

**To: Parents of OLG Students**  
**Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz**  
**Re: Week of November 9, 2009**

*It is with great pleasure I announce that our 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Muffoletto, is going to have a baby! I know you join me in wishing all God's blessings to Mrs. Muffoletto and her husband. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Muffoletto!*

**NO SCHOOL: School and Day Care will be closed this Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veteran's Day. School and Day Care will resume on Thursday, November 12.**

**EARLY DISMISSAL NEXT WEEK:** Due to Parent/Teacher Conferences taking place next week, **there will be early dismissal at 12:35 p.m. each day, from Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20.** Day Care hours will be as usual, from dismissal until 6:00 p.m.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** It is our school policy to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences once a year. Conferences have been scheduled for next week: November 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Please find and review your conference information included in this family envelope. Your scheduled conference time is noted there. **It is very important you arrive at least five minutes before your scheduled appointment. If you arrive late, your appointment may be cut short or re-scheduled for another time.**

**No Homework Day: Today, Tuesday, November 10, is designated as a "No Homework Day" for all students.** This prize was awarded to all students (and their parents) for their participation in the fundraising Magazine Drive. **ENJOY!**

**Corrections to Master Calendar:** Please note the following corrections: There is **no** PTO Board Meeting today, Tuesday, November 10. Dismissal time on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25 is **12:35 p.m.**, **not** 12:00 noon.

**Artwork for Education: The catalogs are here, and your children's artwork looks fantastic!** If your child participated in this program by turning in artwork and a signed permission form, a catalog and order form was sent home with your child last week. If you haven't already placed your order, please follow the instructions on the form you received last week and place your greeting card orders NOW. Please be sure your child's name and grade are written on the outside of the envelope. Checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace and turned in to your child's homeroom teacher or the school office. **Orders will be collected on Friday morning, November 13. No exceptions.** (This deadline must be met to receive your orders by early December, just in time for Christmas.) Please ask if family, friends, and relatives would like to order your child's artwork in the form of a beautiful greeting card. They will be boosting your child's self-esteem, as well as supporting your child's school. If you missed the opportunity to participate, please check out the catalog in the school office. It contains the artwork of all our participants. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lopez at her email address or telephone number listed in your family directory. **Thank you for your support!**

**December Hot Lunch:** Included in this family envelope is the **December** Mr. Jiffy Hot Lunch order form. Please fill out the form completely – one for each student – and include it and the correct payment in a sealed envelope marked "December Hot Lunch". Please send to the school office via your returned family envelope. **The due date for December's Hot Lunch order is next Wednesday, November 18.**

**8th Grade Hot Lunch: This Thursday, November 12,** there will be another 8th grade pasta hot lunch. An order form is included in this family envelope. Please return your order form and payment in a sealed envelope marked "8th Grade Hot Lunch" in your family envelope **on Thursday.** (This hot lunch will be served on the same day our family envelopes are returned. You must return your envelope on Thursday if you are ordering a lunch for that day.) The 8th grade thanks you for your continued support!

**Friday Jeans Day:** This always popular 8th grade fundraiser comes this Friday, November 13. One dollar buys your child the opportunity to wear jeans to school on Friday! Please return the bottom portion of the enclosed "Jeans Day" flyer, along with ONE DOLLAR per child, to the school office via your family envelope **on Thursday.** All proceeds go to the 8th grade graduation fund.

**Children's Choir Mass: Our next Children's Choir Mass is THIS SUNDAY, November 15 at 9:30 a.m.** All school families are invited and encouraged to attend! All chorus members who can attend should meet Mrs. Wilson in the church by 9:15 a.m., wearing dress uniforms. We will have a great Mass, filled with music your children know and love. To top it off, **Mr. Joyce** and a few of his violin students will accompany one of our songs!

In other music news, cantors will have extra rehearsals next week. For various reasons many of our rehearsals have been poorly attended. But we have much to rehearse for! So, cantors should plan on brining a sack lunch and staying until between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. after early dismissal Tuesday through Friday, November 17 – 20. If there is any problem with this, please let me know.

-- Mrs. Wilson

**Thanksgiving Food Drive:** OLG's annual Thanksgiving food drive began this Monday, November 9 and will continue until Friday, November 20. Each classroom was asked to donate a specific food item and at least six turkeys or grocery store gift cards (which will be used to purchase frozen turkeys). These food donations are optional, but we hope for great participation. Items collected during this drive will help those less fortunate members of our parish enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving. Thank you for your generosity.

**Winter Wonderland Christmas Boutique:** It's coming, and we need to "staff up" for the big day. Please read the flyer enclosed in this family envelope listing the positions and shifts available for volunteers on **Friday, December 4** at the **Winter Wonderland Boutique** event. Please complete and send back this form via your returned family envelope **on Thursday, November 12**. Thank you to all those who joined the committee early!

**Prayer Vigil Thanks:** Thank you to 6th grade parents, **Mrs. Brennan** and **Ms. Socarras**, for participating in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil last Friday.

**Innisbrook Gift Wrap Orders:** To all parents who submitted their *Innisbrook Gift Wrap* order and payment through the school, your items will be delivered here the week of November 16. The orders will be given to your children. Please ask that your child open the box **at home**, not at school, to avoid any misplacement of items bought. Thank you for making this event a success!

**After School Sports and Fitness Training Program:** Just a reminder to all students signed up for Coach Pfau's Sports Training and Fitness Program: Your first session **starts next Monday, November 16, after school**. If you have any questions please contact Coach Fisher.

<b>Games:</b>	Monday	October 9	Boys B Football	Home vs. St. Joseph the Worker
	Tuesday	October 10	Girls B Volleyball	Home vs. St. Mel
	Thursday	October 12	Boys A Football	Away vs. St. Bernardine of Siena
	Thursday	October 12	Girls A Volleyball	Away vs. St. Mel