

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School Newsletter

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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.**

Hello Our Lady Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break! Most of the students I have spoken with these past couple of days are happy to be back with their classmates once again as we make our way towards the end of the year. We have so much going on this last quarter of the year! Our students should be well rested and ready for a strong finish.

We have some very exciting news to share! Our Lady has been named a 4-Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. We were the only elementary school in the New Albany Deanery to receive this distinction! This would not be possible without the hard work, dedication, and passion for exemplary Catholic education modeled by our families, students, teachers, and staff. This is an award to be very proud of! It would not be possible without the shared commitment this community has for our school.



**Congratulations to the IDOE 2017-2018 Archdiocesan
Four-Star Schools!**

**Bishop Chatard High School
Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School
Cathedral High School
Christ the King School
Immaculate Heart of Mary School
Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
Our Lady of Providence High School**

**Roncalli High School
Saint Charles Borromeo School
Saint Luke School
Saint Malachy School
Saint Patrick School
Saint Thomas Aquinas School
Saint Bartholomew School**

Have you been to our website lately? If so, you probably noticed that both the school and parish website have a brand new look. We are confident that our new site will be an improvement not only from an aesthetic basis, but from a content standpoint as well. We are still building up the site with information, so please have patience with us as we continue that process. We realize it might take some getting used to, but this new framework will give us so many more options when it comes to telling the story of our wonderful school. The company we partnered with on this project, Solutio, specializes specifically in websites for Catholic schools and parishes. We feel that this will be a tremendous partnership and feel grateful to work with a company that shares our values.

In previous editions of the newsletter I have discussed the upcoming additions to our school playground. This week those additions expanded! We were the lucky recipient of a generous grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for the construction of a Gaga Pit. If you don't know what a Gaga Pit is, don't worry, I didn't know either when I first heard of it! Think of it as a kinder and gentler version of dodge ball. The game is played in an octagonal pit with a soft foam ball and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running and jumping. Players attempt to avoid being hit by their opponent with a ball below their knees. This will be a great addition to our playground. I would like to recognize Mr. Erik Furnish for his help with writing this grant. I would also like to express our appreciation to the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for their generosity in awarding us this grant.



As we progress through our Lenten season there will be many opportunities provided to our students for worship and reflection. This Thursday there will be a Penance Service for all students in grades 2-8. There will also be another Stations of the Cross service for our students on Monday, April 8th at 2 PM. Please join us if you can make it.

On Friday our 5th grade students will be travelling to Providence High School for a STREAM Day. STREAM stands for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **R**eligion, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**athematics. I know that the teachers at Providence have been working hard to make this day educational, interactive, and fun. The day will begin with Mass in the Providence chapel, followed by small group session rotations in each of the STREAM disciplines. The day will end with the students eating lunch in the cafeteria. We would like to thank Providence High School for planning this event for our 5th Grade students.

It is time once again for the Book Fair! Students will have the opportunity to preview the Book Fair selections on Monday. Classes will return on Wednesday and Friday to make purchases. We love to encourage our students to read and are happy to provide this opportunity.



I mentioned in our last newsletter about the summer STEM camps being offered by Providence High School. I wanted to include that information again this week because registration opens soon. Registration via email will open at 6:00 AM on April 8th. These spots fill up quickly, and I would advise any interested family to not wait to register. Spots will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. The camp is directed by Mrs. Laura Swessel, a member of the Science department at Providence, and her email is lswessel@providencehigh.net. She holds a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering from MIT and a M.S. Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology. This year they will be offering three distinct age groups:

1st -3rd Grade (June 10-14th or July 8-12)

4th – 6th Grade (June 10-14th or July 8-12th)

7-9th Grade (July 15-19th)

Rooted in Hope,

Steve Beyl
Principal

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SPRING PICTURES – FRIDAY, APRIL 5, AM

Orders may be placed online or a check sent in with your order on picture day. Students having a picture taken may wear their favorite outfit that day and may change to the uniform or shoes for gym or recess. Spring pictures are a fundraiser for our school and are optional. Photographing will begin at 8:00 AM and continue through the early afternoon in order to accommodate afternoon preschool and pre-kindergarten students.

CYO CAMP

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, Indiana has summer camping opportunities for ages 7-19. Established in 1946, CYO Camp is an inclusive, residential camp offering 3 and 6 day sessions. Brochures are being sent home with each student. For more information and registration please go to www.campranchoframasa.org.

MY ENERGY KIT From Duke Energy – Help Our Lady earn \$250!

Parents, we need your help. We encourage you to participate in an energy conservation program from Duke Energy, and you do not have to be a Duke Energy customer. Our families and staff can take the My Energy Kit Challenge and request a FREE Energy Kit that contains energy efficient items to help save money on your electric bill. We recently sent home brochures about this program and still need about **50** more families to participate. **If 100 families at our school request the FREE kit, we will automatically win \$250!** These useful items will be sent to you at no charge: LED bulbs, an LED night light, and energy-efficient shower head, faucet aerators, outlet insulators, a glow ring toy and more! There are three ways to register: Go to MyEnergyKit.org, call 1-855-386-9548 or complete the postage-paid request form and mail (we have some forms in the school office). *Many thanks to those who participate!*

PTO NEWS

BOOK FAIR – The PTO is offering a \$10 credit on Scholastic book purchases to those who volunteer to help at the book fair for 1 ½-2 hours. Here is a link to the sign-up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49A5AD2BA13-2019>.

SPIRIT WARE SALE – The PTO will be taking orders next week for spirit ware shirts, and order forms will be available on the web page. The deadline for ordering is Friday, April 12.

CALENDAR

Thurs., April 4	9:30 AM – School Reconciliation Service
Fri., April 5	SPRING PICTURE DAY – Students prepay; 5th Grade to PHS for STREAM
Mon., April 8	BOOK FAIR PREVIEW DAY 2:00 PM– Stations of the Cross
Wed., April 10	BOOK FAIR Shopping – refer to schedule BEARNO’S NIGHT – Take coupon
Fri., April 12	BOOK FAIR Shopping – refer to schedule; Spirit Ware orders due today ATHLETIC DEPT. LENTEN FISH FRY – 4:00-7:00 PM
Sun., April 14	Palm Sunday – Beginning of Holy Week – Consult website or church bulletin for schedule of devotions and Masses thru Easter Sunday
Fri., April 19	GOOD FRIDAY Service in the Gym, 8:30 AM; Day of Reverence 2:00 PM Early School Dismissal – <i>NO AFTERCARE TODAY</i> 3:00 PM Good Friday Service in church

