

OLV School Update

October 3, 2011

A Thought For The Week

It is easier to go down a hill than up, but the view is from the top.

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.

Hot Lunch News - All during the month of October we are serving mashed potatoes with gravy and vegetable beef barley soup for just \$1.50. These items are available every day.

After School Clubs - Clubs beginning this week include: Monday - Drama Club, Tuesday - Origami Club, and Wednesday - Girl Scouts. These clubs meet from 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Scrabble Club meets every Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Our Spanish Club will begin on October 17th.

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.

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!

Box Tops And Soup Labels - Our first collection totals for September are in! We have collected 2,636 soup labels and \$604.20 in box tops! We are off to a fabulous start! Our winning grades are: 3rd grade with 573 soup labels, and 4th grade with \$110.00 in box tops. These grades have earned an out-of-uniform day for this Thursday, Oct. 6th. Thank you for your support. This program goes on all year long.

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.

Technology Update - Please open the attachment to see all of the wonderful activities happening in our Computer Lab this month! Your children are very excited and we wanted to share the news with you.

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.

Race For Education - October 20th is fast approaching! Volunteers are needed for Race Day for an assortment of duties. If you would like to obtain a few volunteer service hours (from 2 to 6), please contact Nancy in Mrs. Zapanta's office by email (soltena@mail.olvschool.com). She will send home a form that you can return listing your preferences and how long you can work. We will try to match you with your preferences. (Or send a note to the school, addressed to "Nancy", via your student, with your name and phone contact). Thank you.

Uniform News - The weather is very unpredictable this time of year. While it is cold today, warmer temperatures are supposed to be here beginning tomorrow. We often have cooler temperatures in the morning and warming trends by dismissal. With this in mind, boys may wear long pants to school should they choose to do so. Students may wear sweat wear to school in the morning, but will need to change in homeroom for the school day. It is not cold in the building. Please be sure to label all clothing. This is the time of year when the lost and found swells with unlabeled clothing. Anything labeled is promptly returned. We will announce when the Winter Uniform Policy will go into effect at a later date. Students in the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten may wear any variety of the uniform at any time based on parent discretion. Please call with any questions.

Halloween - It will soon be time to turn our attention to Halloween. OLV celebrates this day with costumes, food, and fun. In keeping with the spirit of making this a fun day, we ask that the children wear appropriate costumes. We do not want costumes that may frighten the younger children. Please keep this in mind when you shop for a costume. Students in Grades Pre - K to 5 will be wearing costumes, while students in Grades

6 - 8 will be out-of-uniform and attend a Halloween dance. Watch for a special flyer with all of the spooky details.

OLV Soccer News - Please see the attached flyer for some exciting news about our soccer program and the Baltimore Blast Soccer Team.

NJHS Donut Day - Circle your calendars for Wednesday, October 12th. Our NJHS will be having their monthly donut day. Watch for their flyer with all of the details.

School Closed - School will be closed for the students on Monday, October 10th. The faculty and staff will be attending professional development meetings at various locations throughout the Archdiocese.

Bingo Help - The Kindergarten has been assigned to work bingo on Friday, October 7th. We have only been able to recruit a handful of volunteers to date. Anyone interested in helping can email Ericka Harris at esavageharris@gmail.com or Melanie Bishop at mbishop002@verizon.net. Please remember that you will earn service hours for this school year. You earn 1 1/2 hours for each hour worked. Any help is always greatly appreciated even if you are not a member of the Kindergarten class.

Have a wonderful week!

