents, attend Internet Safety Night on Wednesday, Feb. 21. Following Parent Teacher Conferences from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Café, Sheriff Frank Loop and Lt. Brad Powell (internet investigator) will educate and answer questions about websites and internet safety for our youth. Be sure to sign-in so your child earns a comfy clothes day on Friday, Feb. 23. Refreshments and Child Care will be provided.

School Spirit Providence High School gym is the place to be on Sunday, Feb. 11 as our Gr. 7/8 Boys Basketball A team moves into regional play. If they win over Shaw Memorial Junior High, they will play again at 4:30 PM, so please fill the bleachers and bring your Our Lady pride to cheer our student athletes to victory. Thank you to the amazing student section on Feb. 3. We expect an even larger and louder group this Sunday! Earn House points supporting school mates! Let's rock the house, Crusaders!

NJHS Candy Gram Sales Valentine Candy Grams will be on sale in the gym from 7:15-7:35 AM on Thursday, Friday and Monday, Feb. 8, 9, and 12 for just \$1 each. Parents and students, let your children, teachers, siblings and friends know how much you care. The form is online to fill out ahead of time and send a great message. Candy Grams will be delivered to students on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Valentine's Day Program Feel the love by planning now to be at the Kindergarten and Gr. 1 Valentine's Program on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 6:30 PM in the gym. Mrs. Michelle Welp, along with our 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. K and 1 students are to dress in their Sunday best; see classroom newsletters for details.

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!

Parent-Teacher Conferences Parent Teacher Conferences will be held 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. Please see the conference form online. Return one per family indicating your preference of date and time by Monday, Feb. 12. Conference times will be confirmed through Jupiter on Friday, Feb. 16.

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. Watch for more information to come 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.

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 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. 10/11, Feb. 17/18 and Feb. 24/25.

Providence Happenings The Basketball Cheer Clinic is on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon at Providence High School. For boys and girls in Pre K- Gr. 8, the cost is \$25 for the clinic and a T-shirt. Students will perform during halftime of the Boys' Varsity Game on Tuesday, Feb. 13. See details on the website.

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!

Tax Deduction If you have a dependent child enrolled in K-12 private school or who is home-schooled, you may qualify for a deduction based on education expenditures for that child. Expenditures include tuition, fees, textbooks, and school supplies. If you are eligible, this deduction is \$1,000 per qualified dependent. Details can be found in at <http://www.in.gov/dor/reference/files/ib107.pdf>.

Thank you for your sacrifice and prayers to have your student receive an Our Lady Catholic education. The foundation you lay now will last your child a lifetime! Thank you for making Jesus part of their day everyday!

Blessings,
Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 8	Candy Gram Sales Begin 8:00-8:30 AM Jump Rope for Heart Demo Team here 6:00 PM – 7 th Grade Parent Meeting for Washington, DC Trip, in Wagner Hall
Friday, Feb. 9	County Spelling Bee at New Albany High, 1:00 PM
Saturday, Feb. 10	PHS Cheer Clinic, 9:00 AM-12:00 Noon Daddy-Daughter Dance, 6:30-8:30 PM
Monday, Feb. 12	Classroom Valentine Parties on Monday & Tuesday this week PTO Meeting, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb. 13	PHS Cheer Team performs at boys basketball game
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
Monday, Feb. 19	School in Session – Snow Make-up Day – Presidents' Day