

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 your prayers and good wishes! We had a very successful site visit yesterday as eleven teachers, principals and Archdiocesan leaders visited Our Lady. I am especially grateful to our students, teachers, staff members, John Martin, Connie Andres and Vicky Edelen. NJHS students Cade Carver, David Wade, Madeline Kaiser, Lauren McCombs, Alex Kemp and Zain Butt did a great job as greeters and school guides throughout the day. Participating in the parent and School Commission interview were Corinne Moore, Claudia Popson, Wendy Kaiser, Sarah Gahagen, Brian Key, Jessica House, Kathy Willis, Pat Cade, Brad Kruer, and Jenn Theobald. Thank you for taking time out of your day to help us! We will hear back from the Archdiocese in 5-6 weeks and let you know about our final report, but yesterday's briefing was glowing of Our Lady!

Parent Teacher Conference confirmation of day and time will be coming home so you can plan for Wednesday, September 27 or Thursday, September 28. Thanks for being attentive to conference times as we only have 15 minutes per conference to share news about our children.

Fall Extracurricular Jersey Days Students may wear their Our Lady team sports jerseys, theatre T shirts, scouting T's, Southern Indiana cross country jersey, Our Lady volleyball jersey, etc. If a student does not have an extracurricular interest to showcase, they should wear their Our Lady spirit shirt. The dates for Fall Extracurricular Days are Friday, September 29; Monday, October 30; and Thursday, November 16. Like other Spirit Days, bottoms should be jeans, uniform pants or uniform shorts with tennis shoes.

PTO News The Fall Book Fair was a grand success, raising \$6,000 in sales, which means \$3,000 in books for our school! Each teacher was able to select \$200 worth of books for their classrooms. Woo Hoo! We love to read! Thanks moms, dads, grandparents for buying books and supporting PTO's Fall Book Fair!

Please take a break on Wednesday! PTO's Chef's Night Out is at Zaxby's from 5:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 27. Busy school and parish families can enjoy time away from the kitchen while Our Lady will receive 10% of the proceeds. Thank you for your generous support!

PTO is planning a luncheon for faculty and staff on Wednesday, September 27 hosted by Gr. 8 and Kindergarten families. Thank you so much! The timing is great because it is a busy conference day!

Save the Date! PTO's Holiday Craft Bazaar is Saturday, December 2 from 10:00am-3:00pm. A colorful flier and vendor application is online! Email any questions to craftbazaar@olphna.org!

Barbeque for Bob The Our Lady's Men's Club will prepare barbeque and have it ready for pick-up on Sunday, October 8 between 12:00-2:00 PM at church. Cost is \$20 for 2 lbs. All proceeds assist Bob Hornung with medical costs. Pre-sale tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend!

Harvest Homecoming Window Painting Congratulations to our artists, Kalena Martin, Ashley Zeller, Chloe Fromme, Maddie Beeler, Sarah Boehm and Olivia Head. These young ladies will be painting windows in New Albany on Thursday, September 28 from 9:00-1:00. They will have parent chaperones along with Mrs. Tiffany Smith and take a sack lunch.

Kroger Rewards Our school had 198 households who shopped at Kroger between June 1, 2017 and August 31, 2017. We earned a total donation of \$1,609.88 from Kroger for our school. Thanks to all who have linked Our Lady of Perpetual Help School to their Kroger Rewards Card! It's paying off! If you haven't linked your Kroger Rewards Card to Our Lady, please consider doing so. You can call our school office if you need assistance. Remember it doesn't cost you a thing. It is strictly a sales percentage donation from Kroger, and again we appreciate your support.

Field Trips First grade is on a field trip to Huber's Orchard and Farm Market on Monday. Students will learn more about a family farm, the apple harvest and processing, enjoying the petting zoo, lunch and outdoor fun with classmates. Meanwhile, third graders are learning about their community and New Albany history as they visit Culbertson Mansion, Scribner House, and the Town Clock Church (now Second Baptist Church) which served as part of the Underground Railroad. Fifth graders just returned from BizTown and learned a lot about running a business and the civic responsibilities of town life. They were very professional and had a great time!

Family Mass on the Farm For over 40 years, this family-friendly, outdoor Mass has been hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Schickel at their home located at 371 Ball Diamond Hill Rd., Lanesville, IN. The Catholic communities of Floyd, Clark and Harrison counties are invited to make this year's gathering the best yet! All ages are welcome. Mass will begin promptly at 5:00pm and will be followed by a chili dinner, bonfire, hayrides, dancing and games until dark. Please take a lawn chair and a dessert/snack to share.

Helping Houston Thank you for your terrific support of Student Council's drive for non-perishable items to send to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Kelly Graves, we appreciate you spearheading this and delivering items to the fire station for delivery to Houston. Through the generosity of Our Lady families, we raised **\$486** to send as part of the Student to Student Campaign, too! Thank You!

House Shirts and Sweatpants Support our Student Council by buying comfy Our Lady sweatpants! We will be placing one more order for sweatpants, along with middle school House T shirts and sweatshirts before Fall Break. The order form is posted online with an order deadline of Wednesday, September 27.

Family Fun Fest Thanks to all who came out for Family Fun Fest last Sunday. Brent Rogers and the guest DJs made it lots of fun along with Allison Juliot, Allison Uhl and the Men's Group from Our Lady. The food, fun and time together was great! We were happy to have so many delicious desserts for the Cake Walk, too!

It is hard to believe, but next week concludes the first quarter of school! We will wrap up 46 days of learning and head out for Fall Break from October 2-13. Hang on, busy families, we will have a break soon!

Here's to a productive week on God's Mission,

Mary Ann

Chess Camp

We had our biggest turn out at chess camp last year, so we are offering another session over Fall Break!! **The camp will be held downstairs in aftercare on October 2nd-4th from 9:00-11:00am.** The fee will be \$60 and is due no later than Friday, Sept. 22nd, cash and checks are accepted (please make checks payable to Bri Gilbert). This is for grades K-8, beginners to experts!

My good friend, Corbin Seavers will be returning and leading chess camp as he is a master player and teacher. Corbin also brings an assistant and they will divide the group into beginners and more experienced players, this way they are sure to teach your child and help get them to the next chess playing level. Chess boards, clocks, and workbooks will be provided during the camp. No matter your child's skill level, Corbin will be able to challenge your child to be the chess player they can be! To sign your child up, please click on the link under the newsletter tab or email Mrs. Gilbert and she can email you the form.

Thank you,
Mrs. Gilbert
Guidance Counselor

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, Sept. 26	Gr. 3 tours New Albany historical sites
Wednesday, Sept. 27	HOUSE SHIRTS – Orders due today PTO Staff Luncheon provided by grades K & 8 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-6:00PM PTO Chef's Night Out at Zaxby's, 5:00-8:00pm
Thursday, Sept. 28	School Picture Re-Takes, 8:00 AM for Early Pre-School, students and staff who did not have a picture taken in August Parent-Teacher Conferences 3-7:00PM
Friday, Sept. 29	8:00 AM All School Mass Fall Excurricular Day (wear sports/activity jerseys with jeans or uniform pants or shorts and tennis shoes) End of 1 st Quarter
Sunday, Oct. 1	5:00pm Mass at Schickel Farm, Lanesville, IN
October 2-6 & 9-13	FALL BREAK – 1 ST week is Intercession/Weather Makeup Days if needed
Monday, Oct. 16	SPIRIT DAY