

To: Parents of OLG Students

Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz

Re: Week of April 6, 2009

Jog-a-thon: This past Friday, students, teachers, parents, family, and friends participated in a very fun Jog-a-thon at Crespi High School that honored our beloved teacher, **Mrs. Tina Cirelle**. Over **\$16,000.00** (and still counting) has been raised! A portion of that money will be donated to the *Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center*, in memory of Mrs. Cirelle. The remaining funds will be used for much-needed OLG School improvements.

Our gratitude and many thanks go to the Chairperson of our Jog-a-thon, **Mrs. Board**, and Co-Chair, **Mrs. Cook**, who did a phenomenal job coordinating and making this such an exciting event for the children! Nancy and Norma went “above and beyond” to make this fundraiser a great success. We would also like to thank **the many volunteer parents**, for the time and effort they put into making the Jog-a-thon a great experience for everyone! Please look for the enclosed Jog-a-thon flyer to read the final results!

CPK Restaurant Fundraiser: We thank the many families who made it over to the Tarzana *CPK* last Tuesday in support of our school. *CPK* donated 20% of every purchase made with the special flyer that day to our school. I’m happy to report that the total dollars generated from this event were **\$2,472.93** (minus tax and gratuities). As a result, OLG will receive a check from *CPK* in the amount of **\$494.59!** Thank you to **Mrs. Raggio** for coordinating another great FUNdraiser!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Thank you to **Pre-K** parents, **Mrs. Giraco** and **Mrs. Posada Sandoghdar**, for their participation in the First Friday Prayer Vigil.

PTO Board Meeting: A PTO Board Meeting will be held tonight, Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Chorus and Cantor Yearbook Photos: **Tomorrow**, Wednesday, April 8, all chorus members and cantors will have their picture taken for the yearbook. All members should remain in church after Mass to take the photos.

Easter Egg Hunt: This Wednesday, April 8, our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students will enjoy their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Convent Lawn at 10:30 a.m.

Holy Week: Please refer to the enclosed Holy Week Schedule for Mass times. Our school children have been invited to lead some songs on Easter Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All chorus members should sit in the reserved pews in front of the church on the tabernacle side. Whether you are in chorus or not, please join us in celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter.

Holy Thursday: April 9 is Holy Thursday and there will be a Prayer Service in the church at 10:00 a.m. School families are welcome to attend.

Easter Raffle: Raffle tickets are still being sold through Thursday morning before the Prayer Service. Five tickets for \$1.00 or 25 cents each. Great prizes are ready to be won by lucky OLG boys and girls! There are Easter baskets, stuffed animals, toys, games, and gift cards to favorite stores. The raffle is sponsored by the Student Council, and will take place in the Parish Hall immediately following Holy Thursday Prayer Service.

Early Dismissal Thursday: **SCHOOL WILL DISMISS AT 11:00 A.M. ON HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9. THERE WILL BE NO AFTERNOON DAY CARE THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 9.**

Good Friday: April 10 is Good Friday and there will be **NO SCHOOL OR DAY CARE** that day.

Easter Holiday: Next week there will be **NO SCHOOL OR DAY CARE** from Monday, April 13, through Friday, April 17. School resumes on Monday, April 20.

\$250 Tuition Credit: We WANT more families like you! We are now offering a \$250 referral fee that will go toward your tuition bill if your name is mentioned when a family enrolls in our school. Certain requirements must be met to receive this credit. Please contact Mrs. Chaimowitz if you would like additional information.

An Evening with Michael Gurian: Crespi High School invites you to attend a lecture and book signing by Michael Gurian, the author of *The Purpose of Boys*, on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in their Alumni Memorial Gym. Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details.

Earth Day is Coming: *Earth Day* is Wednesday, April 22, which falls during our first week back from Easter break. In observance of *Earth Day*, Student Council will sponsor the sale of “*Smencils*”! *Smencils* are the coolest “gourmet scented pencils” around! They are made of **tightly rolled sheets of 100% recycled newspaper** wrapped around #2 graphite writing cores, topped with an eraser. They sharpen just like wood pencils. Each *Smencil* comes in its own **corn-based biodegradable** freshness tube. The popular scents include: bubble gum, cotton candy, chocolate, cherry, watermelon, orange, and grape. The *Smencils* will be sold in homerooms by Class Representatives for only **\$1.00** each. To honor Earth Day, help promote student awareness of the importance of using recycled products – in a fun way! Students will be able to purchase *Smencils* in homerooms during the week of April 20 – 24.

Hot Lunch: The **MAY Hot Lunch** order form is included in this family envelope. Please take time to look it over and complete it with your student during Easter break. The deadline to turn in your May order is **Wednesday, April 22**. Remember to turn in **one order form per student. One check per family** is fine. Please be sure to put your student’s name and grade on your order. Eighth Grade Fundraiser Hot Lunches are separate from regular Hot Lunch and should be ordered separately. Please do not include with this order. **No May Hot Lunch orders will be accepted after April 22.**

Spring Raffle: It’s time for our annual Spring Raffle! Tickets are included in this family envelope and are selling for \$2.00 each. **First Prize is a seven day, six night trip for two to Hawaii!** **2nd Prize** is a three day, two night stay at *Harrah’s Laughlin Casino and Hotel*, plus \$200 in spending money. **3rd Prize** is dinner for four at *Buca di Beppo* in Encino. This is your last opportunity to fulfill your Family Fundraising Account obligation, with **100%** of sales credited to your FFA. This year’s drawing will be held Monday, May 4th at the morning assembly. The **absolute deadline** to purchase and submit tickets will be **Friday, May 1st by 1 p.m.** Tickets will not be accepted at the Monday morning assembly, so don’t wait until it’s too late. Good luck!

Family Fundraising Account: In today’s family envelope is your most recent FFA statement. 100% of spring raffle ticket sales will apply to your FFA. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENVELOPES ONLY.** You will receive your final FFA statement on Tuesday, May 5th and all balances due must be paid no later than Friday May 8th. If you have any questions regarding your statement, please contact Lynn Silberberg at lynvin@earthlink.net.

Sports Raffle: We are looking for raffle items for our annual **Sports Team Raffle**. This raffle helps support our Sports Awards Banquet at the end of the school year. If you have any sports-related items, or know anyone that can donate something to our raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Items could include sports event tickets, autographed professional athlete photos or mementos, sports equipment, or anything you know your child would like! Please contact Mrs. Alfonso, Mrs. Flores, or Mrs. Wilson. Thank you!

School Improvement Drive: In this family envelope is a reminder about our upcoming **School Improvement Drive**. Our Lady of Grace School has planned many major renovations for this summer. Your generosity and support enables us to continue updating our classrooms. After Easter break please look for your donation letter and response envelope in an upcoming family envelope. Thank you in advance for your valued contribution.

Summer School: There **will be Summer School for grades 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8!** Unfortunately, there will be no summer program available for grades K, 3, 4, or 5. Summer School will be held on the Crespi High School campus. Rooms for these grades will be upstairs in Crespi’s new building. Drop-off will be on Alonzo Ave. in front of Crespi’s main office. Mrs. Baker, the Summer School Director, along with Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Asmussen, will meet students daily at the drop-off/pick-up point. A Summer School flyer and enrollment response form will be included in the next family envelope.

- Monday, July 6 through Friday, July 31; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily
- Cost: \$250.00 for the four weeks of July 6 – 31
- Deposit of \$125.00 due by May 1 to hold a spot
- Final payment of \$125.00 due on June 1
- Checks made payable to Our Lady of Grace Summer School

Yearbook Information: If you missed the deadline to order a yearbook dedication ad, you have one LAST CHANCE to order. Please submit your ad materials and payment to the school office by **Thursday morning, April 9**. We will not be accepting any more late ads after Easter break. If you have candid photos of your child, classmates, or teachers you would like to see in this year’s book, please give them to your room parent ASAP. We will not be accepting candid photos after Easter break. Please look through your files to see if you have any special photos to contribute to the yearbook’s memorial to Mrs. Cirelle. Photos will be returned.

Good Bye to Sweats: Please be advised that after Easter break no sweat shirts or pants should be worn to school. Thank you.

Games:	Monday	April 6	Boys B Volleyball	Home vs. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
	Tuesday	April 7	Girl’s B Softball	Away vs. St. John Eudes
	Wednesday	April 8	Boys A Volleyball	Home vs. St. Mel 1

Happy Easter!