

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
2008-2009**

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Lady of Lourdes faculty and staff wish to extend a warm welcome to all our students and their families. We are looking forward to a happy and successful school year!

Our Lady of Lourdes School has a new school website, www.ourladylourdesschool.com. Please use the website to contact teachers, check homework assignments, check school calendar and newsletters.

FACULTY AND STAFF CHANGES

The summer months brought some changes to our faculty and staff for the coming year. Warm welcome to our Secretary, PK, 6th, Computer teachers, and Library Aide!

Pre-Kindergarten	Sr. Sunitha
Kindergarten	Mrs. Charleen Leonetti-Johnson
1 st Grade	Ms. Shannon McKnight
2 nd Grade	Sr. Julia Balu, S.O.L.M.
3 rd Grade	Ms. Amy Barcoski
4 th Grade	Mrs. Jean Heim
5 th Grade/CARES	Mr. Matthew Dotsey
6 th Grade	Ms. Christina Clark
7 th Grade	Mr. Gennaro Nicastro
8 th Grade	Mr. Timothy Miller
Computer	Mrs. Donna Janasik
Library Aide	Mrs. Jimmo
Art	Mrs. Joan Sweeney
Music	Mr. Ross Brown
Title 1 Reading	Mrs. Connie Bailey

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The Back to School Night for parents of children in Grades 1 through 8 is scheduled for Thursday, September 11. The program will begin at 7:00 PM with teachers' presentations in their classrooms. We ask that no children attend this meeting, it is for parents only. It is a mandatory meeting.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

The teachers will begin to post homework and announcements. Parents should email teachers with any questions or concerns they have about their child. The email addresses are:

Sr. Sunitha	gradepk@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Charleen Leonetti-Johnson	gradek@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. Shannon McKnight	grade1@ourladylourdesschoolc.om
Sr. Julia Balu, S.O.L.M.	grade2@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. Amy Barcoski	grade3@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Jean Heim	grade4@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Matthew Dotsey	grade5@ourladylourdesschool.com
Ms. Christina Clark	grade6@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Gennaro Nicaastro	grade7@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Timothy Miller	grade8@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Donna Janasik	computer@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Joan Sweeney	art@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mr. Ross Brown	music@ourladylourdesschool.com
Mrs. Connie Bailey	reading@ourladylourdesschool.com
	(Title 1 reading teacher)

CARES PROGRAM

The CARES Program (after-school care) will begin on Monday, September 8 for students in grades 1 through 8. CARES will begin Monday, September 15 for Kindergarten students. Parents must send to school the CARES Registration Form and payment of \$25.00 before their children can participate in the program. Registration information is enclosed in this month's Family Envelope.

STUDENT COUNCIL 2008-2009

Election for Student Council took place in May. The following students received majority votes from their classmates. We congratulate the following students:

President	Taylor Brightman
Vice-President	
Treasurer	
Secretary	Alisa Collins
Grade 8	
Grade 6	
Grade 5	
Lower School	

INSTALLATION OF SAFETIES AND STUDENT COUNCIL

Installation of the Eighth Grade Safeties and Student Council is scheduled to take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, September 10. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

SHELTER IN PLACE SUPPLIES

All students must bring a shelter in place food bag to school. We are asking for a gallon size food bag containing a 16oz bottle of water and a non-perishable snack such as saltine crackers, graham crackers, or cereal bars for your child. Please do not bring any food with nuts or peanut butter.

UNIFORM POLICY

Parents are once again reminded that golf shirts must be worn tucked into the uniform skirt and trousers. Please no oversized golf shirts. This year the uniform store is selling a banded golf shirt. The length of the uniform jumper and skirt for girls is at the knee not above the knee. The uniform policy is strictly enforced.

GOVERNMENT TEXTBOOK FORM

Each family is asked to complete the Government Textbook Form and return it to school in the Family Envelope. We are required to keep an updated form for each family on file.

PARENT-STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Parent-Student Handbook was distributed last September to all school families. New families received handbooks when they registered for the 2008-2009 school year. Please read and discuss the handbook with your child. Please discuss the school policies with your children.

HOT LUNCH MANAGER

Sr. Leonilla Puggioni, S.O.L.M. is our Hot Lunch Supervisor and Mrs. Laura DiPilla is our Hot Lunch Manager. Hot Lunch will begin in October. All students must bring lunch from home in September. Families interested in ordering Hot Lunch for the month of October should fill out the Monthly Order Form (money enclosed) that will be distributed to the students the latter part of September. Hot Lunch must be paid for in advance. Students may not pay for lunch on a daily basis. There are no refunds if a child is absent or leaves school early.

LAB AND MATERIALS FEE

Lab and Materials fee is due the first Monday of the month. The monthly fee is \$35.00 per student. The fee is paid at the beginning of each month and should be sent back in the Family Envelope. Fees should be put in separate envelopes and clearly marked. The oldest child in the family is responsible for the Family Envelope. Pre-K and Kindergarten students do not pay Lab and Material fees

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents must call the school before 9 AM on days your child is absent.

EMERGENCY FORMS

Enclosed you will find two Emergency Forms, one for the school office and one for the nurse. It is most important that these forms be filled out and sent back to school in the Family Envelope. In cases of emergency we need to have current emergency numbers on file. Please inform the office if any of the emergency numbers change throughout the school year.

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. Students are not permitted to walk through the schoolyard. Teachers will put children into cars one car at a time. We ask for your cooperation and patience with the arrival and dismissal procedure for cars. This procedure will ensure the good order and safety for all students and parents.

CYO DIRECTOR

We are still in need of parents to act as CYO Director and coaches for our basketball and track teams. Please contact the school office, 215-877-2727 if interested.

CELL PHONES

Students are not permitted to carry or use cell phones during school hours. In the event of an emergency, students must use the school office phone. Parents who need to speak with their children must call the school office. 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.

MUSIC PLAYERS AND ELECTRONIC GAMES

All electronic devices (ipods, CD players, gameboys, PSP, cameras, etc...) are not allowed in school. These items will be confiscated and only returned to a parent. We are not responsible for lost items.

ELWYN PERMISSION FORMS

Enclosed in this month's family envelope is an Elwyn permission form. This is a "universal" permission form allowing students to receive any of the services offered through the program. Please sign and return the form by Monday, September 8

REMINDERS: Return in the Family Envelope by Monday, September 8.

1. Government Textbook Form/Policy Book Form
2. Family Emergency Form
3. CARES Registration Form and \$25
4. Lab and Materials Fee for September- \$35.00/Per student in grades 1-8 only
5. Emergency Medical Form
6. Acceptable Use Policy for Technology
7. Elwyn permission form
8. Shelter in place bags