

**To:** Parents of OLG Students  
**Fr:** Mrs. Chaimowitz  
**Re:** Week of October 5, 2009

*Please join with the faculty and staff of Our Lady of Grace School, to pray for the repose of the souls of Mr. Fererri (father of Mrs. Hawley), and Mrs. Condon (mother of Mrs. Stott). May they rest in peace.*

**Swim Team News:** The OLG Swim Team competed in the St. John Eudes Invitational Swim Meet on Sunday, October 4. The team earned a combined **56 medals** and **5<sup>th</sup> place team trophy!** Congratulations to our **9 – 10 year old Relay Team** who won **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in the relay competition! Thank you to all swimmers that participated in the competition.

The following swimmers medaled in their individual events: PreKindergarten: **Maverick B.**; Kindergarten: **Chris S., Jacob G.**; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: **Michael B., Caiya C., Serene G., Lilianna R., Brian S.**; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: **Connor G., Jason G., Isabel L., Kelsey E.**; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Alec B., Lillianna D., Christina R., Bailey S.**; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Kevin C., Lucas D., Cristian G.**; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Isabella R.**; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: **Michelle C., Brittany H.**

If your child is interested in joining the swim team, please contact Mrs. Rivas on her phone number listed in your directory.

**ITBS Testing:** The Iowa Test of Basic Skills continues to be administered to the students in grades 2 through 8 during the mornings this week, Monday through Thursday. Please do not plan any medical or other appointments that would take your child out of school during this important testing period.

**Make-Up ITBS Testing:** There will be one make-up test day this **Thursday, October 8.** These tests will be given to any students in grades 2 through 8 who were absent from school on any day of the ITBS testing. If your child was absent on a test day, please make every effort to have him/her attend school **this Thursday** to take missed tests.

**PTO Board Meeting:** A PTO Board Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday, October 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room.

**NO SCHOOL OR DAY CARE:** There will be **NO SCHOOL OR DAY CARE NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 12,** as noted in the school master calendar, due to a teacher in-service scheduled for that day.

**Magazine Drive Thanks:** I would like to thank **Mrs. McClure** and **Mrs. Brahms**, who were the co-chairpersons of our annual Magazine Drive again this year. We so appreciate all the work you both do for this great fundraiser for our school. We also want to thank all the drive volunteers, who helped make it another great success! As of today, over \$20,000 has been raised – and they're still counting! The top class and individual student winners will be announced in next week's bulletin.

Even though the Magazine Drive is officially over for prizes, you, your family members, or friends may still order online at [www.qsp.com](http://www.qsp.com). It will still be credited to your Family Fundraising Obligation and will benefit the school. Thank you to everyone who ordered magazines!

**Student Absences:** On the morning your child is absent from school, it is required you call the school at 818-344-4126 to report the absence. Listen for the automated prompt that says: *"If you are calling to report an absence, press 1"*. After pressing "1" you will automatically be connected to the absence report voice mail box where you will leave a message. During this flu season it is especially important you let us know the reason for the absence when you leave your message. If a parent/guardian does not call us to report an absence, someone from the school will try to contact the parent/guardian.

Even though you are asked to call the school when your child is absent, state law requires a written excuse whenever a child is absent – giving the date, exact reason for the absence, and the parent/guardian's signature. The note should be brought to school by your child and given to the teacher on the day he/she returns.

**Return of Family Envelopes:** We ask your cooperation with the school policy noted on page 9 of the Parent/Student Handbook under the heading of "Vehicles of Communication" regarding the Family Envelopes. It is important to make every effort to read the contents of the Family Envelope the day you receive it (usually Tuesdays) then return it (and any necessary responses) to school with your child the following day (usually Wednesdays). We are reminding everyone of this policy because we have already begun to receive many late envelopes, which causes extra work for several people each week. We also ask that you return any requested documents by the noted due dates.

**Charity:** Thank you in advance for your contributions to those who are suffering following the devastating typhoon “Ketsana” that occurred recently in the Philippines. Please read the flyer enclosed in this family envelope for details on how you can help. More information about donating items to the families in need will be forthcoming in the following days and weeks.

**Appropriate Dress:** The faculty is holding an assembly on Thursday to review our school’s dress code with students in grades three through eight. Please discuss this assembly with your children so we can work together on the school’s dress code. In your kindness, please model appropriate adult attire when you are on our campus. Children are learning from all of us. Thank you.

**Mr. Jiffy Hot Lunch Reminders:** Please submit **one form per child**. Extra forms are available on our website for you to download, or are in the school office. **Please do not create your own form.** Include your child’s first and last names, and grade. Please turn in your order form by the requested due date. Thank you for your cooperation.

**“Last Minute” Hot Lunch Orders:** Did you forget to pack your child a lunch? No time to stop next door at Ralphs to pick up a cold sandwich? No worries! Buy a **“last minute” Mr. Jiffy lunch ticket** from **Coach Fisher** in the P.E. office before the 7:50 a.m. school bell rings. The cost is \$6.00 for a same day hot lunch order.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Gift Wrap Sale:** Our 8th grade students have started their annual *Innisbrook Wraps* sale. An *Innisbrook* package has been included in this family envelope. Please remember to register your child/children’s name on *Innisbrook’s* website and don’t forget to visit the display in front of the 8th Grade classroom. Please feel free to contact **Mrs. Silva** on the cell phone number listed for her in your directory. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Uniform Labeling:** If you haven’t already done so, please take a moment to write your family name on the inside labels of all uniform clothing. We’ve already had some uniform clothes left on the school grounds with no names in them. You’ll be glad you took the time to do this if your child comes home missing a vest or some other piece of clothing. Also, don’t forget to put your family name on gym bags. A silver *Sharpie* works great on the black bags.

**Lunch Tables:** Our lunch tables are thoroughly cleaned each day before the students have their recess break. Although we do not have a cafeteria available for your children, they are able to enjoy fresh air while eating and socializing with their classmates.

**Boy Scouts:** Did you know that the **Boy Scouts of America** will celebrate **100 years of scouting** in 2010? Did you know that the **Girl Scouts of America** actually began due to a meeting between Juliette Gordon Low and Sir Robert Baden-Powell in 1911? (Sir Robert Baden-Powell founded **both** the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides!)

**OLG Cub Scout Pack 229** is currently holding open enrollment for all boys from 1st grade through 5th grade. If your son would like to become a Cub Scout, or if you would like more information about the Cub Scouting program, please contact **Ralph Consola** of Cub Scout Pack 229 at the home phone number listed in your directory.

**New Boy Scout Troop:** Please see the flyer enclosed in this family envelope regarding a new Boy Scout troop (for boys ages 11 to 17) that is starting up in the Encino/Tarzana area. For more information please contact **Bob Levey**. His contact information is included on the flyer.

**California Pizza Kitchen:** It will be “OLG Day” at our local CPK on Thursday, **October 22**. Mark your calendars and reserve the date. Visit the CPK restaurant located at 18800 Ventura Blvd. (on the corner of Crebs) in Tarzana **anytime** that day, and **they will donate 20% of your total purchase amount to our school**. Dine in, or take out! Why not give yourselves a break from cooking that Thursday, and benefit our school at the same time? Hold on to the flyer enclosed in this family envelope until the 22nd. It must be presented to your server when you order that Thursday. Thank you for your support!

**Give The Gift That Keeps On Giving:** Preserve your family photos, stories, and special events – such as birthdays, baptisms, communions, weddings, anniversaries, and sports activities – through the art of storybooking with *Heritage Makers*. You can also make custom greeting cards, announcements, postcards, posters, card decks, calendars, swatch books, cook books, day planners, scrap book pages, decoupage, and jewelry. Please contact **Mrs. Luna** (OLG parent) at her home phone number listed in your directory for more information on how you can get started. **Mrs. Luna will donate 20% of all OLG sales to the school!**

<b>Games:</b>	Tuesday	October 6	Girls B Volleyball	Away vs. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
	Thursday	October 8	Girls A Volleyball	Home vs. St. Joseph the Worker