

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,

I hope your Thanksgiving weekend was terrific! I certainly enjoyed seeing my extended family. These next three weeks will be full of many important religious, educational, family and Advent/Christmas events. We hope to see you a lot and ask for your prayers during these busy, fulfilling days.

Parent Satisfaction Survey Hooray! We have 34% of our 228 families who have already submitted their online parent satisfaction surveys to eProve. You have until Dec. 8 to respond following the link sent in Jupiter. Once we meet 2/3 of families responding, students earn an Out of Uniform Day! Most importantly, we care about hearing from 100% of families to learn from parent feedback and continually improve and promote Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School! The Marketing, Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee of School Commission and I thank you for your time and sincere responses.

Coat Drive Our Lady's NJHS students are collecting gently used coats, blankets, sleeping bags, hats, gloves, scarves and warm socks to donate to Hope Southern Indiana and St. Elizabeth's Home. We will collect items Wednesday, Nov. 29-Friday, Dec. 1 through the pedway at arrival and dismissal times. NJHS members will be there to take your items so you don't need to get out of your car. Thank you for donating to keep others warm this winter season.

Café Servers Needed Our Lady Café needs your help for the month of December! If any parents or grandparents can lend a hand serving lunch to our students, we would be most grateful! We love our volunteers and the students look forward to seeing you!

PTO News Don't miss the Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10 AM-3 PM. See the flyer online for specific details of the 40 + vendors, Penguin Patch Holiday Workshop (see below), yummy lunch and a photo op with Santa! Get your shopping done and support Our Lady's PTO!

Penguin Patch Holiday Shop Students will be able to secretly shop for family members at the Craft Bazaar on Saturday. If you should miss this opportunity, we will have the Penguin Patch open on Monday and Tuesday for student shopping thanks to our Student Council and sponsors. Forms with the details have been sent home this week.

Providence Updates *Please join us on Friday, Dec. 1 for the Providence Singers and Popcorn Players who will be spreading holiday cheer and performing for our students at 12:30 PM in the gym. Parents, grandparents and guests are welcome! We particularly love seeing our alumni!

*A couple Providence students are earning service points as they help our youth in Math at no cost. We are very grateful for this connection and the confidence it gives our students.

*The eighth grade Providence Placement Exam is on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 8:45 AM-12:00 Noon at Providence High for all students who will be incoming for 2018-19.

*Free Soccer Clinics begin on Saturday, Dec. 16 for girls in Grades K-8. See the flyer online for details.

The Vigil Project Get your heart ready for the season of Advent by attending a music and media performance, The Vigil Project, at St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church this Friday, Dec. 1 at 6:30 PM, free for all ages. This program of praise and worship is designed to deepen your Advent prayer experience. See the flyer online for more details.

Hoop Shoot Contest Congratulations to Our Lady representatives JC Lowery and Livy Theobald in the 8-9 yr. old division; Kyle Baumgart and Grace Kaiser, 10-11 yr. olds; Jacob Kaiser and Kylie Stufflebean in the 12-13 yr. old division. Alternates in each age group, if the winners cannot compete, are Owenn Howard, Zahra Butt, Cooper Ross, Jasmine Dilworth, Cody Coleman, and Madeline Beeler. Join us at New Albany High School on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 PM to root for our Crusaders! Winners advance to upcoming district competition!

St. Nicholas Day On Wednesday, Dec. 6, St. Nick will be paying Our Lady a visit. We'll be sure to have all shoes outside our classroom doors for a special treat from St. Nick and our PTO! How we love this time-honored tradition!

A Christmas Carol Middle schoolers will dress up for a special field trip on Wednesday, Dec. 6 to see Actor Theatre's *A Christmas Carol* and have lunch. Permission slips and details will be sent through Jupiter.

Advent Penance Services On Thursday, Dec. 7, we take time to prepare our hearts and minds for the Birth of our Savior as Grs. 3-8 students attend an Advent Reconciliation Service in church. Saturday, Dec. 9 is a very precious day as our second graders receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time from 10-11:30 AM in church. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers. The Parish Reconciliation Service is in church on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Program 2017 We welcome all parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors to Our Lady's Christmas program featuring Grs. 2-4 students on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 1:30 and 6:30 PM in the gym. Student Council members will sell cookies and hot chocolate following the evening performance.

With the start of the Advent season on Sunday, may we join in prayer, acts of kindness and quiet times of adoration, drawing ever closer to each other and the Christ Child, Jesus, our Savior, Comforter and King!

With Advent Hope,
Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Nov. 30 & Dec. 1	Coat Drive in Pedway
Friday, Dec. 1	Providence's Popcorn Players here for a program
Saturday, Dec. 2	PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM
Sunday, Dec. 3	Beginning of Advent Season
Monday, Dec. 4	SPIRIT DAY
Mon. & Tues., Dec. 4-5	Penguin Patch Kids Holiday Shop in the gym, 8:30-2:30
Wednesday, Dec. 6	Happy Saint Nicholas Day! Grs. 5-8 Trip to Actor's Theater
Thursday, Dec. 7	9:30 AM – Reconciliation Service for Grs. 3-8 in Church Grs. 2-4 Christmas Program, 1:30 & 6:30 PM in Gym
Friday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception – 8:00 AM All School Mass
Saturday, Dec. 9	First Reconciliation, 10:00 AM in Church
Wednesday, Dec. 13	7:00 PM Parish Advent Penance Service in Church
Friday, Dec. 15	Middle School Holiday Dance
Mon.-Tues., Dec. 18 & 19	Classroom Holiday Parties
Tuesday, December 19	NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE TODAY 2 nd Quarter Ends – End of 1 st Semester
Wed., Dec. 20-Tues., Jan. 2	CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday, Jan. 3	Classes Resume following Christmas Break