

# 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,

Happy Catholic Schools Week 2018! Thank you to PTO and Gr. 2, Gr. 6 and Preschool families for treating faculty and staff to a delicious luncheon today. We'll see you tonight for the "It's Fun to be Catholic!" talk and songs by our middle schoolers beginning at 6:30 PM in church. You won't want to miss the Gr. 8 v. Faculty Volleyball Game on Thursday and our Pep Session on Friday for student athletes! Join us for as much as you can. We love having you here for the excitement of this special week!

**Pre-Registration 2018** Woo Hoo! It's time to plan for 2018-19! Please see the Pre-Registration form online. Submit the Pre-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.

**Preliminary Calendar** See the initial Academic Calendar for the 2018-19 school year as you make plans. For 2018-19, we still have an intercession and break week in October and March. I expect this may change for the 2019-2020 school year. We stay close to the Providence and New Albany-Floyd County calendars, but not exactly, so thanks for being aware of Our Lady's dates. A more detailed official calendar will be published closer to the start of school in July. Please send me an email or give a call with any questions. Thank You!

**School Spirit** Parents and grandparents, feel free to join us at 1:30 PM tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 1 in the gym for the traditional Gr. 8 v. Faculty Volleyball Game. It is sure to be a hilarious time with the zany costumes of our eighth graders! We come back to cheer each other on Friday at the 2:00 PM Pep Session in the gym. Seven of our eight Our Lady Basketball teams move on to championship play. What heart, what spirit, what school pride! Tournament games are on Saturday, Feb. 3 at Providence High School beginning at 1:00 PM. See the Athletic Calendar online for a full schedule of games. Go Our Lady Crusaders!

**Open House 2018** Thank you for spreading the good news of an Our Lady education, letting friends, neighbors, in-coming Preschoolers, new families in the community and others know of the great things happening at Our Lady. We had a positive turn-out at Open House as we welcomed 17 new families. Two Preschoolers began school this week, and we will continue to thank you for choosing Our Lady and staying here through Gr. 8 for the difference this will make. 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. Mrs. Crone's Pre-K morning session is currently full! We will note those desiring a morning class in the order of registration in case spots become available. 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! Sponsored by PTO, Gary Montgomery is coming to Our Lady on Wed., 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. Gary's books, *It's Fun to be Catholic* and *I Can Play: A Philosophy for Life* will be on sale afterwards.

**PTO's Daddy Daughter Dance** is almost here! 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, 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!

**Chess Camp** Mark your calendars! Chess Camp is back by popular demand! Chess Camp will be held March 12-14 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Aftercare room. More information to come from Mrs. Gilbert.

**Main Event** Flyers for raffle and dinner ticket sales have been sent! 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 sell all raffle tickets 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** Incoming Freshman Registration is on Monday, Feb. 5. 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 - 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 right after 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 provided.

Thank you for your devotion to Our Lady! We are having a great week of school pride and celebration!  
Blessings,  
Mary Ann

### ACTIVITY CALENDAR

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 <b><i>It's Fun to be Catholic</i></b> presented by Gary Montgomery
Thursday, Feb. 1	Students may wear extracurricular or Providence shirts, jeans and tennis shoes. At 1:30 PM gather in the gym for 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade v. Faculty Volleyball Game. <b><i>ZESTO Spirit Day!</i></b>
Friday, Feb. 2	8:00 AM All School Mass, A special Mass of Light; Students dress in Our Lady spirit shirts, jeans and tennis shoes; Pep Session for our student athletes, 2:00 PM in the gym; we give thanks and praise for Fr. Eric and Fr. Adam
Sunday, Feb. 4	Scout Sunday – Cub Scouts serve donuts and coffee after Masses
Monday, Feb. 5	<b>SPIRIT DAY!</b> Providence High School Incoming Freshmen Registration in the evening.
Thursday, Feb. 8	8:00-8:30 AM Jump Rope for Heart Demo Team here 6:00 PM – 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting for Washington, DC Trip, in Wagner Hall
Friday, Feb. 9	County Spelling Bee at New Albany High, 1:00 PM