

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of January 26, 2009

Catholic Schools Week – “Celebrate Service”:

Our celebration of Catholic schools kicked off this week with a very special **School Mass** at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. Thank you to **Father Austin**, all **the children** who participated, and **the teachers** for making it such a meaningful and wonderful Mass.

The **Class of 2009** and their families would like to thank everyone for their support of the Bake Sale, Pie and Cake Sale, and the **Raffle** this past Sunday. We appreciate your generosity. We will pull the lucky winning raffle tickets at the PTO Meeting next Wednesday, February 4. **You may still purchase raffle tickets.** See the flyer enclosed in this family envelope, and tickets will still be available to purchase before the PTO Meeting on the 4th. Good luck and hope to see you all at the meeting!

We also thank all those parents who attended **Open House** after the school Mass this past Sunday. We hope you enjoyed visiting your children’s classrooms to see their work displayed, and talking with their teachers.

As part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration, all students attended an exciting **“Mad Science”** assembly on the playground Monday. Students learned all about the different types of matter – solids, liquids, gasses – and how they react with each other. We hope everyone enjoyed the special “goop” that students created during the assembly and proudly brought home to show you!

Today, Tuesday, January 27, grades 1 through 4 students went on a very special **field trip** to Cal State Northridge to attend a showing of **“Seussical, the Musical”**. We know they had a great time watching the books of *Dr. Seuss* come to life!

The **Scholastic Book Fair – “Lights! Camera! Book Fair!”** continues in the Parish Hall this week until this Thursday, January 29. This “production” will be held daily from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. through then. If your child still wants to purchase something at the fair, please remember to send some extra funds to school with him/her. From easy readers and picture books, to best sellers and more, the Scholastic Book Fair connects children with books they want to read. Visit our Book Fair home page on the internet at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ourladyofgrace>.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, January 28, is **Parent Appreciation Day**. We very much appreciate our parents and all the wonderful work they do to greatly help us here at OLG! As a small gesture of appreciation, the teachers will assign **NO HOMEWORK** on Wednesday! **ENJOY your evening!**

Slippers & Hot Cocoa Day: This Thursday, January 29, is **“Wear Your Slippers to School Day!”** Students should bring sturdy shoes for the playground, but will be able to wear their slippers in class! From 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. there will be a special recess where students will meet their new “school families” and enjoy a cup of hot cocoa together! If you can help with serving the cocoa that morning, please contact Cathy Simen to receive instructions.

Ruby’s Diner Night: A reminder that **this Thursday, January 29** from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. is **OLG Night at Ruby’s Diner**, located at the Promenade Mall in Woodland Hills. The restaurant will donate **20% of all sales** generated that evening to OLG School! So please consider dropping by *Ruby’s* – even for a hot fudge sundae or root beer float! Enclosed in this family envelope are additional coupons (others have already been given to you) to bring to the restaurant that night. You must submit this coupon when ordering so OLG will receive 20% of your order totals. Thank you!

Game Day: This **Friday, January 30**, is the much anticipated **Game Day and Box Lunch Social!** Students will play a variety of fun and challenging games with members of their “school families” from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Parent instructions for Game Day have been included in the family envelopes of those who have already volunteered to help us that day. If you volunteered and did not receive instructions, please contact Andrea Fisher before Friday at (818) 344-4126, extension 333. The Box Lunch Social will begin directly after Game Day concludes.

Box Lunch Social: Catholic Schools Week festivities will wrap up this **Friday, January 30, when all 5th through 8th grade students and 16 grade 4 students will bring their decorated box lunches (with two nice lunches inside them) to school.** The boxes will be displayed on tables in the hallways, where all Kindergarten through 3rd grade students and 15 4th grade students will decide which boxes they would like to own. After Game Day, the “purchasing” students will eat together with the students who made their chosen lunches. The children will have a great time with this fun activity, as always!

First Reconciliation: This Friday, January 30, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., First Reconciliation will take place for the second portion of our Grade 2 students.

Progress Reports: Progress Reports go home today, Tuesday, January 27. Please review, sign, and return by next Tuesday, February 3.

2009 – 2010 Re-Admission Forms: All families received a re-admission packet in last week’s family envelope (the forms that were paper-clipped together inside the envelope). Please note the **upcoming due dates** for all those forms:

Due February 18: A non-refundable \$150 per family re-admission fee along with the Re-Admission Form, Family Fundraising Contract, and PTO Directory Information Form. Please note: **THE RE-ADMISSION FEE FOR PACKETS RETURNED AFTER FEBRUARY 18 IS \$250 PER FAMILY.**

Due February 18: If you would like to receive a Financial Assistance Application packet for the 2009 –2010 school year, please submit a written request letter to Mrs. Chaimowitz in a sealed envelope addressed to her and marked “personal”. She will send you the application documents after receiving your letter of request.

Volunteer Hours Form: If you have not already done so, please complete a Volunteer Hours Report form listing all volunteer hours that your family has completed so far this school year and return it to the office by Friday, January 30. Blank forms were sent home earlier this month and additional forms may be picked up in the school office. At least twenty (20) volunteer hours should be completed by January 31. A mid-year report will be sent home to each family in early February. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Colleen Consola via email at: consolafamily05@sbcglobal.net.

Now Is The Time To Order Your Yearbook Ads: This is our first announcement! The OLG Yearbook committee is now accepting ads for the 2008 – 2009 book. Whether you want to wish your best to an outgoing graduate or a young scholar in the early grades, right now is your first chance to purchase a special dedication ad that will appear in the 2008 – 2009 book. The first ad request forms are included in this family envelope. Be sure to place your ad request soon, so you don’t miss your chance to get a special greeting to your child in this year’s book. Please note: The price of purchasing this dedication ad does not include a copy of the yearbook itself. We will be taking orders for the yearbooks themselves during the month of May.

Mandatory PTO Meeting: There will be a General PTO Meeting **next Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. **Please note this is a change** from what is noted on the school calendar previously distributed to all families. A guest speaker from *Outreach Concern* will lead a discussion on teenage drug abuse. So you won’t want to miss this meeting. A reminder: Attendance at these meetings is mandatory for all parents/guardians. Please make any necessary arrangements to ensure your attendance at this meeting. Please, no children. If both parents are unable to attend, a note of explanation must be sent to Mrs. Chaimowitz before the meeting. Thank you for your cooperation.

Congratulations: Congratulations to 6th grade students **Valerie Silberberg** and **Katrina Lau**, who participated in the L.A. Classic Gymnastic Meet this past weekend. **Katrina** placed 2nd in the Vault event! **Valerie** placed 3rd in the Balance Beam event, 4th in the Vault and Floor events, and received 5th Place in the All-Around competition! You’ve both made us very proud, Lady Lions!

Games:	Tuesday	January 27	Girls B Basketball	Away vs. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
	Thursday	January 29	Girls A Basketball	Home vs. St. Bernadine of Siena
	Monday	February 2	Boys B Basketball	Home vs. St. Bernadine of Siena
	Tuesday	February 3	Girls B Basketball	Home vs. St. Bernadine of Siena

