

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
2009**

OFFICE HOURS

The school office will re-open on Monday, August 31. Office hours are from 9AM-3PM. If you need to contact us before August 31, please send an e-mail to ollourdes@yahoo.com or leave a message on voicemail 215-877-2727.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal: Sr. Rose Mary Balappa, SOLM
School E-Mail: ollourdes@yahoo.com
School Phone: 215-877-2727
School Fax: 215-877-6042
School Website: www.ourladylourdesschool.com

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

School begins on Wednesday, September 9 for **grades Pre-K-8**. School will be dismissed at 12PM on September 9, 10, and 11. Full day classes begin Monday, September 14 for **grades Pre-K-8**.

SCHOOL HOURS

School is in session from 8:10AM until 2:55PM. Students arriving after 8:10AM must report to the office for a late slip.

BUS LANE AND SCHOOL LOT

When dropping off or picking up children, please do not park in the school lot or bus lane in the morning and afternoon. The few parking spaces in the school lot are reserved for our faculty and staff. Parents should not get out of their cars, the car line needs to keep moving.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL FOR CARS

Cars coming into the schoolyard at the beginning and end of the day must form a line. Parents are asked to stay in their cars. The students are not permitted to walk through the schoolyard. Teachers will put the children into the cars one at a time. For the safety of our children we ask for your cooperation and patience with the arrival and dismissal procedure for cars. Please do not park your car in the car line to walk your child/ren to the door, this will hold up traffic in the schoolyard and in the street and accidents can happen.

MEDICATIONS

If a student has a food allergy, asthma, or other life threatening conditions, the parent must supply the school with the proper medication. Failure to do so may result in your child being suspended from school until the medication is received in the school office. All medications must be in the original container with the prescription label attached. No student is allowed to keep any medication with him or her during school.

CELL PHONES

Students are not permitted to carry cell phones during school hours. Students may not use cell phones while on school property in the morning before school begins and during school hours. Cell phones will be collected in the morning by the homeroom teacher and sent to the office. Cell phones will be returned to the students at the end of the school day. In the event of an **emergency only**, students must use the school office phone. If a student is caught with a cell phone, it will be confiscated and held in the Principal's office. The confiscated cell phone **will only be returned to a parent. Student will receive a detention or suspension.**

MUSIC PLAYERS AND ELECTRONIS DEVICES

No electronic devices (ipods, CD players, gameboys, PSP, Nintendo DS, cameras, etc.) are allowed in school. These items will be confiscated and **only returned to a parent.** We are not responsible for lost items.

TUITION: The Tuition will collected in the school office

To avoid any unpleasant situations, please make every effort to keep your child/ren tuition up to date. Students with delinquent accounts may not attend class. For your child/ren to begin class on September 9, 2009, tuition payments for July and August must already be paid prior to your child/ren starting school in September. Any outstanding balances from the 08-09 school year and even if you have re-registered your child/ren, you are not allowed to send them to school on September 9, 2009 unless payment is made.

NEW STUDENTS

All students new to Our Lady of Lourdes School are required to have a physical and dental exam before starting school. **Students will not be admitted to school until all health records are complete.** Exams must be dated after September 2008. Forms are due the first day of school

IMMUNIZATIONS (ALL STUDENTS)

Please provide proof of vaccines by the first day of school.

DtaP/DPT/DT/Td:	4 Doses at least one dose after 4 th Birthday
Polio:	3 Doses
MMR:	2 Doses both after the 1 st Birthday
Hepatitis B:	3 Doses - Please complete in 4 months
Varicella (Chickenpox):	2 Doses -1 st dose 12-15 months of age -2 nd dose 4-7 years of age (at least 3 mos. after 1 st) - 2 nd dose Require all grades
Tdap (Adacel or Boostrix):	1 dose required for admission to 6th & 7th grade
Meningitis Shot (Menactra)	1 dose required for admission to 6th & 7th grade

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

All students in grades PK-8 received a mandatory summer reading list in June. Writing assignments are due the first week of school. This assignment will be graded. The reading and stationery list are posted on the school's website www.ourladylourdesschool.com

LUNCH

All students must bring their lunch during the month of September. Lunches are not needed on half days (12PM dismissal). Parents are **not** allowed to bring lunches to school on a daily basis. Students are **not** permitted to have their lunch delivered. **NO FAST FOOD.**

CARES (BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM)

Information will be sent home the first week of school. CARES will begin on Monday, September 14, 2009 for grades Pre-K-8.

PK AND KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

- Back to school night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8 at 7PM. This meeting is **mandatory** for all students and parents. Important information will be discussed and distributed.
- Students **must** bring a book bag and snack to school everyday.
- PK students should wear casual clothing, sneakers or shoes with a non-skid sole.
- Kindergarten students wear the school gym uniform everyday.
- Students **must** bring an extra set of clothing (shirt, pants, socks and underwear) in a shoebox or plastic bag to be kept in the classroom. Accidents (bathroom, food and playground) will happen.

GRADES 1-8 Please Pay Attention to the Uniform Change

- Students **must** wear summer uniforms until mid October. Uniforms must be purchased at Flynn and O'Hara. School shoes can be purchased at B & S Shoes.

Flynn & O'Hara	Drexel Hill	610-259-3115
Flynn & O'Hara	Clifton Heights	610-284-1485
B & S Shoes	Drexel Hill	610-284-1070
- School bus information will be mailed directly to you from The Public School District Transportation Department the week of August 31 to students that have requested bus transportation. The Public School District Transportation Department schedules bus routes and bus stops. Our Lady of Lourdes School Administrators have no control in scheduling bus routes, bus stops, pick-up or drop off times.
- Students **must** bring a book bag and all the items from the stationery list to school on the first day of school Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

SUMMER UNIFORM

(Kindergarten students wear gym uniform daily)

Students **must** wear summer uniform until October 16, 2009. (Refer to student handbook for complete uniform dress code, make-up and jewelry policies. Demerits or detentions will be given for non-compliance). Student handbook can be found on our website www.ourladyourdesschool.com.

BOYS

(*boys **are not** permitted to wear earrings)

Grades 1-8: S/S light blue golf (gym) shirt with **school monogram and shield**
Blue pants with black or brown belt
(Golf shirt **must** be tucked into pants)

GIRLS

(*hair accessories **must** be blue or white and can be purchased at Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms, **NO** make-up, lip gloss, nail polish or artificial nails, earrings may **not** be larger than a quarter, long earrings are **not** permitted).

Grades 1-4: S/S white blouse (round collar)
Navy and white plaid jumper with **school monogram and shield**

Grades 5-8: S/S white golf (gym) shirt with **school monogram and shield**
Navy and white plaid skirt
(golf shirt **must** be tucked into skirt)

ALL STUDENTS

(*nose earrings, visible tattoos of any kind are **not** permitted)

Navy or white socks

Black Oxford Shoe

SUMMER GYM UNIFORM: BOYS & GIRLS IN GRADES K-8

Boys: light blue golf shirt with school monogram and shield

Girls: white golf shirt with school monogram and shield

All students: navy sweat shorts or pants

- white socks

- sneakers (roller skate sneakers are not permitted)

***Kindergarten students wear gym uniform everyday.**

UNIFORMS & SHOES ARE AVAILABLE AT:

Flynn & O'Hara
Drexeline Shopping Ctr.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026
610-259-3115

**uniforms only*

Flynn & O'Hara
30 E. Baltimore Pike
Clifton Heights, PA 19018
610-284-1485

**uniform and shoes*

B & S Shoes
Drexeline Shopping Ctr.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026
610-284-1070

**shoes only*