

OLV School Update

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The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically...Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

In Our Prayers - We pray for all of those who are in need of God's healing presence. Especially: We pray for Ms. Linda Goodale on the passing of her sister, Ms. Sandee Frantz. Sr. Mary McFadden, former Parish Health Minister who is in the hospital. We also pray for all of the families of the Our Lady of Victory Community. Do you know of someone in need of our prayers? Please let us know and we will include it in our school update.

Our Lady of Victory School is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year in Grades Pre - K to Grade 8. Please remember the Parent Referral program that offers a \$250.00 discount for every student that you refer to our school. If the family that you refer is accepted, you will receive the credit on your last tuition bill of the school year. Refer three and receive a \$750.00 credit! There is not a limit on this program.

Ravens Day - Part II - Our school will be celebrating the upcoming AFC Championship game against the New England Patriots on Friday, January 20th. All students are asked to show their spirit by wearing purple and black or Ravens gear to school. Students may also wear the color gear of their favorite team if they are in the AFC or NFC Championship game. No additional funds are needed. All proceeds collected last week are being

donated to the Parish Pantry to help the needy families of Our Lady of Victory.

Re-Registration - Important materials were mailed to your home last week. Please remember to complete your forms and return them with the required fee by the February 3rd deadline. When you complete this process, you are guaranteed a seat for the 2012-13 school year. Call Ms. Alley if you have any questions concerning the re-registration process. The Archdiocese of Baltimore has a limited amount of funds available for Catholics and Non-Catholics who can demonstrate financial need. Our Parish has a limited amount of funds for registered parishioners who can demonstrate financial need. Please refer to the special letter in the mailing, or call Mrs. Bauer in the school office. All request for financial aid from the Archdiocese must be completed by February 29th.

OLV Bull and Shrimp Roast - Please plan to join the faculty and staff at our Bull and Shrimp Roast on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th. Please note that this is a change in date. Our ticket sales fell below the minimum required by the caterer so we were going to cancel. We were fortunate to learn that they had a cancellation for March 17th. We grabbed this date right away. We hope that this will allow our 2nd Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast to be an overwhelming success. What a great date to get out. ALL proceeds will be used to help offset the cost of window tinting, which will reduce the amount of heat and glare during the warmer time periods. This will help to lower the room temperature significantly. New ticket order forms will be available on our web site soon. We are hoping for a sellout. Please show your OLV spirit and plan to attend.

Geography Bee - Nine highly motivated OLV Middle School students participated in the National Geography Bee on January 17th. Congratulations to all who participated, and to our finalists: 3rd Place, Lexie Novak (Grade 5); 2nd Place, David Berkey (Grade 8); 1st Place, Dakota Blum (Grade 8). Dakota will now compete to qualify for the

Maryland state competition. Good luck, Dakota. Special thanks to Mrs. Linda Judson for moderating the competition. Hats off to you for a great job!

Open House - We need your help. Our next Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All of our signs have found great homes and are on display. We thank you very much for helping us to advertise this special day. We will be collecting the signs after this event. Please also try to spend some time with us. Your child would love to have you here if you can make it. Also, please spread the word to someone who may be looking for a new school. We would love to have them experience OLV first hand.

Guidance News - During the month of January we continue to work on the Values Code of SELF-CONTROL with our students. Please help us in our efforts by placing emphasis on this value at home. Thanks!

Trimester 2 Interim Reports - Students in Grades 1 - 8 will be receiving an interim progress report tomorrow, January 19th. Please look over the report, sign the accompanying letter, and return it to school by January 27th. This is the perfect time to schedule a meeting with the teacher if any weaknesses or concerns surface from the report.

HSA News - The Home and School Association will hold their next meeting on Thursday, January 19th, at 7:00 p.m., in Hindley Hall. The Religion Teachers will be here from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., to display the Family Life Curriculum materials that will be used in lessons over the next several weeks. They will also be available to answer any of your questions or to address any of your concerns. We hope that you can be there!

STAND Renewal - You can renew your STAND card by submitting a new Volunteer Screening form to Ms. Hughes. A new card will be issued after confirmation of clearance is received. Check your card today to see when it

expires.

Uniform News - Attached is a copy of the latest sale offer from our uniform supplier. They have a sale going on during the month of January.

School Closings - Please be aware that we will no longer be able to use WBAL TV to announce our school closings or delays in opening due to inclement weather. This new policy will be in effect whenever the Baltimore County Public Schools are scheduled to be in session. We follow the decisions of their school system. Please follow all announcements for Baltimore County. In the event that the Baltimore County Schools are closed for a holiday or professional day, a special announcement will be made on WBAL TV concerning OLV School. As always, an announcement will be posted on the school answering machine concerning any school closings or delays.

Lost and We Found - We have a Nikon Cool Pix black camera with the name of Tony labeled on the front. The camera was left at the evening performance of our Primary Christmas Program back in December.

Have a wonderful week!