

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
DECEMBER 2008 PARENT NEWSLETTER
www.ourladylourdesschool.com

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our school website address is **www.ourladylourdesschool.com**. We are fortunate to be able to offer an alternative means of communicating with our families. We strongly encourage all of our families to utilize this resource and stay informed with current events at OLL. For those families that have not visited our website the following information can be accessed:

- ✓ Scholarship applications (available in January)
- ✓ Teacher contact list with email access

FIRST TRIMESTER REPORT CARD

The first trimester ends on Wednesday, November 26. Mid-way Progress Reports were distributed to the students and parents in October. The teachers will send first trimester report card with the students on Wednesday, December 3. The report card conferences will take place on Friday, December 5, from 10AM-12PM and 1PM-3:00 PM. **PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 5, 2008.** Teachers will be available to meet with parents **ONLY** today.

FREE HOT LUNCH

Students who are eligible for "FREE" lunch must complete the hot lunch order form every month and return it to the school office by the due date. Fr. Matthew will only order lunch for those students that have returned the hot lunch order form. Hot lunch order forms are usually sent home the second week of the month.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

School pictures were returned to school on November 20, 2008. Parents who are not satisfied with the pictures should return the picture packet on Picture Retake Day. Picture retakes will be **Tuesday, December 2** during the AM session. Students who missed having their picture taken on Picture Day should request a picture envelope from the office and bring the envelope (money enclosed) on the retake day. Students getting their pictures taken must wear their school uniform except for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students.

ASBESTOS PROGRAM

Our Lady of Lourdes School and Parish has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at the school office during regular office hours. Anderson Consulting Engineers is the school's asbestos program manager. All inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to them.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Program will take place in school on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 PM in the school hall. Students are asked to wear "dress up clothes" for this program. Letters will be sent home from the homeroom teacher regarding the attire for the Christmas Show. No sneakers or jeans may be worn. The program will include special performances from every grade. Parents, relatives and friends are welcome. Please come and enjoy!

NO CARES

We are not able to provide CARES ON December 19, 2008. The Faculty Christmas Luncheon is scheduled immediately after dismissal.

On Wednesday, December 21, is on early dismissal day. Dismissal will be at 12 PM for all students. We ask that parents please make all the arrangements to have their children picked up on time. Payment adjustment for CARES will be informed by Mr. Dotsey.

CONCERNING SACRAMENTS

Catholic parents who have children who have not received the sacraments of penance and Holy Communion or are not yet baptized but wish them to make the sacraments this year should notify Sister Rose Mary at school as soon as possible to receive information concerning this matter.

BACK FEES

We wish to remind parents that all school fees (lab and materials fee, CARES, etc...) must be paid in full before report cards are given to students in December to take home. If you are delinquent with your tuition payment, please contact Mrs. McDonald. Parents that are delinquent with tuition received a letter in November.

OPEN HOUSE-NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Our Lady of Lourdes will have an "Open House" for new students on Sunday, January 25th from 11:00AM to 2:00PM. Families interested in attending Our Lady of Lourdes in September 2009 will have an opportunity to tour the school and meet the faculty. Please inform family members, friends, or neighbors to pre-register for the open house by calling the school at 215-877-2727.

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND PHILADELPHIA

Children's scholarship is available for K-8 for low-income families. To apply you must go online: www.csphiladelphia.org or call 215-670-8411. We will not provide any forms in the office. The application form will be available on our website. Please take this opportunity into consideration.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

School closes for the Christmas holidays at the end of the school day (12 PM) on Tuesday, December 23. School reopens on Monday, January 5.

FAMILY ENVELOPE

Again we ask that parents please cooperate with school policy on the Family Envelope and return the envelope on time. Family Envelopes are prepared and distributed one sometimes two weeks before the beginning of a new month. The envelope is always due back on the first Monday of the month. The oldest child in the family is responsible. For parents new to the school who may not know, the SAME envelope is given and returned. We do not send new envelopes each month.

REMINDERS:

- Family Envelope is due/ **Monday**, December 1
- Lab and Materials Fee \$35.00 per student/Due Monday, December 1

*Our Lady of Lourdes Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Faculty wish each of our families a very
Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!
School resumes on Monday, January 5, 2009.*