

# 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 Vocations Awareness Week! Thank you to all parents, grandparents, parishioners and guests who shared their vocations with us yesterday. We had a terrific Career Day 2017! Special thanks to our Counselor and Special Needs Coordinator, Mrs. Bri Gilbert, for her time and organization to make this event so successful and meaningful for our students. Please ask your children about the various vocations they learned about yesterday. We especially keep those choosing a path of religious vocation in our prayers as they discern and grow closer to God.

**State Report Card** Our Lady received the grade of A in Student Centered Accountability from the Indiana Department of Education for the 2016-17 school year. This grade was determined by ISTEP+ scores from last spring and the individual student measurement of growth from ISTEP+ scores from the previous year. Thank you students, teachers and parents for the hard work it takes to stay on top and continually show individual growth.

**Deanery Science Fair Winners** I am proud to announce Our Lady students won 5 of the 10 spots in the New Albany Deanery Science Fair held at Providence High on Nov. 2. Congratulations to these sixth grade Deanery winners: Reese Carver tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>, Henry Fisher won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Erin Popson won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Deanery. Seventh grader, Zain Butt, earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place and eighth grader, Sarah Boehm, won 3<sup>rd</sup> place among Deanery peers for their projects! We are proud of our scientists, their teacher, Sarah Carver, and the tremendous support from parents. Thank you for promoting problem solving, critical thinking and a strong work ethic, as much time and effort was given even during Fall Break!

**Providence Connection** Students are enjoying the connection to Providence High School, not just for competition, but also for theatrical and spiritual events. Grades K-4 saw a Children's Theatre Matinee of *The Jungle Book* on Nov. 6 while sixth graders are invited to enjoy the performance of *Godspell* and a pizza lunch on Nov. 13. It is important to learn all that Providence offers, in conjunction with Our Lady, to provide a quality K-12 Catholic education. Fostering a tight relationship with our Deanery Catholic high school, even at a young age, allows students to envision, relate and develop Pioneer "Blue Pride"! I welcome your questions about Our Lady and Providence as you plan for your child's education.

**Veteran's Day** Friday, Nov. 10 is the day we celebrate all military veterans in our school and parish family. Thank you to all veterans and spouses who can join us for brunch at 8:00 AM in the Café, served by National Junior Honor Society students. We are thrilled with any military memorabilia you can share so our students learn from these treasures while they are displayed. Our program of prayer, song and tribute begins at 9:00 AM in the gym as veterans enter with the song of each branch of service. Our whole school family will pay tribute to the sacrifice and devotion of our veterans. We will have one section of the bleachers reserved for spouses, parents and guests. If you have any questions about Friday's Veteran's Day event, please call the school office.

**Operation Christmas Child** is our Advent service project this year. Your child brought home a box to fill for a child in need this Christmas. Here are the details:

- The \$9 donation is optional.
- Age ranges are 2-4 years, 5-9 years, and 10-14 years. Please indicate the age range and boy or girl.
- Boxes are looking for 1 WOW item for the age range and then other small items such as school supplies, small toys, hygiene items, etc. (There are several items not allowed so please be careful as you fill the shoebox.)
- Add a card signed by your child or family.
- Do not tape boxes shut; secure with a rubber band, please. Packed boxes should be returned to school by Tuesday, Nov. 14.

We are hoping each child can give up a treat or two and save their allowance to shop for donation items.

If you cannot fill a box, please send in an item or two to help fill boxes. Our eighth graders will then prepare boxes for the distribution center.

The most important request is that your child prays for the child that receives the box. A major part of the program is spreading the Word of Christ and that begins with prayer.

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, Nov. 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 Nov. 15 and Providence Shadow Day on Nov. 20. Gr. 7 will be heading to an overnight retreat at Gasper River Retreat Center in Owensboro on Nov. 20 and 21. Our sixth graders are in for a faith adventure as NET Ministry team members present a two day retreat on Nov. 15 and 16 with such topics as *Strength in Numbers*, *In His Image* and *One Catholic Church*. These lively, college-aged evangelists will show our middle schoolers the relevance of the Catholic faith in an ever-changing world. 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.

**Planning Ahead** Right after Thanksgiving Break, Our Lady's NJHS will have a coat and blanket drive to collect gently used coats, blankets, sleeping bags for those in need. Plan now as you go through your cold weather wear. We will collect items Nov. 29-Dec. 1. More news to come...

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are having another lively week!

Mary Ann

## **ACTIVITY CALENDAR**

Friday, Nov. 10	<b>Veterans Day Brunch and Program</b> , 8:00-10:00 AM, cafeteria and gym
Sunday, Nov. 12	<b>Providence High School Open House</b> , 1:00-3:00 PM
Monday, Nov. 13	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Providence High School to see <i>Godspell</i>
Tuesday, Nov. 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Corydon Capitol
Wednesday, Nov. 15	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Service Day 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight at Gasper River
Monday, Nov. 20	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Shadow Day at Providence High School
Tuesday, Nov. 21	<b>Parish Thanksgiving Feast</b> in Wagner Hall following the 5:30 PM Mass
Wed., Thurs., Fri.- Nov. 22,23,24	<b>- THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL</b>
Saturday, Dec. 2	<b>PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar</b> , 10:00 AM-3:00 PM