

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of October 19, 2009

Work Day Thanks: Thank you to the families who attended Work Day this past Saturday to help us complete several school improvement projects. It was a productive day, and we couldn't have accomplished so much without your help. Thank you to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Heffernan and the following families for their contributions to our second work day: The Martinez, Peterson, Urbina, Zarate, Eagen, Adranda, Splopuko, Bautista, Balbuena, Di Nova-Daly, Reyes, Vinueza, Quintero, McMahon, Thomas-Gonzalez, and Bolivar families.

Progress Reports: Progress reports have been given to your child(ren) today. Please review, sign, and return to your child's homeroom teacher before next Tuesday, October 27. If you have any questions, please leave a voice-mail message with the teacher or write a note to her to explain in greater detail.

Rosary Service: This Friday, October 23 at 11:30 a.m. the students of Our Lady of Grace will participate in a Rosary Prayer Service to honor the Blessed Mother. Students are asked to bring a rosary from home as well as to wear an OLG blue polo shirt that day. All parents are invited to join the students as we pray for our many intentions together as a school community.

Reminder to Our Lady of Grace Chorus Members: This weekend, October 24 and 25, will be very busy for chorus! Many of you have responded that you will sing at *both* the wedding of Mrs. Baker's daughter and the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. The following is information about these two chorus events:

Wedding Information for Chorus: The wedding is on Saturday, October 24 at 2:00 p.m. in the church. If your child is a chorus member that will be singing, **please arrive at the church by 1:30 p.m.** Pick up at approximately 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Baker says that all parents are welcome to stay and enjoy the wedding! **Please remember that all chorus members are asked to wear their dress uniforms and look their best on this important day for Mrs. Baker and her family.**

Sunday Mass Information for Chorus: The Children's Choir Mass is Sunday, October 25 at 9:30 a.m. Please arrive at the church by 9:15 a.m. **Remember that OLG choir members should wear their dress uniforms again this day.**

We realize that this is asking a lot of you, so any chorus member who sings at **both events** will have **free dress** (including jeans) on **Monday, October 26. Participating 8th graders will have free dress on Tuesday, October 27, because they will attend a retreat at Bishop Alemany High School on Monday.** If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 818-344-4126, ext. 893.
Thank you! -- Mrs. Wilson

8th Grade Gift Wrap Sale: Thank you to all the parents who've supported our 8th graders with the gift wrap sale! The sale ends this week. If you haven't placed your order yet, you still have time. If you need assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Silva at the phone number listed in your school directory.

Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest: Once again we invite families to carve and/or decorate a Halloween pumpkin at home next Wednesday evening, then bring your creation to school **Thursday morning, October 29** (please don't bring earlier than this day). The pumpkins will be displayed on tables in the hallways on Thursday and Friday for all to see. A team of judges will award prizes for "scariest", "most creative", "best of show", etc. This is always a fun and exciting event for our students!

Halloween Costume Parade: We will have our annual Halloween Costume Parade next Friday, October 30. Students may wear their Halloween costumes to school that Friday. (Kindergarten students should bring their costumes to school and will change into them here.) Please use your best judgment when selecting a costume for your child to wear to school. Costumes should not cause significant disruption or distraction in the classrooms or during school programs. No inappropriate costumes, scary masks, fake blood, or weapons will be allowed. If a costume is deemed inappropriate, a parent will be called and asked to pick up their child. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr. Jiffy Hot Lunch: November Mr. Jiffy hot lunch orders are due tomorrow, Wednesday, October 21. Extra order forms are located in the school office. Please make sure your order and payment is secured in a marked envelope and turned into the school office.

California Pizza Kitchen: This Thursday, October 22 is OLG Day at our local CPK! Visit the CPK restaurant located at 18800 Ventura Blvd. (corner of Crebs) in Tarzana anytime Thursday, and **they'll donate 20% of your total purchase amount to our school.** Dine in or take out. Take a break from cooking and benefit our school at the same time! We've enclosed another flyer in this family envelope that must be presented to your server when ordering. Thank you for your support of this school fundraiser!

Attention Grade Eight Parents: If your child is considering attending either Bishop Alemany High School or St. Genevieve High School, please make sure you **return to Mrs. Chaimowitz** the appropriate application form for financial assistance for your child's high school tuition **by October 25, 2009**. An application form has been enclosed in this family envelope.

Volunteer Opportunities Calendar: In an effort to reduce the amount of paper sent home weekly, the monthly Volunteer Opportunities Calendar will now be emailed to you once a month by your room parents. There are several volunteer opportunities available to help you complete your mandatory service hours. Please refer to this calendar for additional information on volunteer opportunities. If you wish to have a hard copy of this calendar, please contact Mrs. Aguirre at the email address listed in your school directory with your family name, child's name (eldest), and grade. We'll make sure a hard copy of the volunteer calendar gets to you.

If you have volunteered at the school please remember to complete and return your Volunteer Hours Report on a monthly basis. In keeping with OLG's "go green" commitment, the Volunteer Hours Report form is now available on the Our Lady of Grace School website at: www.ourladyofgrace.org You may print the form, fill it out, and put it in my mail box located in the school office, or you can email the form to Mrs. Aguirre at the email address listed in your school directory. There will also be hard copies of the Volunteer Hours Report in the school office.

Request from the Science/Art Lab: The Science/Art Lab needs the following supplies: paper towels, tissues, hand sanitizer. If anyone can help with these donations, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, we have a box containing old specimens and other biologically hazardous materials that need to be properly discarded. If anyone is or works for a doctor and can properly dispose of these materials for us, please contact Mrs. Jackson or Mrs. Chaimowitz. Thank you!

Operation Gratitude: An organization called "Operation Gratitude" is collecting cards, letters, and/or drawings that they'll enclose in "care packages" being sent to our service members currently serving overseas. We hope your child(ren) will write cards, letters, or make drawings that will be included in individual gift packages being sent during Christmastime to our brave service men and women. Please read the enclosed "Operation Gratitude" flyer for details on how you and your family can participate. If you are unable to deliver your cards/letters/drawings to the address noted, you may send to the school office and we'll forward.

Homework Room Position: We are looking to hire someone to supervise our homework room during our extended day care hours. Please contact Mrs. Chaimowitz for more information if you are interested, or know of someone who is.

Driveway Re-Paving: We thank you for your patience during the next two weeks when our Alonzo Ave. driveway (this week) and White Oak Ave. driveway (next week) will be re-paved.

OLG Athletes and Parents: We have started our fall season and have already had to reschedule rained out games. To keep on top of your teams changing game schedule please stop by the **P.E. bulletin board** outside the P.E. office where **all team schedules are kept up to date**.

The rescheduling of our rained out football games are as follows:

Boys B football	OLG vs. St. Mel	Monday, October 19	3:30 p.m. at Balboa Park
Boys A football	OLG vs. St. Joseph the Worker	Monday, October 26	3:30 p.m. at Balboa Park

There was one error on the original Boys A football schedule: The 3rd game scheduled is **Tuesday**, October 27.

Thank you to the parents who have provided the P.E. office with a copy of their driver's license and auto insurance declaration page. If you are driving or plan on driving OLG athletes other than your own to or from games or practices we must have this information on file at the school. **Please submit a copy of your driver license and auto insurance declaration page (showing at least \$100,000 liability insurance) to the school office before you drive a child (other than your own) to a sporting event.** Any questions can be directed to Coach Fisher at: 818-344-4126, ext. 333.

Basketball Coach: We need you! December is just around the corner when basketball season will begin, but we are in need of a **girls "A" basketball coach (6th, 7th, and 8th grades)**. If you are available and interested in earning some fun and rewarding volunteer hours this winter season please contact Coach Fisher as soon as possible: 818-344-4126 ext. 333.

Games This Week:

Monday	October 19	Boys B Football	Home vs. St. Mel
Tuesday	October 20	Girls B Volleyball	Away vs. St. Mel
Wednesday	Oct. 21	Boys A Football	Away vs. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thursday	Oct. 22	Girls A Volleyball	Home vs. Our Lady of the Valley

Do you have two bedrooms or a guest house for a school family who needs low cost housing to help them through a tough time? Please contact Mrs. Chaimowitz if you can be of assistance.