

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 Parents,

We're just days away from Catholic Schools Week 2018! Look for details of each day's events on the website tomorrow! Also, please be sure to join us at Mass this weekend. Archbishop Etienne (former pastor) returns to Our Lady to share news of his mission churches of the Anchorage Archdiocese and to promote the mission and vision of Catholic education.

Pre-Registration 2018 Woo Hoo! It's time to plan for 2018-19! Please see the Pre-registration form online. Submit the registration form and \$50 per child to secure your student's spot at Our Lady for the 2018-19 school year. Be an early bird and save. After Wednesday, March 7, the registration fee will revert to its original cost of \$75 per student.

Open House 2018 Thank you for letting, friends, neighbors, in-coming Preschoolers, new families in the community and others know of the great things happening at Our Lady. Open House is this Sunday, Jan. 28 from 12:00-3:00 PM. We are glad to discuss the financial options of SGOs, vouchers, and tuition assistance to make this the school of choice for more families. Our Lady is on God's Mission forming disciples of Jesus. We welcome all parents and grandparents to see what a difference an Our Lady education makes!

Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten Sessions Moms and dads, please be aware if you have a preference for the morning or afternoon session of Preschool or Pre-Kindergarten classes, register your youngster as soon as possible to get the session you desire. Spots for classes fill on a first come, first served basis as we receive registration forms and fees. For instance, your child may currently be in Miss Naville's morning class, but this does not automatically place your child in Mrs. Crone's morning class next year. Also, if your child will be staying all day (attending Child Care Ministry, too) and does NOT NAP, we highly recommend you register your child for the afternoon session of Preschool or Pre-K. Classroom curriculum is the same for both AM and PM sessions, but the morning session of Child Care Ministry does not include a rest time like the afternoon session.

Parent Night Moms, dads, grandparents, It's Fun to be Catholic! Gary Montgomery is coming to Our Lady on Wednesday, Jan. 31 from 6:30-7:45 PM in the church. He will be presenting "It's Fun to be Catholic!" Our middle school students will be opening the evening with song from 6:30-6:45 PM. Give yourself a Catholic Schools Week treat and come out to hear Gary. Sponsored by PTO, Gary's books, *It's Fun to be Catholic* and *I Can Play! A Philosophy for Life* will be on sale afterwards.

Tax Deduction for Private School Tuition Families, you may qualify for an Education Expense Deduction. If you have a dependent child enrolled in K-12 private school, you may qualify for a deduction based on education expenditures for that child. Expenditures include tuition, fees, textbooks

and school supplies. If you are eligible, this deduction is \$1,000 per qualified dependent. Details can be found at <http://www.in.gov/dor/reference/files/ib107.pdf>.

Our Lady Spelling Bee Winners Congratulations to the following students for being grade level Spelling Bee champs: Nathan Coker, Gr. 5; Margaret Gahagen, Gr. 6; Jacob Kaiser, Gr. 7 and Cooper Wilmes, Gr. 8. The County Spelling Bee will be held on Friday, Feb. 9 at New Albany High School. This will be telecast over Insight Cable Ch. 25 beginning at 1:00 PM. Way to go, Nathan, Margaret, Jacob (once again!!) and Cooper!

PTO's Daddy Daughter Dance is just two and a half weeks away! On Saturday, February 10 from 6:30–8:30 PM, we welcome all young ladies from Preschool- Gr. 8 and their precious dates, their dads or a special grandfather or uncle to the Third Annual Daddy- Daughter Dance at Our Lady's transformed gym. See the flyer on the website for details of this star-studded night!

Main Event A flyer for raffle and dinner ticket sales will be coming home with the students in their Monday/Friday folders. The top third is a save the date section to put on your refrigerator or bulletin board, the middle third is for dinner ticket sales and the bottom third is for raffle ticket sales. There is also a class contest to sell the most raffle tickets. The class that sells the highest percentage of \$25, \$50 and \$100 raffle tickets by Feb. 23 wins a comfy clothes day and pizza party! Text your friends and relatives; contact those outside connections. Let's do a big push and have all raffle tickets sold by Feb. 23!

Main Event is Our Lady's main parish fundraiser of the year benefitting all ministries including the school ministry. It will be held on Saturday, April 7 beginning at 6:30 PM right here in Our Lady's transformed gym. With a theme of Casino Royale, it's sure to be a night of fun fundraising! Raffle and dinner tickets will be sold after masses on Feb. 10/11, Feb. 17/18 and Feb. 24/25.

Providence Happenings The Basketball Cheer Clinic originally scheduled for Jan. 20 has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 10. Held at Providence High School from 9:00-12:00 AM, the clinic is for boys and girls in Pre-K through Gr. 8. Cost is \$25 for the clinic and a T-shirt. Students will perform during halftime of the Boys' Varsity Game on Tuesday, Feb. 13. See the flyer on the website for more details.

Save the Date! Parents, please join us for an Internet Safety Night on Wednesday, Feb. 21, immediately following Parent Teacher Conferences from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Cafe. Sheriff Frank Loop and Detective Brad Powell will educate and answer questions about how to keep our children safe on the internet. Refreshments and Child Care will be provided.

Rest up! We have lots of fun planned for next week and Catholic Schools Week! We are so glad you have chosen Our Lady. It will be great to celebrate together!

Blessings,
Mary Ann

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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| Wednesday, Jan. 24 | 1 st Communion Parent Meeting, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall |
| Sunday, Jan. 28 | OPEN HOUSE – Noon-3:00 PM -- Begin Catholic Schools Week |
| Wednesday, Jan. 31 | Program in church sponsored by the PTO, beginning at 6:30 PM with songs performed by our middle school students, followed by <i>It's Fun to be Catholic</i> presented by Gary Montgomery |