

# 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,

I hope all of you have been able to enjoy some of this wonderful weather that we have been having. Both the teachers and the students have really enjoyed their time outside since we have returned from Spring Break. Our Spring Deanery sports have started up in addition to Little League Baseball across the area. I have enjoyed seeing so many of our students, families, and fellow staff members at the baseball fields in the past week.

We have had a few questions since the announcement last week of our 4-Star School designation by the Indiana Department of Education. A few have asked about the criteria used to determine 4-Star status. According to the Indiana Department of Education it “signifies a pursuit of academic excellence among both the students and administration of a school.” The following criteria must be met to be considered a 4-Star school:

- A school must have received an “A” on the state’s A-F Accountability system for the 2017-2018 school year.
- A school must have tested at least 95% of students on ISTEP English/Language Arts and Math.
- Combined ISTEP Pass Percentage (Pass Percentage of English/Language Arts ISTEP + Pass Percentage of Math ISTEP) must be in the Top 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile for each grade tested.
- Percent Passing Both ISTEP (Percent of students who passed both the English/Language Arts ISTEP + Math ISTEP) must be in the Top 25<sup>th</sup> Percentile for each grade tested.

As our year begins to wind down, please remember our policies in regards to morning drop off procedures. The doors will open promptly at 7:15 AM. Please do not drop your children off prior to 7:15 AM and leave them unattended near the pedway entrance. We realize the weather is nicer and the conditions are more pleasant to be waiting outside, but we can’t have unsupervised children on our property prior to the opening of school. Once the crossing guard is on duty, if you are dropping off your student in the line, please wait for the cars in front of you before leaving the drop off line. We have students exiting from all sides of vehicles, and it creates an unsafe situation if cars attempt to pull around those in front of them. The crossing guard will get the line moving once it is safe, so please wait for their signal. If you are pulling into the top lot, please walk your children to the crossing guard. Students should not be let out in the top lot and sent by themselves. That lot is for families who will be parking their car, not dropping off. The procedures have been developed in order to keep our students and families as safe as possible combined with proper supervision.

As many of you know by now, the New Albany Youth Ministry office has undergone a rebrand and are now known as Catalyst Catholic. One of the representatives from Catalyst Catholic stopped by

yesterday afternoon to promote an overnight retreat entitled “The Jam” for all Deanery students in grades 6-8. They promise a “high energy night of frenzy with ridiculous fun as we hang out with old and new friends, eat delicious food and learn more about the ONE who made us. The retreat will be held at Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville, and check in will begin at 6 PM on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Parents can pick up students on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Students are encouraged to pack a sleeping bag, pillow, comfy clothes, and toiletries. Dinner, breakfast, and snacks will be provided for all participants. The cost of the retreat is \$20 and you can register at the following link:

[Catalyst Catholic The Jam](#)

I’d like to give some special recognition to our 6th Grade class and teachers for their leadership with the Stations of the Cross service on Monday afternoon. They were very well prepared and set a great example for the rest of the student body. I appreciate their willingness to lead this prayer service for us all.

*6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
STUDENTS*



I would also like to also recognize our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class for their participation in the STREAM Day last week at Providence High School. It was a day of activities focused on science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math. We received very positive feedback on the behavior and engagement level of our students. We are thankful for Providence for hosting our students and were delighted to hear that they represented our school in such a positive manner.

*STREAM  
DAY AT PHS*



Friday night Our Lady Athletics Dept. will be hosting another Fish Fry at Our Lady cafeteria. The Parish Office has asked us to put out a request for dessert donations from our Pre-K thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade families. Don't have a student in Pre-K thru 4<sup>th</sup> Grade but still want to donate? That is also fine! We welcome any desserts, store bought or homemade. Please drop off your donation this Friday at the Parish Office from 9 AM-4 PM, or it can be dropped off in the pedway during school drop off or pick up. Thank you!

Providence will once again host their Fun in the Sun co-ed soccer camp for deanery students ages 4-11 on May 28<sup>th</sup> -May 31<sup>st</sup>. The camp will feature former Ball State University Captain Leah Mattingly, former Western Kentucky University midfielder Chelsea Grover, former Lenoir-Rhyne University player Caley Marlin, and the current head coach of Our Lady of Providence High School, Dave Smith. Please click the following link for more information and registration instructions:

[Fun in the Sun Soccer Camp](#)

We wish all of our families a continued prayerful and reflective Lenten season as we approach the coming of Holy Week.

Rooted in Hope,

Steve Beyl  
Principal

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## 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 were sent home with each student. For more information and registration please go to [www.campranchoframasa.org](http://www.campranchoframasa.org). Join them for an Open House at the camp on Saturday, May 11, 11 am – 3 pm in Nashville, Indiana!

## 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](http://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 Book Fair will stay open until 3:15 PM today and on Friday. Any parents wishing to shop with their child may stop by at that time.

**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

Wed., April 10	<b>BOOK FAIR Shopping – Parents may shop 2:30-3:15 PM today</b>
	<b>BEARNO'S NIGHT – Take coupon</b>
Fri., April 12	<b>BOOK FAIR Shopping – Parents may shop 2:30-3:15 PM today</b>
	<b>SPIRIT WEAR orders due today</b>
	<b>ATHLETIC DEPT. LENTEN FISH FRY – 4:00-7:00 PM</b>
Sun., April 14	<b>Palm Sunday – Beginning of Holy Week – Consult website or church bulletin for schedule of devotions and Masses thru Easter Sunday</b>
Fri., April 19	<b>GOOD FRIDAY Service in the Gym, 8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Day of Reverence</b>
	<b>2:00 PM Early School Dismissal – <i>NO AFTERCARE TODAY</i></b>
	<b>3:00 PM Good Friday Service in church</b>
Wed., May 1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat Day</b>
Thurs., May 2	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Conner Prairie and Indiana State Museum</b>
Fri., May 3	<b>NO SCHOOL – Ky. Oak's Day</b>
Sun., May 5	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass, 2-4:00 PM</b>

