

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.**

Our Lady Families,

The routine is starting to set in here at Our Lady, and I hope that is true for home as well. By all accounts we are off to a great start to the 2019-2020 school year. It is always nice to welcome families into the building. We saw many of you at the Middle School Parent Night, and I hope to see more of you this evening at Parent Night for Grades 1-4.

ILEARN results for grades 3-8 are expected to be released later this week. Once we have access to those scores we will be getting them out to families as soon as we possibly can. This was a brand new test for the State of Indiana and I know there has been some anxiety surrounding it. The Indiana Department of Education has provided us with some information that will help families interpret the results of this new test. When scores are available, I will send out a Jupiter message with links to access those resources from the DOE. We hope this is helpful to you. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us for further assistance.

Not only was the ILEARN test new, but the way in which students were assessed was new as well. All testing was completed electronically in our computer lab or on Chromebooks in the classroom. This is an increasing trend in education and Our Lady must be prepared for it. This will require us to make some upgrades to our technology infrastructure to ensure that we can meet the needs of not only our day to day education, but for statewide assessments as well. This is not a flashy expenditure on new computers or tablets, but rather the behind the scenes backbone necessities that every school now needs such as wiring, access points, firewall, cabling, etc. This is a major commitment on our end in terms of a technology upgrade but also from a financial perspective. We are very pleased to announce that we applied for a grant through the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County to help with this project and it was accepted. We are very grateful for the generosity of the Horseshoe Foundation for their grant of \$5,000 to assist us with this project. Thank you, Horseshoe!

Having been in this position for a little over a year now I feel as qualified as ever to speak to how welcoming the Our Lady community can be. I experienced it as a new addition to the school, and so did my own children who are students here. I bring that up any chance I get when speaking with new prospective families. I'd like to take that a step further, so let me explain. We give tours of our school all the time. I'll meet with a family in my office, show them around the building, and likely introduce them to a few teachers for a short conversation. I want to find a way to make our current families a part of that tour, other than just my comments. I would love to create some sort of Our Lady Ambassador team that is comprised of current parents. This could take many forms, perhaps joining us for a tour and having some private time for you to explain how beneficial your Our Lady experience has been. If you aren't able to be here for the tour, maybe it is a follow up note or phone call to that family a few days after to see if they have any further questions. Whatever shape it ultimately takes, it is something I

would like to experiment with. I realize this wouldn't be for everyone and it is far from an expectation. If you have some interest in this, I'd love to hear from you. Please send me an email or Jupiter message indicating your interest, and depending on how many respond we can begin the process of making this a reality. We must try new approaches in order to stay successful and I'd love for our families to be a bigger part of our tour experience.

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On Thursday, Aug 15th there will be a fundraiser opportunity for Our Lady to any family that orders from Papa Johns. Papa Johns will donate 20% of your total order back to the school. This is available at all Southern Indiana locations both in-store and online with promo code **OLPHNA**. There is no coupon required, just mention or enter the promo code. This can be used with any specials or coupons you may already have. It will run from 10:30 AM-after midnight closing at 12:30 AM.

Thursday will also be our first all school Mass of the year for the Feast of the Assumption. As always, we welcome any families who would like to join us for Mass. It will begin at 8 AM.

I'd like to thank all of our students and teachers for a successful start to the school year. It is nice to have everyone back together again and we have been having a lot of fun. Some of my own personal highlights have been watching our 5th graders learn how to use locker combinations for the first time, our House sorting of new middle school students yesterday, our attempt at taking a group faculty and staff photo last week (let's just say it took a couple of takes!), and of course the wonderful Back to School Pool Party sponsored by the PTO. Great job, Our Lady!

5th Grade Lockers



Attempt #1



Attempt #2



God Bless,
Steve Beyl
Principal

[#OurLadyPride Shout-Out](#)
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PRESCRIPTION AND NON-PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS IN THE OFFICE – If your child takes any medication during the school day, please bring it to the school office and fill out a permission to give medication form. All medications, Rx or over the counter, should be in the original bottle labeled with your child's name.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Please send any Boxtops for Education you have collected to the school office. Boxtops EXPIRE. So parents, relatives, etc. please tear off the Boxtops coupon BEFORE you put that box of Ziploc bags in the pantry. We want people to raid their pantries and remove Boxtops even if the product has not yet been opened. NOTICE: We no longer collect Campbells Soup Labels for Education!

OFFICE HOURS – The school office is open each school day from 7:15 AM until 3:15 PM. To reach the receptionist or Connie Andres, please email schooloffice@olphna.org or call 812-944-7676. You may leave a voice mail anytime during the day or night on the school's phone.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 14	Grades 1-4 Parent Night, 6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, August 15	Holy Day – Feast of the Assumption – All School Mass, 8:00 AM Papa Johns Night – from 10:30 AM thru midnight closing at 12:30, mention Promo Code OLPHNA when ordering.
Tuesday, August 20	7 th Grade to Providence High School
Aug. 26-29	8 th Grade Trip to Washington, DC
Friday, August 30	Middle School House Shirt orders due today with payment

Coming Soon!

Orders for Fall Mums – This year's 7th grade will be selling mums the end of this month to help finance their trip to Washington, DC in 2020.

PTO Book Fair – Information will be send home with students for the Book Fair beginning Sept. 6
School Pictures will be taken for Yearbook and Purchase – Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 9 & 10