

**To: Parents of OLG Students**  
**Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz**  
**Re: Week of September 28, 2009**

Thank you to **Mrs. Wilson** and our **choir and cantors**, who sang at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Catechetical Sunday, September 27. You sang so beautifully, and made us all so proud!

**ITBS Testing:** Grades 2 through 8 will take their ITBS tests during the mornings this week, Monday through Thursday. The testing will continue next week from Monday to Thursday also. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) is the testing system selected for archdiocesan elementary schools. All archdiocesan schools are required to participate in this standardized testing program.

**Back-to-School Night: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade parents** are cordially invited to attend Back-to-School Night **this Thursday, October 1**. Important classroom information will be presented by the teachers. We request the attendance of at least one parent/guardian per family. We kindly ask that no children attend the meetings.

**First Friday Prayer Vigil:** We sincerely thank 7th grade parents **Mrs. Briceno** and **Ms. Schneider** for sitting at prayer during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil this Friday, October 2, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

**Day Care Receipts:** If you need a day care receipt for your Tax-Saver or Flex Spending account, please contact Mrs. Stott at [stottm@ourladyofgrace.org](mailto:stottm@ourladyofgrace.org).

**Weekly Scrip Orders:** If your Scrip order form does not include Gelson's, Whole Foods, or Henry's Farmers Market, you may "write-in" your order as follows:

Gelson's	\$50 or \$100 increments	Profit rate 5%
Whole Foods	\$50 increments	Profit rate 5%
Henry's Farmers Market	\$50 Increments	Profit rate 3%

**E-Scrip Back-to-School 10% Promo:** For those shopping at the Safeway family of stores (Vons and Pavilions in our local area) that have made purchases of products with the YELLOW SCHOOL BUS promo tag on them between August 12 through September 15: You have the potential to earn 10% toward E-Scrip on those purchases. If you were registered with E-Scrip on or before September 7, your 10% earnings will be credited to your E-Scrip account automatically.

Check the bottom of your receipt. If it says: "*Your donation has been sent to the school of your choice*"; then YOU ARE DONE, and your contributions will automatically be redeemed.

If the bottom of your receipt says:

"Bring in this reward receipt to your local school, or process your donation at [www.backtoschools.escrip.com](http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com)  
ENTER THIS NUMBER XXX... Must redeem by 10/13/09";

then YOU MUST ACT to redeem your contributions – by either:

1. Redeeming the credit yourself at the website listed on the receipt OR
2. Sending your receipt to the school office in an envelope labeled: "ESCRIP 10% BACK TO SCHOOL PROMO", and we will redeem it for you.

If you want your receipt returned, be sure to put your name on the envelope and we will return it once your code has been redeemed. The redemption code will be printed on your receipts from September 15 – October 9 only. Be sure to visit your store before October 9 and check that receipt! It must be redeemed by October 13. Credits will be reported in the September 2009 E-Scrip report along with your normal E-Scrip earnings. OLG will not receive those credits until March 2010. If you need any further clarification, please contact Mrs. Stott at [stottm@ourladyofgrace.org](mailto:stottm@ourladyofgrace.org).

**Ralphs Rewards:** In today's family envelope are step-by-step instructions on how to register your Ralphs Rewards card. Ralphs began a new program on September 1, 2009 so you must re-register your card. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Silberberg at her email address listed in your directory.

**Ralphs/E-Scrip Information Book:** Starting next week, October 5, there will be a notebook in the office that contains reports from the Ralphs and E-Scrip programs. If you have registered your cards, please stop by and verify that your name is on the lists. If you have friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. that have given you their credits, please send a note with their name, their card number, and your name to Mrs. Silberberg at her email address listed in your directory.

**OLG Beachside Fair:** The OLG Beachside Fair needs storage space. Do you have a garage or two to spare? Any storage space to spare? If so, please contact **Mrs. Garner** at 818-344-4126, extension 339. Free fair t-shirts for your family!

**8th Grade Pasta Hot Lunch: This Thursday, October 1**, there will be a special pasta hot lunch fundraiser provided by our 8th grade class. If you would like to order one for your child, please complete and return the enclosed order form via your returned family envelope. The 8th grade thanks you for your support!

**Magazine Drive: THIS IS IT – THE FINAL WEEK! The Magazine Drive ends this Friday, October 2.** Have you asked EVERYONE you know about the magazine subscriptions they take? Did you know that only 5% of all magazine subscriptions in L.A. County are paid for through a school fundraising program? Why not give OLG the money and let the publishers miss out? Sales are going very well so far...but it's not over yet. We still are hoping to receive more orders. Magazine Drive excitement is building among the students. Will they qualify for: **Free Dress Day**, or **No Homework Day**, or the ever-popular **Ice Cream Party Day**? Or, maybe a shot at the **Prize Wheel**? So many opportunities for prizes! Were you unable to find your favorite magazine? If so, please contact **Mrs. McClure** or **Mrs. Brahms**, at their phone numbers listed in your directory, or phone QSP Magazine Customer Service at 800-678-2673. Keep in mind that magazine subscriptions make wonderful holiday gifts. **Forty percent of your family's total sales will be credited toward your Family Fundraising Obligation!** So please don't wait – keep those orders coming!

-- Mrs. McClure & Mrs. Brahms

**Give the Gift of Reading:** Please don't forget the *Los Angeles Radio Reading Service's* request for contributions of magazines. This is a non-profit organization we have adopted with our Magazine Drive that broadcasts the reading of magazines to listeners who cannot see or are unable to turn pages. This is a wonderful program, and can help make the day of a visually-impaired person. Your contribution is tax-deductible.

**Volunteer Opportunity – Magazine Drive:** We are looking for volunteers to help us reconcile orders this Friday morning, October 2 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. For further information, please contact Mrs. Brahms at her phone number listed in your directory.

**Lost Uniform Item:** "On Wednesday, September 17, my son misplaced his uniform vest (size medium adult). Unfortunately, I had not yet written his name on the inside label. If you find your child with an extra size medium adult vest with no name on the label, it may be my child's. If so, please bring it to the school office and they will return it to me. Thank you so much! -- A parent

**Class Representatives:** The elections for Class Representatives took place in each classroom last week. **Congratulations** to the following students who won and will represent their classrooms at Student Council meetings throughout the 2009 – 2010 school year:

<i>Grade 8</i>	<i>Aaron P. Tommy W.</i>	<i>Grade 4</i>	<i>Emily B. Alec B.</i>
<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Jordan V. Alexis W.</i>	<i>Grade 3</i>	<i>Anthony A. Eva R.</i>
<i>Grade 6</i>	<i>Miranda B. George D.</i>	<i>Grade 2</i>	<i>Maya B. Tatiana O.</i>
<i>Grade 5</i>	<i>Katelyn D. Jenna O.</i>	<i>Grade 1</i>	<i>Allison A. Ryan C.</i>

**Family Directory Updates:** Please find the flyer concerning PTO Directory corrections enclosed in this family envelope. Please update your own directory with the changes. Thank you.

**Artwork for Education:** Each child is required to have their own permission form to go with their artwork. Because we received some permission forms for older siblings and not younger ones or vice versa, we want to be sure no one is left out in error. Those children who we do not have forms for will be sent home a **final permission form with the name of the student we are missing already filled in.** If you want **this child's** artwork to be included in the catalog, **please complete the rest of the form, sign and date it, then return via the family envelope this Wednesday or turn it in at the school office. Remember, by signing the form you are not obligated to buy a box set of greeting cards.** We just wanted to be sure no one was left out in error. If we receive nothing back from you by 8:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, we will assume you do not want this child's artwork to be included. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact **Mrs. Lopez** at her phone number listed in your directory.

**Special Thanks:** A special thank you to the **4th grade students**, their art teacher, **Mrs. Swanson**, and to **Mrs. Nesbitt**, for working together to get all their artwork and permission forms in by the Friday deadline. You will receive a special ice cream treat at recess this Friday! Thank you! -- Mrs. Lopez - VP Ways and Means

**It's Jamba Juice Time:** OLG loves Jamba Juice! That's why we've made **every Thursday** "OLG Day" at our local *Jamba Juice* Encino store for the **rest of the school year!** We've partnered with Encino *Jamba Juice* so that **20% of all their OLG sales on any Thursday** will come back to our school. Simply let your order-taker know you're there to support Our Lady of Grace School, and we'll receive 20% of your purchase amount. Thanks in advance for your continued support!