

# Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School



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## September 2009 Parent Newsletter

### WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Our Lady of Lourdes administrators, faculty and staff wish to extend a warm welcome to all our students and their families, especially to our new students and 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](http://www.ourladylourdesschool.com). Please use the website to contact teachers, to check homework assignments, to check school calendar, and newsletters. This year all the information will be on our website. We are not going to send the monthly calendar and newsletter in the family envelope the way we used to, for all the information please refer to our school website.

### FACULTY AND STAFF FOR 2009-2010

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>TEACHERS</u>
Pre-Kindergarten	Sr. Sunitha Kurumthodathu, SOLM
Kindergarten	Mrs. Leonetti-Johnson
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Ms. McKnight
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Sr. Julia Balu, S.O.L.M.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Ms. Barcoski
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mrs. Heim
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mr. McCarthy
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mr. Mullaholland
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mr. Dotsey
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Mr. Miller
Computer	Mrs. Janasik
Library	Mrs. Jimmo
Art	Ms. Pokalo
Music	Mr. Ross
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 17 and Grades Pre-K and Kindergarten is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8. The program will begin at 7:00 PM with teachers' presentations in their classrooms. We ask that no child/ren attend this meeting, it is for parents only. **It is a mandatory meeting.**

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

The teachers will begin to post homework and announcements on the web. Parents should email teachers with any questions or concerns they have about their child. Do not expect the reply during the school hours. Teachers are allowed to e-mail during their prep time or/and after school hours. The email addresses are:

Sr. Sunitha	<a href="mailto:gradepk@ourladylourdesschool.com">gradepk@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mrs. Leonetti-Johnson	<a href="mailto:gradek@ourladylourdesschool.com">gradek@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Ms. McKnight	<a href="mailto:grade1@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade1@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Sr. Julia Balu, S.O.L.M.	<a href="mailto:grade2@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade2@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Ms. Barcoski	<a href="mailto:grade3@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade3@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mrs. Heim	<a href="mailto:grade4@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade4@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mr. McCarthy	<a href="mailto:grade5@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade5@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mr. Mullaholland	<a href="mailto:grade6@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade6@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mr. Dotsey	<a href="mailto:grade7@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade7@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mr. Miller	<a href="mailto:grade8@ourladylourdesschool.com">grade8@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Ms. Pokalo	<a href="mailto:art@ourladylourdesschool.com">art@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
Mr. Ross	<a href="mailto:music@ourladylourdesschool.com">music@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>
TBA	<a href="mailto:reading@ourladylourdesschool.com">reading@ourladylourdesschool.com</a>

(Title 1 reading teacher)

## **CARES PROGRAM**

The CARES Program (before and after-school care) will begin on Monday, September 14 for students in grades Pre-k through 8. 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 on the web.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL 2009-2010**

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

President	Hollie McCullers
Vice-President	Sabrina Minor-Shaw
Treasurer	Jessica Hugee
Secretary	Simone Williams
Grade 8	Khalif Ali Aeja Martin
Grade 6	Sara Bien-Aime
Grade 6	Celina Jones

Grade 5            Brandi Jones  
                         Lawrence Trahan

Lower School

Grade 4            Samantha Scroggins  
                         Carington Hooks

### **INSTALLATION OF STUDENT COUNCIL**

Installation of the Student Council is scheduled to take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, September 16. 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. Please remember that the white golf shirts are worn by the girls and the light blue golf shirts are worn by the boys. 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 updated Parent-Student Handbook is found on our school Please read and discuss the handbook with your child. Please discuss the school policies with your children. All the parents and students must sign the policy book agreement in September.

### **HOT LUNCH MANAGER**

Phyllis Gordon is our Hot Lunch Supervisor and Br. Gerard 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 in grades 1 through 8. 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 grade and the name of the student 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**

If you have not yet filled out your child/ren Emergency Form, please complete the form and send back to school in the Family Envelope first week of school. In cases of any emergencies, 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.

### **TELEPHONE USE/MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

No student may call home during the school day. Please make sure that students have all materials, assignments and other needed items before leaving home. Students may not call home for homework, permission slips or to change their dismissal arrangements. Should the need arise to get a message to your student, please call the school office allowing sufficient time to deliver your message. Any student found using a cell phone on school grounds will have the device confiscated and held by the principal until picked up by a parent. We are not responsible for the lost and/or damaged phone.

### **ELECTRONICS/UNWANTED MATERIALS**

Students are not permitted to possess the following items on school property or at school functions: Electronic games or devices, including PDAs, MP3 players, ipods, CD players, gameboys, PSP, cameras, etc... are not permitted at any time on school grounds. Any electronic device found on a student during the regular school day will be confiscated. Laser pens or laser pointers, as well as liquid correcting fluid, are not permitted on school grounds. We are not responsible for lost or/and damaged 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 14.

**REMINDERS:** Return in the Family Envelope by first week of school or on Monday, September 14.

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