

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Newsletter

Issue 04

September 4, 2019

**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.**

Our Lady Families,

I hope all of you were able to enjoy a well deserved Labor Day weekend. The transition from Summer to Fall has always been one of my favorite parts of the year. Let's pray for some nice weather and minimal allergies for all! Before I forget, since Monday is picture day we are moving the September Spirit Day to this Friday, 9/6.

I'm happy to report that our 8th Grade class represented themselves in fine fashion this past week in Washington D.C. Taking such a large group of students into a major city is always cause for concern, but their behavior was excellent. I would like to thank all of our staff who assisted as chaperones for the trip, Fr. Joe, Mrs. Castleberry, Ms. Gish, Mr. Martin, and Mr. McGuire. Special recognition is deserved for Mrs. Carver who took on the majority of the organization and planning for this trip. In addition to our staff, we had several parents willing to give up their time to serve as chaperones. We are thankful to each and every one of them. We couldn't make this trip without you!

Tuesday, September 3rd, was our first day of Early Preschool! I'd like to welcome those children to the Our Lady family! Early Preschool is for children 2.5 years of age and up who are potty trained. If you have questions about this program, or know of anyone who might be interested, please contact the main office for more information.

Please be advised that school pictures will be taken next Monday and Tuesday. Students may be out of uniform for the day on which their picture is being taken. Please be aware of which day your child is having a photo taken. All students and staff will have a picture taken for the yearbook. Order forms for picture packages have been sent home. If you need another form, or simply have questions regarding picture day, please contact the main office.

Monday 9/9: Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten- 3rd Grade

Tuesday 9/10: Early Preschool and Grades 4-8

Wednesday, September 11th will be our annual Special Persons Mass & Breakfast. This is for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade only. Each student can invite up to two "special people" to attend the Mass and breakfast that follows. The students will be allowed to sit with their guests during Mass and walk with them downstairs to Wagner Hall for breakfast afterwards. The students get so excited for this day and honestly the same can be said for the faculty and staff. It is an honor for us to have you spend some time with us and we very much look forward to hosting all of our "special persons!"

Believe it or not, discussions are already underway concerning a school calendar for next year. Some background for those who might not be aware, the New Albany Deanery decided to create their own school calendar when the local public school corporations diverged. Some public schools opted to stick with the balanced calendar (2 week breaks; Late July start) while others went with a more traditional option. The Deanery essentially split the difference, keeping an extended Fall and Spring break (one week + 1 day) and a start date in early August. I am curious what the majority of our families might prefer. I'd like to have an idea of where we are as these discussions start to take place within the Deanery. We anticipate the public systems likely either staying with balanced, or moving back to it. I've included a link to a survey below if you wouldn't mind taking a moment to fill it out. It is pretty basic, but should give me an idea of the general sentiments. If you want to expand your thoughts further there is a place to do so, or you can simply reach out to me. You can access the survey by clicking the link below:

[Calendar Survey](#)

We have had some questions about Box Tops, and we have some news regarding how you can contribute to this program. Box Tops is now using an app, so no more clipping box tops! The app allows you to select Our Lady of Perpetual Help as the recipient. If you purchase any products that qualify for box tops all you have to do is open the app and scan your receipt. This will automatically put the points in Our Lady's account! If you have any questions regarding this new process, please let us know!

The last update for this concerns our Fall Book Fair. It will run September 6th-13th. If any parents are able to work a shift they will receive \$10 in Scholastic bucks for their child to use at the fair. We have set up a Sign-up Genius for any of you who might be interested. Please click the link below to sign up. The Book Fair will be open for business after Special Persons Mass on Wednesday. We appreciate your help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f49a5ad2ba13-20191>

God Bless,
Steve Beyl
Principal

[#OurLadyPride Shout-Out](#)
[@PrincipalOlph \(Twitter\)](#)
sbeyl@olphna.org

CALENDAR

Friday, Sept. 6	SPIRIT DAY! PTO Book Fair Preview in Wagner Hall
Mon-Thurs, Sept. 9-12	Book Fair Sales
Monday, Sept. 9	School Pictures for Grades PS, PK & Grades K-3
	Early Childhood Classes shop Book Fair with parents at 6:30 PM
	Boy Scout Information & Sign-up Meeting in the cafeteria at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 10	School Pictures for Grades EPS & Grades 4-8
Wednesday, Sept. 11	Special Persons Mass & Breakfast for Grs. K-3, 8:00 AM in Church & Wagner Hall
	Mums delivered, 1:00-6:00 PM in the field behind church
	Bearno's Night Fundraiser
Thursday, Sept. 19	5th Grade to Biztown
	Papa John's Dollars for Dough Fundraiser
Friday, Sept. 20	All School Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Chick-fil-A Fund

Orders for Fall Mums – Delivery will be Wednesday, Sept. 11 between 1:00 & 6:00 PM. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser!

PTO Book Fair – Information will be sent home with students for the Book Fair beginning with a preview on Friday, Sept. 6.

Restaurants Fundraiser Nights - Many thanks to all who participate in these fundraisers. We receive 20% of sales collected by these restaurants. Information will be posted on our website.