

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,

Student Council Reps Congratulations to grades 4-8 class representatives for our 2017-18 Student Council: Bailey Gilbert, Lincoln Kruer, Stella Read, Connor Himmel, Landon Filmer, Cailey Welch, Ethan Richards, Jacob Kaiser, Cade Carver and McKenna Brown. Thank you for being good communicators as a voice for the entire student body. Officers will be voted in at the next meeting on Monday, Sept. 11.

Café Update Thank you for your continued prayers for healing for Mrs. Sandy Gilland, who is at Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Center regaining skills and strength after breaking both arms and her right kneecap. Her spirits are high, and she is keeping the Café in check. We are proud of our devoted Café staff, who are keeping the Café running smoothly.

Parents, we appreciate your help by keeping funds in your child's Café account, and we could use help serving each day, so [please email sgilland@olphna.org](mailto:sgilland@olphna.org) to sign up to volunteer. You can go to the website and see the Café calendar for available dates; we need 3 servers per day. Thank you!

ISTEP Results Students in grades 4-8 who took the ISTEP+ last fall at Our Lady will be receiving hard copies of results in their upcoming Friday/Monday folders. Students who are new to our school, but took ISTEP+ at another school, will need to contact their old school for results.

Mum Sales Just two weeks left to get your beautiful mums ordered for fall decorating or gift giving! Grandparents, friends, neighbors—everyone appreciates some fall color! Order forms are online with all orders and money due by Sept. 7; pick up from the Our Lady field will be on Wed. Sept. 13. The class with the highest percentage of sales will earn a non-uniform day! Thank you for supporting the Class of 2019 as our seventh graders earn funds for their Washington, DC trip.

Providence Football Cheer Clinic The Providence Varsity cheer team will be hosting a clinic for grades Pre-K through 8th grade on Wed., Sept. 6 from 5:30-7:30 pm. The girls will cheer on the sidelines the first quarter of the game on Sept. 8th against Clarksville High School; this will also be Deanery Night at PHS. The cost for the clinic is \$25 per girl, if the registration is received by August 31st. Registration forms received after the 31st will be \$30 per-girl. Cost of registration includes a T shirt. See the link on the newsletter page for further details.

Deanery Volleyball Night at Providence is tomorrow, Aug. 24, for the Providence vs. Oldham County game. All Deanery teams are invited and there is no charge if students wear their team jerseys. See the attached flyer for details.

Progress Report Time We are half way through the first nine weeks of school already, so please be aware of your children's progress in school, reading teacher communications and checking Jupiter to be sure grades are up and homework is in.

Kroger Community Rewards Please take a few minutes to enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program by going to www.kroger.com Designate Our Lady as your school of choice; our school number is 10059. Last year, our school earned \$6,332 simply by having school and parish families sign up. This does not cost you a thing or deter from any savings or discounts for your family. What an easy way to increase funding for Our Lady—let's get all families on board this year. Let our office know if you need help signing up.

Washington, DC Bound! Please keep our eighth graders in your prayers as they fly to our nation's capital for an amazing class trip. From Monday through Thursday, Aug. 28-31, they will gain more than an education of our country's history and government as they bond as a class and learn about leadership. This special trip includes celebration of the Mass by Fr. Eric at the National Basilica. How grateful we are to Sarah Carver, Pat McGuire, (filling in for Mr. H), Fr. Eric, our parent chaperones and all parents of our eighth graders for making this experience possible! We pray for safe travels and are anxious to hear of the adventures!

Looking Ahead We have a long Labor Day weekend coming up with no school on Friday, Sept. 1 and Monday, Sept. 4. We look forward to the PTO Book Fair running Sept. 8-13 and to Grandparents' Day celebrated with our Kindergarten to grade 3 students on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

I'm wishing you and your families a blessed week,

Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 23	Early Preschool Parent Meeting, 6:00 PM
Mon, Aug.28-Thurs, Aug.31	– 8 th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
Tuesday, August 29	Early Preschool Meet & Greet, 5:30-6:30 PM
Thursday, August 31	Early Preschool Meet & Greet, 10:00-11:00 AM
Fri., Sept. 1 & Mon., Sept. 4	– NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Tuesday, Sept. 5	1 st day for Early Pre-School 7:45-11AM
Thursday, Sept. 7	Last Day to order Mums
Friday, Sept. 8	Book Fair Preview
Wednesday, Sept. 13/AM	Grandparents'/Special Persons' Day for grades K-3 beginning with 8:00 AM Mass followed by light breakfast in Wagner Hall
Wednesday, Sept. 13/PM	MUMS DELIVERED in afternoon. Pick up your order from the field behind the playground.
Sept. 8-13	PTO Book Fair

Counselor's Corner

Guidance

Welcome back! I am so happy to see all the smiling faces as we return for the 2017-2018 school year! We are underway with guidance and it has been a fun month. I shared a little bit about myself as the School Counselor and showed some fun pictures of my family (including our new addition, Smith). The kids had a good laugh when I showed them my PHS Senior year soccer picture...they couldn't believe it was me haha! We also discussed during guidance different topics we will be covering this year as well as reasons to come and visit me outside of guidance time. The students know how to request time outside of guidance. Either the students themselves or a teacher can fill out a "Chat with Gilbert" form and place in my mailbox. I will come and get students as my schedule allows (I first try for a lunch, recess, or study hall time if possible). I stressed (and will continue) confidentiality during guidance class as well as when they visit with me. We also talked about words/actions that we cannot say in school such as harming another student, even if the student says "I am just joking", as these words are not appropriate and hold a lot of weight to them.

Just a reminder that I will be having monthly guidance for grades K-4 and will be having guidance 4 times a year with grades 5-8 (since I am upstairs, the junior high students stop by and see me more often in my office or schedule appointments to meet). I will also be coming around for our Circle of Grace classes around the holiday season for grades K-8. More information will be sent to you about Circle of Grace as that time approaches.

Chess Camp

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! Back by popular demand....CHESS CAMP! My annual chess camp will be making 2 appearances this school year. Our first camp will be over fall intercession week and run October 2-4 (Mon-Wed) from 9:00-11:00 AM down in aftercare. The cost will be \$60 per student and we welcome all skill levels in grades K-8. More information on how to sign-up will be coming in a couple of weeks.

I am looking forward to an exciting year and please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns!

~Mrs. Gilbert

School Counselor and Special Education Coordinator