

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

SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed Monday, February 16 for President's Day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

The National celebration for Catholic Schools' Week will take place January 25 to January 31. The theme this year is "Celebrate Service." The activities planned for the week are as follows:

JANUARY

25	Sunday	PARISH DAY 10:30 Mass-Parents and students welcome 12-2 PM Open House
26	Monday	COMMUNITY DAY Parents are welcomed to talk about their service to the community between 9-11. Please let teachers know first.
27	Tuesday	PARENT APPRECIATION DAY Bring a family member to lunch. Please let teachers know first. - PK, K 3 & 4 grades: 11:40-12:10 - 1,2 & 5 grades: 12:20-12:50 -6, 7 & 8 grades: 1:00-1:30
28	Wednesday	ALUMNI DAY Letters to Will Smith. 8 th grade baby pictures.
29	Thursday	TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY Students dress up as teacher for 10 mins. Fr. Matt doing Jeopardy.
30	Friday	STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

Blue/White Day. Games: Grades 1-4
9-10:30 grades 5-8 1:30-2:00 PM. Bring
food trays sent to "Food for Friends."

GIANNI'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Orders must be picked up Wednesday, January 28. All orders must be picked up on Wednesday before 6PM, otherwise the food will spoil. Parent volunteers are still needed. Interested parents can report to the school office between the hours of 9-6PM on Wednesday, January 28.

DRESS DOWN DAY

Families who sold more than three items in the Gianni's Fundraiser are entitled to a dress down day on Wednesday, January 28.

TUITION RATES/2009-2010

Enclosed with this month's Family Envelope is the Tuition Fee Flyer for the 2009-2010 School Year. Please note that the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Program is a separate rate for both Supporting and Non-Supporting families. Family rates for Supporting and Non-Supporting families are not offered until children are in grades 1 through 8.

REGISTRATION FEE DUE

No re-registration fee of \$100.00 per child already enrolled in Our Lady of Lourdes School. All tuition for the present school year must be current before registration is accepted. A Registration Agreement Form is enclosed with this month's Family Envelope. Families should fill out the form, and mail or send information to school with your child. All families wishing to return to OLL in September 2009 **MUST HAVE ALL SCHOOL FEES PAID** by the April 24 due date. If the registration form is not turned in on time, we cannot hold places for families wishing to return.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for registration families must meet certain requirements listed in the School Policy Book. A student must be in good standing both academically and behaviorally. Parents must demonstrate a spirit of cooperation and have no outstanding fees. Registration Agreement Forms will be returned to families not meeting these requirements.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our Lady of Lourdes will continue to offer Pre-Kindergarten for 2009-2010. Children must be four years of age by September 1, 2009 to register. Applications are available in the school office and the school website. (ourladylourdes.com)

CSW/BRING A FRIEND TO LUNCH

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, we are inviting parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles to have lunch with the students on Tuesday, January 27th. Interested persons must return the form that is being sent home so we have enough seating to accommodate our guests.

FALL FUNDRAISER AWARDS

Students who participated in the Gifts & Things fundraiser during the month of November will receive their awards on Tuesday, February 10 at 11:00. Prizes include Limo ride, lunch and dress down. A list of students' names and prizes will be given to all teachers.

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25th and ends Holy Week April 7-12. Stations of the Cross will Fridays, February 27 – April 3 at 1:45 PM for PK-8. Confessions will be scheduled for grades 3-8 on the first Wednesday of the month after the 8:30 Mass. During these six weeks Christians throughout the world pray, fast and do penance. As a school community our students, teachers and staff will prepare for Easter with special activities.

BLOCS SCHOLARSHIP

The BLOCS scholarship application is now available for students entering Pre-Kindergarten-12th grade in a participating Catholic School for the 2009-2010 school year. All applications for students must be postmarked by Monday, March 23, 2009. The income guidelines are as follows:

<u>Number of dependents</u>	<u>Maximum income</u>
1	\$60,000.00
2	\$70,000.00
3	\$80,000.00
4	\$90,000.00
5	\$100,000.00

Applications are available online at www.BLOCS.org

FOSTER PARENTS

Catholic Social Services is looking for single or married adults to become foster parents to children of all ages and races. There is a special need for families who can provide care to Teenagers – a population that needs love, guidance, and support as they move

into adulthood. Catholic Social Services provides professional training, support, financial reimbursement and parochial school tuition to foster children. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call Melissa or Pat at 215-587-3960!

GENUINE EUROPEAN PORTRAITS

Information will be coming home with students from Genuine European Portraits. This company provides artists who will draw a portrait of you or your child from a photo that you submit or you may opt to have your child's picture taken at school by a professional photographer free of charge. On February 13 at 10:00 AM, a photographer will be at Our Lady of Lourdes School. If you would like to have your child's picture taken, return the brochure with your child's name and grade. Your portrait will be returned to school within 4-6 weeks. At that time, you may purchase the portrait. You are not obligated to buy.

If you already have a favorite picture, send it to school with your child on February 13 along with the brochure containing your child's name and grade. There is no cost to have the portrait drawn. You only pay if you want to purchase the portrait. The portraits should be completed in time for Mother's Day.

SACRAMENTAL DATES

First Penance February 18, 2009 at 7:30 PM in Grotto Chapel; First Eucharist Parent Meeting, March 8, 2009 at 10:00 AM in Parish Center; First Eucharist, Sunday, May 3, 2009 at 12:15 PM in Church.

REMINDER:

- Family Envelope due on Monday, February 2
- Lab and Materials Fee \$35.00 per student Due Monday, February 2.
- Re-registration form due ASAP
- Genuine European Portrait form due February 13
- Mail BLOCS application by March 23 deadline

PLEASE SEND FAMILY ENVELOPE BACK ON TIME!