

OLV School Update

September 21, 2011

A Thought For The Week

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

In Our Prayers - We pray for all of those who are in need of God's healing presence. Especially: Mr. Jack Pundt, our Maintenance Supervisor, as he recovers from a recent surgery. Do you know of someone in need of our prayers? Please let us know and we will include it in our school update.

Faculty Bingo Night - Many members of the faculty and staff will be here Friday, September 23rd, to take over the running of our weekly bingo. We will be here making pizza, selling bingo packages, and calling out the winning numbers. Please plan to be here for this fun filled evening. You may even get lucky and take home lots of cash. The children can play along with you. It should be lots of fun and a great family night out.

School Pictures - School pictures will be taken at school beginning on Wednesday, September 28th, for students in Grades Pre-K to 4. Students in Grades 5 - 8 will have their photos taken on Thursday, September 29th. Students should come to school out of uniform on THEIR picture day only. Appropriate attire should be worn for the photo. Student ID cards with photo will be taken and sold separately for \$5.00 each. A separate form was sent home if you are interested in purchasing the student ID card.

NJHS Donut Day - Circle your calendars for Wednesday, September 28th. Our NJHS will be having their monthly donut day. Watch for their flyer with all of the details.

Blessing Of The Animals - Students in Grades Pre-K to 4 will be attending a special Blessing of the Animals prayer service on Monday, October 3rd, at 9:00 a.m. All visitors are welcome. Please stop by the school reception area for a visitor's pass.

Guidance News - Attention students in Grades 6 to 8. The Catholic High School Fair is being hosted at Our Lady of Victory School on Wednesday, October 5th. The open fair is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The entire program will conclude by 8:30 p.m. There will be two breakout sessions during this evening, which allows you to learn more about a specific Catholic High School. We will conclude the evening with a presentation on "How to Afford a Catholic Education." Please join us to learn about Admissions, Financial Aid, Scholarships, Athletics, and more. Information will be coming home this week. Please refer to the attachment for more information.

Rainbows For All God's Children - Registration forms have been sent home. Only students in Grades 1-8 will be able to participate in this program. Please contact Mrs. Cosgrove if you have any questions about the Rainbows program. Groups will start meeting Mid-October. Please refer to the attachment from the last update for a detailed description of the Rainbows Program. Registration for Rainbows ends Friday, September 23rd.

Interim Progress Reports - Interim Progress Reports for the first semester will be coming home on Wednesday, October 5th. Please be sure to sign the letter acknowledging receipt of the report and return it to school by Tuesday, October 11th.

Feast Day Mass - Please join us at Mass if you can on Friday , October 7th, at 9:00 a.m. We will be celebrating our Parish Feast Day. We would love to see you!

Race For Education - Our first fund raiser of the year, the Race for Education, is off to a good start. The RACE packets that went home last Monday explained the goal for this year's RACE -- 100% student participation: Returning the **Entry Form**; Submitting **Sponsor Labels**; and being part of the **Walk/Jog-a-thon** on October 20th! Most students have returned their Entry Forms. The deadline for submitting sponsor labels is this Friday, Sept. 23rd. Mailers will go out shortly thereafter. We hope that every student and every homeroom qualifies for the prizes and rewards offered this year. So, JOIN THE FUN and SUPPORT THE RUN!

Box Tops and Soup Labels - The competition has begun! This year we are determined to beat our totals from last year and set a new school record. Please send all box tops and soup labels to your child's homeroom teacher. Please note that box tops must have an expiration date and soup labels must show the labels for education sign and complete barcode to count.

Giant A+ Program - If you shop at the Giant or have neighbors or relatives who do, we can earn lots of money for our school. Last year we earned nearly \$3,000 and it was totally painless. You will need to register to help. Your Giant card has a twelve digit number that you will need. There are three ways to register: 1) log onto www.giantfood.com/aplus and follow the directions to register 2) Call [1-877-275-2758](tel:1-877-275-2758) to register over the phone 3) email Mrs. Riddle at Riddlss@mail.olvschool.com and give her your twelve digit Giant number. The school ID number is #01594. The program begins on October 6th.

Target - Do you shop at Target? We hope so. When you use your Target charge card we can receive 1% of your purchase. Just tell them to designate Our Lady of Victory School. We recently received a check for over \$600.00. It is painless and profitable. Give it a try.

Office Depot - The Office Depot will give us 5% back from all purchases made at their stores. Give them the school number (70046088) when you checkout.

Hot Lunch Program - Here is how the program operates. Lunch orders are taken by each homeroom teacher every morning. Orders are totaled and the food is prepared by the cafeteria staff. Please help us make this a smooth process by reminding your child to only take what he/she ordered in homeroom. If everyone cooperates the system works efficiently and everyone gets what they ordered. If a student forgets lunch money, they must call you to get your permission for them to order. Only hot dogs, pizza, and juice boxes are available to order when students forget their money. The money is to be repaid the following school day. Please remember that this is for students who forget their money. This should not happen more than once a month or less.

Have a wonderful week!