

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of March 30, 2009

Congratulations: **Jessica F.** (8th grade), and **Connor McA.** (6th grade), placed **1st** and **2nd** in the recent **Knights of Columbus Essay Contest!** **Jessica** earned the honor of **First Place**, and **Connor** the honor of **Second Place**. The essay topic was: *“How Does Jesus Influence My Life?”* Congratulations to both of them for setting a great example to their fellow students. Their excellence shows how Jesus is at work in all of our lives every day. We are proud of you!

More Congratulations: We also congratulate **Jordan V.** (6th grade), who was recognized at the *5th Annual CARE (Child Actor Recognition Event) Awards*. This “red carpet” event, held at the Globe Theatre inside Universal Studios, recognized selected child actors for their contribution to the entertainment industry. Honorees were selected based on a point system for their professional work, academics, and community service. Great job, **Jordan!**

California Pizza Kitchen Day: OLG will have **their Family “Fun Raiser”** all day event at **CPK** on Ventura Blvd. in Tarzana **TODAY, Tuesday, March 31!** We’ve enclosed another special flyer in this family envelope that you must present to your **CPK** server at the time you order – anytime **TODAY (take-out, lunch, or dinner)**. **CPK** will donate **20%** of all food sales made with the enclosed flyer today to OLG! We hope many of you will visit CPK with the flyer.

Principal for the Day: A new visiting principal was working with Mrs. Chaimowitz today, Tuesday, March 31: **Miss Lucia I.** took time out from her 6th grade schedule to help Mrs. Chaimowitz with classroom observations and other principal duties. Miss Iannarilli was kind enough to bestow a “free homework day” (teacher’s choice of day), so she was a big hit with all her students!

Holy Childhood Association Boxes: **HCA** boxes for Lent are due back to classrooms by tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1.

Science Fair: The annual OLG Science Fair will take place this Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are having this year’s 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 Thursday morning, April 2. All other classes will set up experiments outside their classrooms. If you can volunteer at the **L.A. County Science Fair**, please call Mrs. Jackson or Ms. Nicholson.

No Cantor Practice: This Friday, April 3, there will be **no cantor practice** after school due to the Jog-a-thon.

Easter Sunday Mass Singers: We had so much positive feedback from the music our school chorus provided for the Catholic Schools Week Mass that they have been invited to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday, April 12! Mrs. Wilson is requesting that if possible, please bring your children to celebrate Easter Sunday with us. Your children all know the songs, and will add so much to the celebration with their angelic voices! If your child is in chorus, please either send a note with your child or have your child let Mrs. Wilson know you can attend the 9:30 Easter Sunday Mass. She is hoping to reserve a number of pews near the front of the church where they will all sit as a group.

Jog-a-thon this Friday: Our students have been looking very forward to this exciting and fun day! OLG’s Jog-a-thon, dedicated this year to **Mrs. Cirelle**, takes place **this Friday, April 3!** The event begins at 9:00 a.m., when joggers will put on their timing chips and bibs. The Opening Ceremony starts at 10:00 a.m. on the Crespi High School track. **The festivities will end at approximately 2:00 p.m., which is a change from our regular Friday dismissal time of 12:35 p.m.**

Parents and teachers are encouraged to participate! Parents who are competitive and want to get a chip (to count your laps) and wear a bib, are asked to return the sign-up form included in this family envelope, or you may sign up on the sheet posted in the hallway across from the school office (before Friday).

Prizes and awards will be presented to many students during the Jog-a-thon, and there will be a special appearance by 80's pop star, **Taylor Dayne!** Those students who've pre-ordered will enjoy a refreshing *Jamba Juice* smoothie, or a slice or two of delicious pizza! A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the **Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center** at Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, with remaining funds going toward school improvements, just as **Mrs. Cirelle** would have wanted. A short tribute to **Mrs. Cirelle** will take place around 12:30 p.m. My thanks to everyone who has already made a donation to the Jog-a-thon. Volunteers are still needed. Please contact **Nancy Board** or **Norman Cook** to volunteer. We hope to see lots of you there!

Jog-a-thon T-Shirts: If you've purchased a Jog-a-thon t-shirt for your child, he/she may wear it every day to school this week **EXCEPT WEDNESDAY (Mass day)**. T-shirts are still being sold after school on the benches by the gates, and will still be available for purchase on the day of the event. Your child may also wear an OLG P.E. uniform t-shirt on Friday for the Jog-a-thon.

Easter Raffle: Our annual Easter Raffle Sale begins tomorrow, Wednesday, April 1. There are lots of great raffle prizes waiting to be won by your child: Easter baskets, stuffed bunnies, toys, games, and gift cards to favorite stores! These prizes will be raffled off to the students on Thursday, April 9, directly after the 10:00 a.m. Holy Thursday Prayer Service. Raffle tickets are 5 for \$1.00, or 25 cents each. This raffle is sponsored by the Student Council, and they thank you for your support! (If anyone would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please see Mrs. Baker, who thanks you very much!)

First Friday Prayer Vigil: This Friday, April 3, the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil will take place in church beginning at 11:30 a.m. We thank **Pre-K** parents, for sitting at prayer during the vigil.

Scrip: Easter is coming! You could take care of almost all your Easter needs by making Scrip purchases. We carry Scrip for *Honey Baked Hams*, *See's Candies*, and several department stores. Also, Scrip cards would make a great donation to the school's Easter Raffle. This week is your last opportunity to purchase Scrip **before the Easter holiday**.

Yard Duty: As all tuition payments will be complete in May this year, we will make some slight adjustments to the Yard Duty credit process. April 30 will be the last day you will be able to receive Yard Duty credits for this year's tuition. Credits for Yard Duty hours from September through April (over and above any Yard Duty hours you claimed as volunteer hours) will be credited to your May tuition. Your May and June Yard Duty hours will carry over to next year, so you will not lose out on any credits. If you are an 8th grade family leaving the school, we will make other arrangements for you to receive any May/June credits. If you did not pay your Yard Duty fee for the 2008 – 2009 school year, you will need to fulfill your four (4) shifts of Yard Duty before the end of this school year. If you do not complete them, you will receive a bill at the end of this school year. Any questions about Yard Duty credits or fees can be directed to Mrs. Stott at: stottm@ourladyofgrace.org.

Yearbook Dedication Ads: This is your **LAST CHANCE** to place your special sentiment in the 2008 – 2009 yearbook, so don't miss out! This is our last announcement. **All yearbook dedication ad orders must be turned in to the school office by this Friday morning, April 3, to make it into this year's book.** (Please note: Buying a dedication ad does not include a copy of the book itself. We will be taking orders to purchase yearbooks during the month of May.

In Memory of Mrs. Cirelle: If you have any photos of Mrs. Cirelle, please write your name on the back and submit them to the school office in an envelope marked: "Yearbook Memorial". They will be returned to you. Thank you!

Save the Date: Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17, for OLG's fourth annual **Family Picnic and Mass at Rancho San Antonio in Chatsworth**. We'll gather there at 1 p.m., with Mass beginning at 2 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch for your family. Friends are welcome! There will be music, entertainment, and games for children. The event is sponsored by **FACE**, the parish hospitality ministry. Watch the bulletin, patio flyers, and posters for further information. We need volunteers, so call Sandy and Dan McCarthy at (818) 786-5458, if you'd like to help. See you there!

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. Checks made payable to Our Lady of Grace Parish. The donation may be made the evening of the retreat. – Sr. Emilie Ann