

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School

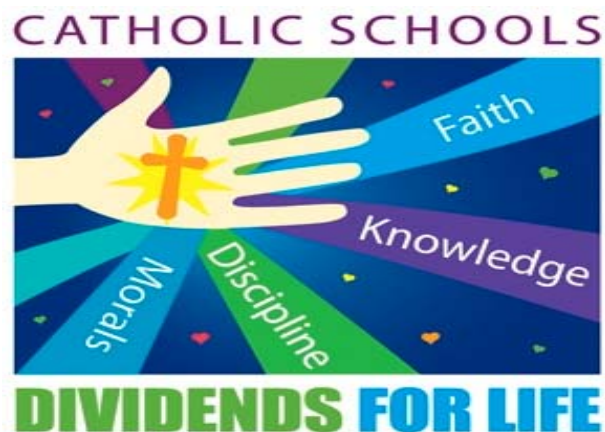


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February 2010 Parent Newsletter

Monday-Friday	Jan. 31-Feb. 5	Catholic Schools Week
Monday	February 1	Progress Reports Go Home Lab & Material Fee Due
Wednesday	February 3	Pizza Delivery
Friday	February 5	12PM Dismissal/Faculty Meeting
Friday	February 12	Genuine European Portraits
Wednesday	February 17	Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
Friday	February 19	Children's Station of the Cross Begins at 1:45 PM

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK



The National celebration for Catholic Schools' Week will take place January 31 through February 6. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools Dividends for Life." The activities planned for the week are as follows:

JANUARY

31 Sunday: LOVE JESUS DAY
10:30AM Mass – Parents and students are welcome
12-2 PM Open House at School

FEBRUARY

- 1 Monday: PARENT DAY
Letters to Parents
Teachers switch for 30-45 minutes
- 2 Tuesday: COLOR DAY: Creative Sports Day
Pre-K & 8 Blue
K & 7 Red
1 & 6 Yellow
2 & 5 Orange
3 & 4 Green
- 3 Wednesday: COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY
Guardian/Parent Speakers-Please contact teachers
Students write thank you cards:
*Firefighters
*Police
*School Bus Drivers
*Fr. James
- 4 Thursday: STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY
Dress Down Day \$2.00
Fashion Show: 1:15 PM
*Parents are welcome
Lunch for Pre-K – 8 12-12:15PM
- 5 Friday: TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY
Assembly in the Morning to Honor the teachers
Students write thank you cards for Support Staff
12PM Dismissal

GIANNI'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Orders must be picked up Wednesday, February 3, 2010. All orders must be picked up on Wednesday before 5PM, otherwise the food will spoil. Parent

volunteers are still needed. Interested parents can report to the school office at 11AM on Wednesday, February 3, 2010.

DRESS DOWN DAY

Families who sold more than three items in the Gianni's Pizza Fundraiser are entitled to a dress down on Friday, February 5, 2010. Pass can be used only on this day.

TUITION RATES AND MATERIAL FEE 2010-2011

A Tuition Flyer for the 2010-2011 School Year will be sent home. Please note that Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Program is a separate rate. Same 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. Pre-K through 8 will have a Material Fee. There will be an increase in Lab & Material Fees.

REGISTRATION FEE

Two years in a row there will be no re-registration fee of \$100.00 for all the students who currently are enrolled in Our Lady of Lourdes School. All tuition for the present school year must be current before registration is accepted. A Re-Registration Agreement Form will be sent home this month. Families should fill out the form and mail or send information to school with your child as soon as possible, and/or before March 9, 2010. All families wishing to return to OLL in September 2010 **MUST HAVE ALL SCHOOL FEES PAID** by April 23rd 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. Sr. Rose Mary will notify these families at the end of the school year.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Our Lady of Lourdes will continue to offer Pre-Kindergarten for 2010-2011 school year only full time. **Children must be four years of age by September 1, 2010** to register. Applications are available in the school office and the school website: ourladylourdesschool.com

FALL FUNDRAISER AWARDS

Students who participated in the Gifts & Things fundraiser during the month of November will receive their awards. Students will be notified as soon as we set up the exact date that works with our school and fundraiser schedule.

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and ends Holy Week March 28-April 4. Stations of the Cross will be held on every Friday during Lent from February 19-April 2 at 1:45 PM for the children. Confessions will be scheduled for grades 3-8 on the first Wednesday of the month after the 8:30 AM Mass. During these six weeks Christians throughout the world pray, fast, offer alms, and do penance. As a school community our students, teachers and staff will prepare for Easter with special activities.

CHILDRENS SCHOLARSHIP

Children's scholarship is available for students K-8 (this year Pre-K-7) for the school year of 2010-2011 for low-income families. To apply you must go on-line: www.csfphiladelphia.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. **The complete application must be received by March 1, 2010.**

BLOCS SCHOLARSHIP

The BLOCS scholarship application will be available for students entering Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade in a participating Catholic School for the 2010-2011 school year the week of February 8th. All applications for students must be postmarked by Thursday, April 15, 2010. 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.

KOHL'S KIDS WHO CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Visit www.kohlskids.com Scholarship Program. Nominations will be accepted from February 1-March 15, 2010.

FOSTER PARENTS

Catholic Social Services are 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 need love, guidance, and support as they move into adulthood. Catholic Social Services provides professional training, support, financial reimbursement and parochial school tuition for foster children. To learn more about becoming a foster parent, please call Melissa or Pat at 215-587-3960.

GENUINE EUROPEAN PORTRAITS

This company provides artists who will draw a portrait of you or your child from a photo that you submit. They will not be sending any photographer this year to take the pictures. If you are interested, please send in a picture no later than Friday, February 12, 2010. 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 have a favorite picture, send it to school with your child on February 12 with 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 24, 2010 at 7:30 PM in Church; First Eucharist Parent Meeting, March 7, 2010 at 10:00 AM in Parish Center; First Eucharist, Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 12:15 PM in Church.

FUNDRAISING FOR HAITI

Parents, Students, Teachers and Staff, thank you for supporting the Haitian people in their time of need. God Bless your generosity as we continue to pray for them. We are happy to announce that Our Lady of Lourdes School raised \$1,000.00.

GOODSEARCH

Raise money for our school while finding the things you need on the internet. Good Search will donate to "Our Lady of Lourdes School" whenever you search the internet. Make www.goodsearch.com your home page and help our students without leaving the comfort of your chair just be sure to list "Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School (Philadelphia, PA) when asked *who do you Good Search for?*

REMINDERS:

- Family Envelope due on Monday, February 1.
- Lab & Material Fee \$35.00 per student due on Monday, February 1.
- Re-registration form due
- Genuine European Portraits picture due February 12.