

# 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,

**ISTEP Testing** Students in Gr. 3-8 will be participating in the applied skills portion of the Indiana State-wide Testing of Educational Progress from Feb. 27- March 8. Punctual attendance is imperative!. Please be sure your child is well-rested, has a good breakfast and snacks for the day. We will be providing a calm, reassuring testing environment and give time for activity. ISTEP+ happens along with learning, assignments and exams in other classes, so together, let's keep our students supported and positive asking only that they give their very best!

Next week, third graders will also complete IREAD-3 demonstrating reading proficiency. Friday's ISTEP Pep Session recognized all students receiving pass plus in 2017, led by John Walthers (highest Language Arts score) and Jacob Woods (highest Math score), lifted our confidence!

**School Safety** Our faculty team meets this afternoon to continue plans on keeping Our Lady safe. We had a very informative Internet Safety Night and a successful intruder drill. A top priority is the safety of children so we will keep moving forward with efforts to ensure a safe, secure facility and practices.

**2018-19 Registration** Save money! Registration for next year is \$50 per child until Wednesday, March 7. After that, registration fees return to the regular cost of \$75 per child. We want you at Our Lady and look forward to planning a wonderful year of learning for our students.

**Right to Life** Right to Life of Southern Indiana recognizes area students for their artwork, written and oral expression conveying convictions in support of the sanctity of life in every stage of life. Our Lady students always do very well in the Right to Life Contest. This year is no exception! Congratulations to our eighth graders who have won in the essay category: David Wade, Cooper Wilmes and Noah Johnson and in the oratory contest: Sarah Boehm and McKenna Brown. We are proud of their research, writing and presentations. The Award Ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 1 at Our Lady's Wagner Hall beginning at 6:30 PM where all area winners are recognized. Thank you to Sonja Russell, Sandy Bierly and Doris Corby for supporting Right to Life in our parish, school and community.

**Gifts** A special thank you to the family and estate of Mrs. Margaret Rush-Very who made a \$5,000 donation to our school. As a long-time parishioner, Mrs. Rush-Very gave to a few important causes in our community including Our Lady, Hope Southern Indiana and St. Elizabeth's Home. We utilized her gift to purchase Chromebooks for use by all students during class time and for assessments. We are most humbled and grateful for such a large gift and the goodness that will be perpetuated for many children for years to come. The endowment fund established by William and Helen Kaiser's estate also adds financial support and faith in the ongoing mission of the school ministry each year. Thank you to all who are advocates of education and the future—our children!

**Main Event** Congratulations to Mrs. Woods' fifth grade class! They are the winners of the Main Event raffle ticket contest having the highest percentage of sales by Feb. 23. They have earned a pizza party and comfy clothes day on Friday, March 9.

If you didn't buy your raffle tickets before this contest deadline, no worries! We will be having a second exciting contest after spring break and your child's class will get credit. So, don't delay--print the form from the website and send it in with your raffle ticket order today! With increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100, there's a lucky chance for everyone!

The Main Event is Our Lady's premiere fundraising event for parish and school families and friends, held on Saturday, April 7 in the gym with this year's theme, Casino Royale. Dinner tickets are \$50 each with food by the Andres sisters, music and dancing by 100% Poly, and live and silent auction items. You will be amazed at the classroom projects this year! Tell friends and family about this fun night and oh so much to bid on!

**Providence News** New Albany Deanery Girls' Tennis for Gr. 5-8 girls who are parish registrants or deanery school attendees. Final registration and parent meeting are on Sunday, March 4 at Providence High School from 3:00 - 4:30 PM. See the colorful flyer online; download registration packets at [www.nadcymathletics.weebly.com/registration--forms.html](http://www.nadcymathletics.weebly.com/registration--forms.html).

Bowling Clinic Proudly sponsored by the 2017 Semi-State Qualifier Providence Bowling Team, four 1-hour sessions of bowling lessons and practice will be offered on April 15, April 22, May 13 and May 20 at Blackiston Bowl, Clarksville, IN to introduce K- gr. 8 students to the game of bowling. For information contact: mschaab@providencehigh.net or lswessel@providencehigh.net. See the flyer online for more details.

**Middle School Slide** Gr. 4 students and parents, save the date! Middle School Slide is a required event on Thursday, April 12 from 5:30-7:00 PM (The date was changed from March 8 to accommodate Gr. 3/4 basketball schedule.) Find out all the details of the wonderful world of middle school at Our Lady! Make a smooth transition, get lots of information and enjoy pizza and soft drinks!

**Café Servers** Parents and grandparents, thank you for helping serve lunch in the Café. Our students love to see you and how we appreciate the smiling faces and extra hands at this busy time of day. Email Sandy at [sgilland@olphna.org](mailto:sgilland@olphna.org) if you can assist.

**Chess Camp** Mrs. Gilbert's Chess Camp runs Monday-Wednesday, March 12-14 from 9:00-11:00 AM in the Aftercare room. Students of **all** chess playing levels are invited. Cost is \$60 for 3 days of Chess Camp. Permission slips are outside Mrs. Gilbert's office, in aftercare, and on the website. Return payment (cash or checks payable to Bri Gilbert) and permission slips by this Friday, March 2 to the office.

**Guitar Club** Sign up for Mr. Jeremy Sebolt's guitar lessons for students, 9 years or older. Sessions begin in April on Mondays from 3:00-3:45 PM; cost is \$60 per four lessons. See the flyer on the website for details.

Thanks for having your child here and prepared! We have just 7 school days to go until spring break when we'll all take a well-deserved rest!

With Prayers and Enthusiasm,

Mary Ann

## ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 28	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting for parents and children, 6:30 PM in the Café
Thursday, March 1	Right to Life Awards Presentation, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Monday, March 5	SPIRIT DAY
Wednesday, March 7	I-READ Testing for Gr. 3, Wednesday-Friday Stations of the Cross, 2:00 PM in church Deadline for \$50 early pre-registration for next school year.
Friday, March 9	8:00 AM All School Mass 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ends
M-W, March 12-14	Chess Camp (pre-registration required)
M-F, March 12-16	SPRING BREAK/INTERCESSION WEEK/SNOW MAKEUP DAYS IF NEEDED
M-F, March 19-23	SPRING BREAK
Tuesday, March 20	Zaxby's Night to benefit Our Lady School
Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday – Beginning to Holy Week
Friday, March 30	School Stations of the Cross, 8:30 AM in the gym 2:00 PM – Early School Dismissal – NO AFTERCARE AVAILABLE
Sunday, April 1	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 2	SPIRIT DAY
Friday, April 6	8:00 AM All School Mass
Saturday, April 7	The Main Event, 6:30 PM in the Gym
Sunday, April 8	Early Childhood Parent Forum, 6:00-7:00 PM in the Café
Wednesday, April 11	“Walk Through The Mass” 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting for parents and students, 6:30 PM in Wagner Hall
Thursday, April 12	Middle School Slide, required event for 4 <sup>th</sup> grade parents and students, 5:30- 7:00 PM
Friday, April 13	Spring Pictures for Preschool-Grade 8 (optional)