

To: *Parents of OLG Students*
Fr: *Mrs. Chaimowitz*
Re: *Week of May 4, 2009*

Grade 2 Prayer Service: Our thanks to the following people who helped in many ways to put together a lovely prayer service that honored our First Communicants last Friday: **Mrs. Choi, Mrs. Effatian, Mrs. Garcia, Mrs. Groseclose, Mrs. Strozer, and Mrs. Swanson.** My special thanks to **Mrs. Jackson**, who has lovingly worked with her 2nd graders for several months to prepare them for the service and their First Communion.

First Communion: Congratulations to the following 2nd graders who've been preparing throughout the school year for a very special day in their lives. Their **First Communion** took place at a beautiful Mass on Saturday, May 2:

*Anthony A.
Kaia B.
Theodore C.
Olivia D.
Kelsey E.
Michael E.*

*Hank F.
Clarissa F.
Connor G.
Natalie G.
Jason G.
Jacqueline G.*

*Isabel L.
Alicia M.
Jessica M.
Christina M.
Eva R.
Jacob R.*

*Jaden S.
Matthew S.
Savanah S.
Giselle U.
Matthew V.
Caila Y.*

Science Fair: Thank you to those school and parish families who attended the Our Lady of Grace Science Fair last month. Your presence made the students feel very important and proud.

Congratulations to **Katherine K.** (8th grade) and **Madison B.** (7th grade) for receiving **Honorable Mentions** at the **Los Angeles County Science Fair** at the L.A. Convention Center on April 17. Katherine's experiment (*Which Antacid Neutralizes Stomach Acid the Best?*) was submitted to the Junior Applied Chemistry Division. Madison's experiment (*Which Objects Fall Faster, and Why?*) was submitted to the Junior General Physics Division.

The following OLG students participated in the **Los Angeles County Science Fair** as well:

Stephanie C., Samantha B. (8th grade): *Does Magnetic Flux Alter the Direction and the Focus of Iron Filings?*

Carlos C. (7th grade): *Can You Instantaneously Convert Electromagnetic Energy into Mechanical Energy?*

Julia R., Amanda M. (8th grade): *How Do Variations of Liquid Affect the Growth of Plants?*

Heather S. (7th grade): *What Liquid Blows Up a Balloon the Most?*

Thomas W. (7th grade): *Which Surface Creates the Optimum Amount of Friction on a Skateboard?*

Continental Math League Awards: Nine students from the 5th Grade were invited to participate in the 2008/09 OLG Math Team. They met after school and entered a series of math contests sponsored by the **Continental Mathematics League.** **Congratulations** to our team members who received the following awards from the league for their cumulative performance in the contests:

First Place Medal: Sophie R.

Second Place Medal: Andrew M.

Certificates for Performance with Distinction:

Anne A., Miranda B., Jillian G., Meghan M., Vincent R., Danielle R., Samantha Y.

National Student Winner: Special congratulations to **Sophie R.** for achieving a **perfect score** on all five contests and receiving a special medal from the **Continental Math League** as a **National Student Winner!**

My appreciation and special thanks to **Mrs. Regan**, who has lovingly volunteered as the Math Team Coach for several years – with excellent results!

First Friday Prayer Vigil: Thank you to **Mrs. Brennan** and **Mrs. Runnels**, 4th Grade parents who participated in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil last Friday.

Announcement: I am pleased to announce that **Mrs. Jackson** will be teaching 6th Grade during the 2009 – 2010 school year, and **Ms. Nicholson** will be teaching 2nd Grade. **Mrs. Hawley** will be adding 6th Grade Math to her schedule. Best wishes to those teachers in their new assignments!

Librarian for the Day: Thank you to **Katelyn D.** and **Daniela T.** (4th grade) for taking time from their busy schedules to give Mrs. Hall some days off in the library recently. Katelyn and Daniela had fun checking books in and out, but especially enjoyed reading to the Kindergarten, 3rd, and 4th grade classes.

PTO Board Meeting: There is a PTO Board Meeting tonight, Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

Crowning of Mary: This Friday, May 8 at 11:30 a.m. in the church, the 8th grade students will participate in a beautiful and traditional May Procession. **May Queen Molly S.**, will have the honor of placing a crown of roses on the statue of Our Blessed Mother during the ceremony. We invite and encourage everyone to attend.

2008-2009 Yard Duty: In this family envelope, you will receive a notice if you still need to work yard duty shifts in lieu of your \$40 fee. The \$40 yard duty fee will be due if you do not complete the four required shifts. Please contact Damaris Lam at 818-470-1735 to be scheduled (the schedule is quite full – don't delay), or send in a check to the school office at this time.

2008-2009 Yard Duty Credits: Yard duty credits for the months of September through April have been calculated. Credits for May and June will be applied to next year. You may earn tuition credits for yard duty hours you have worked over and above the four required shifts, and over and above your required 40 volunteer hours. Families with tuition debits on May 5 have had their credits applied to their payment and will receive a notice in this family envelope with the amount of the credit. Families with May 20 tuition debits or who have paid their tuition in full will receive a notice in next week's envelope with their credit information. Be sure to report all your volunteer hours to maximize your credits. If your tuition is paid in full, yard duty credits may be applied to other fees you may owe. No cash refunds will be given for yard duty credits.

2009-2010 Yard Duty: Each family is required to work five lunch time yard duty shifts for the 2009-2010 school year. Please complete and return the enclosed Yard Duty Sign-Up form. If you prefer, you may pay a \$50 fee instead. Please return the sign-up form or the \$50 fee by June 1. Only one yard duty sign up form will be sent home in the family envelope. Additional copies of this form will be available to download on the parish website at: www.ourladyofgrace.org. (Click on the word "school" once at the parish site.)

Questions about yard duty scheduling and hours should be referred to Damaris Lam at 818-470-1735. Questions regarding yard duty credits and payments should be referred to Maureen Stott at 818-344-4126, extension 895.

2009-2010 Student Fees: Student fees for the 2009-2010 school year are due on June 1. The fee is \$200 per student. No bill will be sent home. Please send your payment to the school office by June 1. Thank you.

2009-2010 Tuition: Confirmation of your tuition amount for the 2009-2010 school year will be sent home in the family envelope NEXT WEEK. Tuition may be paid in full, or on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis through *FACTS Tuition Management Company*. Please indicate on the confirmation form how you choose to pay tuition next year. If you choose to pay in full, a self-addressed envelope will be sent home in your child's report card on June 12. If you choose to use *FACTS*, please complete the enrollment form that will be attached and return it to the school office as soon as possible, but no later than May 20.

To qualify for the OLG parishioner tuition rate, you must have Mass attendance of 50% or better. Mass attendance is calculated by the number of church offering envelopes submitted from September through April. Multiple envelopes turned in on the same day count as one.

Scrip: Although the Family Fundraising Account cut-off was May 1, 2009 in the contract, we will accept profit from any May 6 Scrip orders and apply them to this year's FFA obligation.

Sports Awards: Attention all OLG Sports Team Families – This week your athlete will be bringing home a Sports Awards Night invitation. Please read it through and RSVP accordingly. We look forward to celebrating all the accomplishments of our athletes and coaches on the evening of **Wednesday, May 20!**

Yearbook: Now is the time to order your yearbook! Please complete the order form found in this envelope, place it in an envelope with your payment, making checks payable to “OLG School,” and send it to the school office. This is the second request for yearbook orders this year, so if you bought a dedication ad within the last few months, don’t be confused and think you ordered a yearbook. (The cost of that ad does not include the purchase of a yearbook.)

Because the cost of printing the yearbooks has increased dramatically this year, we will NOT be printing extras. **We ask every family to return their order form indicating whether they do or do not intend to purchase a yearbook. Please understand that if you do not order before May 15, no extras will be available.** Thanks for your understanding. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Schaffels.

Family Fundraising Account: In this family envelope you will find your **FINAL** Family Fundraising Account statement. **If you have a balance due, it MUST be paid by this Friday, May 8, 2009.** Thank you.

If you have a credit balance **over \$10.00**, your credit will be applied to your May 20 tuition. If your tuition is paid in full, you may apply your credit to any other fees owed. Please submit a request in writing (to the school office) stating where you would like the fees to be credited. **NO CASH REFUNDS** will be given. If you have any questions, you may contact Mrs. Silberberg.

School Improvement Drive: Thank you to those families who have already made their donations to our School Improvement Drive. These funds will help pay for much need improvements to our school, such as the purchase of “*Smart Boards*” for some of our classrooms. If you haven’t already made your donation, please remember the deadline to receive them is May 29. Thank you for your continued help.

Hot Lunch: A reminder that we have added a new option to our *Mr. Jiffy* Hot Lunch program. In the case of a last minute lunch emergency, a student may purchase a same-day hot lunch ticket from **Coach Fisher before the 7:50 a.m. morning bell.** Coach Fisher will be available in the P.E. office to sell **\$6.00** last-minute hot lunch tickets Monday through Thursday. Please remind students to sign their tickets or vouchers immediately upon receipt. Thank you!

Parish Picnic: OLG’s annual Parish Picnic and Mass will be on Sunday, May 17. **School parents will receive one volunteer service hour if they attend the picnic, and OLG students attending will get to wear “free dress” to school on a date to be announced.** (Parents will need to email or send a note to Mrs. Chaimowitz letting her know of your attendance at the picnic.) Please read the picnic flyer included in this family envelope for all the fun details, and let us know if you can help the picnic committee on the day of the event.

Jamba Juice Thursdays Continue: Don't forget to visit our Encino *Jamba Juice* on any Thursday (between now and the end of the school year) to enjoy a smoothie and support our school. Remember to let your cashier know you're from Our Lady of Grace School and 20% of your sale will come back to OLG. Thank you!!

Heritage Night at OLG: “A Feast of Many Cultures” will take place in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 30, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please see the Heritage Night Reservation Form included in this family envelope and if interested, sign-up to participate at this celebration of our diverse cultures.

Alumnus News: We are proud to announce that **Carlo D.**, former OLG Student Council President, was recently elected **Student Body President of Crespi Carmelite High School!**

Games:	Tuesday	May 5	Girls B Softball	Home vs. St. Cyril
	Wednesday	May 6	Girls A Softball	Home vs. St. Cyril
	Wednesday	May 6	Boys A Volleyball	Home vs. Our Lady of the Valley
	Thursday	May 7	Boys A Volleyball	Away vs. St. Bernadine of Siena