

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,

Thank you for those who joined us during yesterday's Walkathon and classroom parties. You made our Halloween celebrations much more festive with your help and creativity! Today, we celebrate All Saints Day! I hope you have a special patron saint or a living example of someone who helps you stay close to Christ. We are blessed, in a Catholic school, to regularly talk about the saints and to strive to become holier each day. How affirming it is to be working for the same goal: to eternally live in the presence of God.

First Grade Saints Our first graders look exceptional today as they dressed as saints, processed into Mass and then told us facts about their saints at the Wax Museum this afternoon. We are all a little wiser because of their depictions of these holy examples. Thank you to Mrs. Day, Mrs. Haynes and Mr. Sebolt for preparing our first graders and teaching them about the saints.

Thank You, Mr. Sebolt! Mrs. Haynes has returned to her first graders following maternity leave for the birth of her second daughter, Finley. Congratulations, Mrs. Haynes. We want to thank Mr. Jeremy Sebolt for seamlessly joining our school family and continuing the curriculum, classroom management, and joy in first grade. Mr. Sebolt will be on our substitute teacher list until January when he takes Mrs. Balsler's place in Kindergarten during her maternity leave from January 3- March 23. Welcome back, Mrs. Haynes and a huge thanks to Mr. Sebolt. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Academic Olympic Teams Congratulations-- our quick recall team try-outs are complete. Our Lady's 2017-18 Academic Olympic Team members include: 8th graders - Cooper Wilmes, David Wade, Emma Smith, Nathan Ross, McKenna Brown, Jeffrey Braden; 7th graders - John Walthers, Ethan Richards, Alex Kemp, Jacob Kaiser, Nathan Huynh, Zain Butt; and 6th graders - Alli Wade, Henry Ryan, Leah Robinson, Ian Murphy, Mary Clare Furnish, and Chloe Fromme. These students will be practicing once a week and compete in February against other Deanery students to see who knows their facts the quickest in Religion, Math, Science, Language Arts and Social Studies. We are proud of you for the time, knowledge and memory to represent Our Lady well!

Science Fair Our Lady's 11 Science Fair winners in Gr. 6-8 will travel to Providence High School tomorrow to compete in the Deanery Science Fair. We wish them well in competition and will announce results here at school and in next week's newsletter.

Vocations and Career Day is on Tuesday, November 7 from 11:30 AM-2:30 PM in the gym and parking lot. We have some great careers/vocations for our students to consider as they hear from parents and parishioners at our Third Annual Career Day. We have room for more vocations, so please contact Mrs. Bri Gilbert if you would like to share your expertise with us.

Veteran's Day Thank you, Our Lady families, for extending an invitation to any parent, grandparent, relative or friend who has served in the military. We are inviting all military veterans from our parish and school family to Our Lady's 4th Annual Veterans Day Brunch and Program on Friday, November 10 from 8:00-10:00 AM. NJHS students will serve breakfast to veterans and their spouses, then our whole school family will pay tribute to your sacrifice. We will also have a display of military memorabilia, and hope that you will share some history and stories with our students. We do need to get a count for breakfast, so please find the reservation form, memorabilia request and Wall of Tribute information online. We will be very careful with any items shared for the display and appreciate teaching our children about military history. Thank you for sending your reservation and spending the morning with us so we can honor you.

Hope Southern Indiana Woo Hoo! We did it again! Your generosity allowed us to stock the pantry with 845 canned goods, staples and hygiene items for those in need in our community. Thank you once again for pulling together so we can do something great for each other!

Operation Christmas Child This year, we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child as a school-wide Advent service project. We will be giving each child a shoe box to fill with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and return by Tuesday, November 14. Our eighth graders will then prepare boxes for the distribution center. Though the season of Advent does not begin until November 26, we need to get these boxes to the distribution center in time to ship for children in other parts of the country and world. We are hoping each child can give up a treat or two and save their allowance to shop for items. Even if your family can only donate one shoebox—or just an item or two for a box the eighth graders will put together, we are very appreciative of your support of this Advent service project. As soon as we receive the specific directions and item list, we will send that your way. Thanks for thinking of the enticing items a child might love to put in the shoebox. Thank you for enclosing a card in each box and praying for the recipients. We are very grateful for your support to give others a blessed Christmas.

Providence Open House Providence High School, 707 Providence Way, Clarksville is holding an Open House on Sunday, November 12 from 1:00-3:00 PM. This is not only for eighth graders, but any student or family considering total Catholic education. Learn the many options available--Providence will work with you to make a Catholic high school education affordable! Providence invites all to be at Open House 2017 for this fun and informative event.

Retreats and Service Days November is a special month for our middle school students as they participate in various retreats and service days. Gr. 8 has Service Day on November 15 and Providence Shadow Day on November 20. Gr. 7 will be heading to an overnight retreat at Gasper River Retreat Center in Owensboro on November 20 and 21. Gr. 6 will have a two-day retreat here with NET Ministries retreat team on November 15 and 16 with a service day setting up Wagner Hall for the Parish Thanksgiving Feast on November 20. This month's classroom newsletters will have all the details. We have been planning and praying for these meaningful experiences for our youth, because we want to make a difference when your child receives an Our Lady education. Thank you for allowing your children to grow and learn about Christ with us.

Thank you for living the Fruit of the Spirit of Charity,

Mary Ann

CAREER DAY

Career Day is quickly approaching! We are interested in parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. that would love to share their career and/or vocation with the students here at Our Lady!

Career Day will be **Tuesday November 7th from 11:30 AM -2:30 PM** in the gym (**rain date is Wednesday, November 8th**). If you are interested in participating, please print a Career Day form under the "links" on the newsletter page on the Our Lady website, or email Mrs. Gilbert to request one. Please return the form back to Mrs. Gilbert via email or send it in with your child. Any questions please contact me at [812\) 944-7676 x1016](tel:8129447676) or bgilbert@olphna.org . Once you are signed up, more information will be coming your way!

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

The month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and we were very busy with this topic! The students really enjoyed all the fun activities for Red Ribbon Week. They learned a lot about saying no to drugs, alcohol, and bullying. Your kiddos also learned some new fun facts about students in their classroom as they participated in Mrs. Gilbert's annual Mix It Up! Luncheon (a luncheon that is designed to have kids get to know more about their classmates to help prevent bullying). In guidance we discussed what is bullying and what isn't bullying. We also talked about the following:

In Kindergarten we colored and cut out a heart. We talked about different words that hurt our heart. Every time someone said something that hurt our heart, we folded our heart and it made a crease. Then we talked about all the good things people do to make our hearts happy. Every time someone said something that made our heart happy, we unfolded one of those creases. We examined the heart after we were finished; it had lot of lines and marks still on it. We tried to iron it out and make it as "normal" as possible, but those marks were still there. We concluded that words hurt. Even if we say sorry, words still leave a mark on our heart, so it is important to first think before we talk as we don't want to leave marks on anyone's heart.

In First grade we talked about how we have to speak up against bullying, even if it involves reporting some of our friends, and telling them to stop. We also had Mrs. Gilbert's annual anti-bullying coloring contest. The winner was voted on by the class, and their masterpiece will be hanging outside my office through the end of the quarter.

In Second grade we talked about how words can hurt, and we need to get to know people for who they are. We also had Mrs. Gilbert's annual anti-bullying coloring contest. The winner was voted on by the class and their masterpiece will be hanging outside my office through the end of the quarter.

In Third grade we discussed the different sides of bullying: victim, bully, and the bystander. We talked about what we do if we are ever in any of those roles. We STOP, TALK, and WALK. We tell the bully to STOP, we TALK, and then we WALK away. We also had Mrs. Gilbert's annual anti-bullying coloring contest. The winner was voted on by the class and their masterpiece will be hanging outside my office through the end of the quarter.

In Fourth grade we talked about how if we were all the same it would be pretty boring. If we start accepting people for their differences, instead of putting people down for them, then the world would be a much better place. We also had Mrs. Gilbert's annual anti-bullying coloring contest. The winner was voted on by the class and their masterpiece will be hanging outside my office through the end of the quarter.

In Fifth grade we talked about stomping out bullying and how you aren't alone if you are getting bullied. The students then wrote an essay about how they can prevent bullying from occurring, or what they could do if they saw bullying happening. We also discussed why it is so hard to report bullying.

In Sixth grade we talked about how to report bullying if you see it happening, but also how to overcome bullying. The students also completed an activity of a handprint and they wrote different ways on how to stop bullying from occurring.

In Seventh grade we talked about cyber-bullying and how it is a "virus" and it can "infect" everyone around you. The students participated in an activity with a puzzle piece and how if we all come together, we can stop bullying. They also decorated their puzzle piece with different ways to stop and stand up to bullying.

In Eighth grade we talked about cyber-bullying. We addressed that once that information is put into the cyber world, you can't take it back, so be careful before you hit that send button. The students also made posters that are hung around the school that show why cyber-bullying is wrong, and they also gave good advice on why not to cyber-bully.

Thank you for sharing your time and enriching the lives of Our Lady students!

Bri Gilbert
School Counselor and Special Education Coordinator

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 2	Deanery Science Fair at Providence High School
Monday, Nov. 6	SPIRIT DAY! Grs. K-4 to PHS to see "The Jungle Book"
Tuesday, Nov. 7	Vocations and Career Day , 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday, Nov. 10	Veterans Day Brunch and Program , 8:00-10:00 AM, cafeteria and gym
Sunday, Nov. 12	Providence High School Open House
Monday, Nov. 13	6 th Grade to PHS to see "Godspell"
Tuesday, Nov. 14	4 th Grade to Corydon Capitol
Wednesday, Nov. 15	8 th Grade Service Day 6 th Grade Retreat at school, November 15 & 16 First Reconciliation Parent & Student Meeting, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Friday, Nov. 17	8:00 AM All School Mass
Monday & Tuesday, Nov.20-21	7 th Grade Overnight at Gasper River
Monday, Nov. 20	8 th Grade Shadow Day at Providence High School
Tuesday, Nov. 21	Parish Thanksgiving Feast in Wagner Hall following the 5:30 PM Mass
Wed., Thurs., Fri. - Nov. 22,23,24	- THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
Saturday, Dec. 2	PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar , 10:00 AM-3:00 PM