

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of March 23, 2009

Congratulations: Each of our 8th grade students who applied to a Catholic high school has been accepted at their school of choice, and 50% of those accepted received the prestigious designation of *Honors at Entrance*. Congratulations to our 8th grade students! Your success makes us all very proud!

Great Math Fax Contest Results: *Math Fax* is a nationwide math competition that was started in 1997. Each year OLG participates in the contest. We are proud to announce that several of our students did very well in the contest! Here are some exciting *Math Fax* results:

For the 8th grade Algebra 1 test:

Our Division: OLG came in 2nd out of 14 schools (a nationwide division)!

Nationwide – All Catholic Schools in contest: OLG came in **11th** out of 77 schools!

Nationwide – ALL schools who took *Math Fax* (Catholic and Private): OLG came in **24th** out of 118 schools!

OLG's top performers in our division (several other students did very well also):

Julia R. – 4th out of 198 students!
Joshua D. – 14 out of 198 students!
Mauricio G. – 31 out of 198 students!

Nationwide Catholic Schools (out of 1172 students):

Julia R. – 12 out of 1172 students!
Joshua D. – 49 out of 1172 students!
Mauricio G. – 179 out of 1172 students!

Nationwide ALL Students who took the exam (2035 students):

Julia R. – 44 out of 2035 students!
Joshua D. – 136 out of 2035 students!
Mauricio G. – 362 – out of 2035 students!

Congratulations to these top achievers, and to all OLG *Math Fax* participants who did so well!

More Congratulations: Our congratulations also go out to **Katrina L.** and **Valerie S.** (both 6th graders) who participated in the *2009 Dreams of Gold Gymnastics Meet* this past weekend. **Katrina** (Level 4) placed **2nd** on Vault, **3rd** on Balance Beam, **4th** on both Bars and Floor, and **4th** in the All-Around competition. **Valerie** (Level 5) placed **2nd** on Vault, **3rd** on Balance Beam, **4th** on Bars, **9th** on Floor, and **4th** in the All-Around. Great results, ladies!

Change to School Calendar: A reminder that there will be school next Tuesday, March 31. This is a change from what is printed on the school's master calendar. Please disregard the calendar's "no school" note for Tuesday, March 31.

California Pizza Kitchen: OLG will have their Family "Fun Raiser" all day event at **CPK** on Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana **next Tuesday, March 31**. Enclosed in this family envelope is the special flyer you must present to your server at the time you order on that day – anytime. **CPK** will donate 20% of all food sales made with the enclosed flyer March 31 (**including take-out**) to OLG! We hope many of you will visit **CPK** with the flyer that day!

Shamrock Pin Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported the 5th Grade Shamrock Pin Sale. We made \$300.00, which will be sent to **Sister Patrice** and the **Ursuline Sisters** who work in Cameroon in Africa. We are also grateful to the **Student Council** and **Mrs. Baker** who got us the pins to sell.

Science Fair: Get ready for the **OLG Science Fair** coming on Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This year we are having the Fair in the evening so all parents, family, and friends can explore the wonderful scientific accomplishments of our students. Seventh and eighth grade students are required to set up their experiments in the Parish Hall on the morning of April 2. All other classes will follow their teacher's instructions about setting up experiments outside their classrooms. Seventh and eighth grade students who plan to compete in the **Los Angeles County Science Fair** on April 15-17 at the **Los Angeles Convention Center** should register online before the deadline of Wednesday, March 25, at 11:59 p.m. Students have already been provided with the necessary instructions regarding online registration. Thirteen projects may be submitted per school with a maximum of three team projects. In lieu of a fee, schools are requested to provide 1-5 volunteers to assist during the fair. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the Los Angeles County Science Fair, please call Mrs. Jackson or Ms. Nicholson.

Summer School: If you are interested in having your child attend OLG summer school (located at Crespi High School with no after school Day Care this year) and have not yet sent us your response form, we need to hear from you as soon as possible. We will make the final decision this week as to whether we'll have summer school or not. There will be no Kindergarten (incoming) class available. OLG's Summer School may be held July 6 to July 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday through Friday at Crespi High School. If interested, please contact the office or send in the Summer School Response Form by Friday, March 27 (if you haven't already done so).

Scrip Order Info: There are only two more order dates before Easter break: This Wednesday, March 25, and next Wednesday, April 1. Please make sure you have all your Easter-time Scrip needs ordered during these weeks. There will be no orders taken the week of April 6.

Yearbook Dedication Ads: Time is running out to order your yearbook ads! This is our fourth announcement. The OLG Yearbook staff is still accepting dedication ads for the 2008 – 2009 book. There are only a few weeks left to order, so please place your order now. Don't miss your chance to reserve a place in the book for a special dedication to your child/ren. All dedications must be received by Friday morning, May 2, so please don't delay. Watch for Ad Order Forms in the family envelopes. You may also request a form by e-mailing: brandy.schaffels@gmail.com.

In Memory of Mrs. Cirelle: We are still looking for more photos of Mrs. Cirelle for a special "in memoriam" yearbook section dedicated to her. If you have any photos of your child/ren with Mrs. Cirelle, Mrs. Cirelle with other teachers, or any of her alone, we ask you to submit them to the school office. Please print your family name on the back of the photo/s so we can return them to you. We appreciate your help with this important project.

Parents: Last Call for Yearbook Photos: If you've got great photos of your children or their classmates, we'd love them in the yearbook! Our goal is to show every child's beautiful, smiling face two or three times in the book. Now is your *last chance* to get through that stack of photos or digi-pix you've been taking all year to find your very best shots. Please ensure they're clear, in focus, and that each face is **NO SMALLER** than your thumb. Showcasing two to five children is much better than group shots of a dozen tiny faces. The best-case scenario for us would be if you assemble your best dozen digital photos onto a disc, then print a contact sheet of thumbnails that identifies which children are in what photos. We prefer to have the original digital files, than have to re-scan prints. If you have photos of dedicated **teachers** and/or **room parents**, we would appreciate having those, too. Please give your photo package to your **ROOM PARENT no later than Friday, April 3**, to be considered for the yearbook. All materials will be returned. If you have questions, please contact Brandy Schaffels at (818) 921-9876. Thanks so much! -- *Cathy Simen, Brandy Schaffels*

Lenten Retreat Evening: The OLG Adult Ministry invites you to a Lenten Evening Retreat, "*The Easter Mystery: Living the Eternal Now.*" Join us for an evening of reflection on the Easter Mystery and its presence in our world and daily lives, on Wednesday, April 8, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in Room A. Presenter: Sr. Emilie Ann, SND. Reservations required. Call (818) 342-4505, Mon. – Thur., 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for reservations or information. Reservation deadline: Tuesday, April 7. Suggested donation: \$10.00. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Parish. The donation may be made the evening of the retreat. – *Sr. Emilie Ann*