

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

No School Next Monday: School will be closed next Monday, March 16, due to a scheduled teacher retreat day. There will be **no Day Care available** on that day.

Important Calendar Changes: Please note the following changes made to the 2008 – 2009 master school calendar: **March 31 will now be a regular school day.** It is no longer a school holiday. Also, the **new last day of school will be Friday, June 12, with dismissal at 12:35 p.m. Day Care will be available on that day.** These changes to the calendar will enable the remodel construction to start one full week earlier than previously planned. Thank you for being supportive of these new changes to the calendar.

Big Day: The “big day” is finally near! After studying hard, meeting with coaches, and preparing themselves for the past **six months**, OLG’s Decathlon Team will finally be competing at the L.A. Archdiocese Junior High Academic Decathlon this Saturday, March 14 at the Los Angeles Sports Arena! Their testing begins at the Sports Arena early in the morning and continues throughout the day. Our team members will be tested on their knowledge in individual subjects, as well as in team events. I know I speak for the entire OLG school and parish community when I say we are all so proud of each one of them for the effort, enthusiasm, and time they have put into this enriching and rewarding experience. I take this opportunity to thank the team and their wonderful coaches once again for the long months of dedication to this endeavor.

We wish each of you the best of luck at the competition this Saturday!

<i>Nicole Bajorek</i>	Fine Arts (History of American art/artists; music of Nat King Cole) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Samantha Bock</i>	Literature (<i>Elijah of Buxton</i> by Christopher Paul Curtis) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Joshua Dzyak</i>	English (Writing mechanics, grammar, sentence structure, punctuation, spelling) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Mauricio Gonzalez</i>	Social Studies (History and Social Science of the Civil War) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Christopher Jackson</i>	Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Cyro Kamogawa</i>	Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Katherine Kepski</i>	Science (Human skeletal system, tendons, ligaments, cartilage, tissue, teeth) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Amanda Mekhail</i>	Religion (Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Camellia Mikhaili</i>	Current Events (All <i>U.S. News and World Report</i> articles from 12/1/08 through 2/6/09) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Julia Regan</i>	Math (Algebra I content standards – symbolic reasoning, algebraic concepts/calculations) Logic, Super Quiz (team)
<i>Thomas Flores</i>	Alternate: Current Events, Logic, Super Quiz
<i>Brittany Hope</i>	Alternate: English, Logic, Super Quiz

The **team Super Quiz** subjects are: **Social Studies** – History of the American Civil Rights Movement
Literature – *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
Religion – The Gospel of John
Science – Human anatomy
Fine Arts – History of the life and art of Claude Monet

The **team Logic Quiz** will include several questions relative to verbal and mathematical logic.

P.E. Coach of the Day: Thank you to **Coach Connor McAree** (grade 6) for being an excellent “Coach of the Day” on Monday, March 9, for our 3rd and 6th graders! Great job, Coach McAree!

Congratulations: Congratulations to **Molly Stott** (grade 8) who placed in the **Top 12** at the **Youth America Grand Prix** regional competition in San Francisco recently. Molly performed a classical ballet solo variation from *Fairy Doll*. Her performance qualified her to participate in the **New York Grand Prix** intensive, and to perform in the **Gala** opening number in April. Well done, Molly!

Pastoral Council Meeting: Today, Tuesday, March 10, there will be a Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. We invite you to attend.

Irish Pin Sale: The sale of Irish buttons continues this week and through March 17. Your child may purchase festive green buttons for 50 cents each. Proceeds from this pin sale will help support the wonderful mission work being done in Cameroon, Africa by the Ursuline Sisters.

St. Patrick’s Day: Next Tuesday, March 17, is St. Patrick’s Day and students are encouraged to celebrate the day by accenting their uniforms by wearing green!

Summer School: In last week’s bulletin I stated there would be no summer school due to construction. Then Crespi High School made the kind offer to lend us the use of some classrooms for summer school. So now we are re-thinking the summer school situation. Many of you may have received e-mails from your Room Parents about this already, but for those of you who haven’t, we have enclosed a letter regarding summer school in this family envelope. If you would be interested in having your child attend morning summer school on the Crespi campus (with no afternoon Day Care available), please complete and return the response form at the bottom of the enclosed letter (if you haven’t already).

Tuition Rates for 2009 – 2010: In order to qualify for the Parish Tuition Rate in grades 1 – 8, you must have been registered at Our Lady of Grace Parish for at least six months and have a minimum of 50% Mass attendance. There is no Parish Rate discount for Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten. Mass attendance is determined by a count of submitted offering envelopes. Multiple envelopes turned in on the same day will count as one. Your envelope count will be based on the months of September, 2008, through April, 2009. In early May you will receive your tuition rate, and for those families opting to use *FACTS*, you will receive a *FACTS* enrollment form. Completed *FACTS* enrollment forms should be returned as soon as possible, but no later than May 22, 2009. If you have questions about your envelope count, please submit an e-mail to Mrs. Stott at: stottm@ourladyofgrace.org.

Save the Date: OLG will be having a Family “Fun” Raiser **all day** event at **California Pizza Kitchen** on Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana on **Tuesday, March 31, 2009!** Call your relatives, e-mail your friends, inform your co-workers, but definitely mark your calendars. The Tarzana *California Pizza Kitchen* will donate **20%** of all their food sales on Tuesday, March 31 to OLG School! It can be for lunch, dinner, or take-out – it all counts. Additional reminders and the mandatory 20% coupon you must present at time of purchase will follow in coming family envelopes.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Our thanks to the following grade 5 parents who sat in prayer during the First Friday Prayer Vigil: **Betty Brennan, John Cavada, Rasha Mekhail, and Evangeline Suero.**

Yearbook Dedication Ads: Don’t miss your chance to reserve your place for a yearbook dedication. The OLG yearbook 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, NOW is the time to place your ad order. Watch for Dedication Ad Order Forms in the family envelopes during the month of March. You can also request a form by e-mailing brandy.schaffels@gmail.com

Jog-a-thon: This exciting day is just around the corner. Please read about all the fun details on the flyers included in this envelope!

Business Support: We would like to support you if you have a business. We will print your business cards with your contact information so that school families can call you for additional information. Please submit your business cards to the school office by Monday mornings so that we can compile these cards on our “School Yellow Pages”. We hope this helps our school community.