

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School



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March 2010 Parent Newsletter

Tuesday	March 2	NO SCHOOL/Professional Development Day
Wednesday	March 3	Confession for school children after 8:30AM mass
Friday	March 5	In View Testing/OCE Visit
Monday-Friday	March 8-12	Terra Nova Assessment-Grades K-8
Friday	March 12	Second Trimester Ends
Monday	March 15	Third Trimester Begins
Friday	March 19	Report Cards Sent Home
Wednesday	March 31	Easter Holiday Begins-12PM Dismissal
Thursday	April 1	No School/Holy Thursday
Friday	April 2	No School/Good Friday
Sunday	April 4	Easter Sunday
Monday	April 5	1 day-Snow make-up Day/classes resume
Tuesday	April 6	2 day-Snow make-up Day/classes resume

SEASON OF LENT

During the season of Lent continue to pray, fast, and do penance. Stations of the Cross for students is scheduled on every Friday during Lent season at 1:45PM. Confessions will be scheduled for grades 3-8 on March 3 after 8:30AM Mass. As a school community our students, teachers and staff will prepare for Easter with special activities during school.

REGISTRATION

A Registration Form was enclosed in last month's Family Envelope. Not all forms were returned. If you are interested in re-registering, please fill out the form and return to school as soon as possible. There is no re-registration fee of \$100.00 for the students already enrolled at Our Lady of Lourdes School. For all those who fail to re-register by March 9, 2010, fee of \$100.00 will apply.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

Applications for BLOCS and Children's Scholarship Fund and TAP are available on line. Please take advantage of these scholarships. Applications are available online at www.BLOCS.org the deadline is April 15, 2010, www.csphiladelphia.org the deadline is March 10, 2010 and at www.catholicschools-phl.org the deadline is April 15, 2010. All applications must be mailed to address on the application.

DO NOT RETURN APPLICATIONS TO THE SCHOOL.

MARKS CLOSE

Marks close for the second trimester on Friday, March 12. Students having failing grades or unfinished projects should check with their teachers before marks close to see if work can be submitted for a passing grade. Report cards will be distributed, Friday, March 19 to the students. If tuition and lab fees are not up to date your child may not return to school on Monday, March 15 and will not receive a report card. Parents needing to see teachers must request an appointment. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure their child is passing all subjects.

SECOND TRIMESTER REPORT CARDS

The second trimester report cards will be distributed to students at the end of the day on Friday, March 19. We ask that parents sign the report card and return it to school by Monday, March 22. Teachers have no way of knowing if parents received the report cards unless a parent signature is on the report card. Parents needing to keep the report card for an extended time must put this request in writing to the teacher. All the tuition and material fee must be up-to-date in order to receive the report card.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Report card conferences for the second trimester will be available ONLY upon parent or teacher request. Appointment is necessary. Students must attend the conference with their parents. Parents must meet with the teacher if their child has a failing grade on their report card.

DELINQUENT TUITION

In the past months, several families with severe delinquencies on their tuition accounts were put on suspension. We regret having to suspend our students from attending school for financial reasons; however, the tuition is the only source of income for the school.

TERRA NOVA TESTING

Students in PK-8 will be taking the In View Testing on March 5th. Students in grades K-8 will be taking the Terra Nova Test March 8-12. It is most important that all students be present for testing; we are not able to make up testing for students that miss. Parents will receive the results of the testing as soon as they are available. The Terra Nova Test is a national standardized test mandated by the Archdiocese for all Catholic schools

GOODSEARCH

Raise money for your 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?

NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS

During the months of March each child is encouraged to bring in the change for the men, women, and children in need. We also encourage using the rice bowl to collect the change and bring in to school during Holy Week. Funds will be donated to the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK TEAM

Mr. Brooker, CYO Director along with Mr. Bell and Mr. Liberis will be helping with our boys and girls track team. Detailed information will be sent at a later date. We appreciate for volunteering their time and talent to support our students’ sports spirit.

ANNOYMOUS DONOR

Anonymous donors offered \$5,000.00 to Our Lady of Lourdes School. This donation is specified to assist the struggling families with their tuition payments. Only ten families will be chosen for this purpose. These families will be notified by the office. We are grateful to our generous donors. This is their second year donation to our school. We hope that they will continue to support our school

children and their families. We wish them much happiness and health. Our hearts and prayers are with them.

CONGRATULATIONS!

- Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Science and/or Math Fair. All those students who participated in the fair received a certificate.
- We were proud to have our first Fashion Show during Catholic Schools Week. There were about 40 participants. We are sure to let you know some of our students knew how to put a smile on our face and show of their beauty and fashion. We hope to continue next year and we would like to see more participants.
- We want to thank and appreciate Our Lady of Lourdes School Choir for singing and dancing on February 13, 2010 at the Mardi Gras Fundraiser for the school.

FIFTH GRADE BALLROOM DANCE

We are pleased to inform you that our fifth grade is selected to participate in the ballroom dance program for the spring semester of 2010. Ballroom dance program is based on the nonprofit dancing classroom. The 45-minute classes are offered to our fifth grade students twice/weekly for a total of 10 weeks, held during the school day with classroom teacher participation.

Sr. Rose Mary won this program for our school during the workshop that was held for principals in Avalon. The total cost for the program is \$1,500.00/class. It is free for first year. Parents and students, we hope you are excited about this program as much as we are. We look forward to seeing our fifth grade students' dance.

EASTER VACATION

School will be dismissed at 12PM on Wednesday, March 31. There is no school April 1st and April 2nd.

SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

Monday	April	5 th	
Tuesday	April	6 th	
Friday	April	9 th	No 12PM Dismissal/FULL DAY
Friday	May	7 th	No 12PM Dismissal/FULL DAY
Friday	May	12 th	
Monday	June	21 st	