

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of June 1, 2009

Music & Art Show Thanks: I would like to thank **each of our students, Mrs. Wilson, and Ms. Nicholson** for another incredible Music & Art Show. We are blessed to have many talented students at OLG, and wonderful teachers who help bring those talents out for all to see and hear. Thanks also to all those who volunteered to help make the evening so enjoyable.

Skate Night Thanks: Thank you to **Ms. Kerekes**, parent of 6th grader **Chris M.**, for putting together another fun Skate Night. I know everyone who attended had a great time!

8th Grade Class Trip: On Monday, June 1, our 8th graders took their annual class trip – this year to **Magic Mountain** in Valencia. After the trip, they came back to have their very own “Movie Night” and dinner at school. I’m sure a fun time was had by all!

Grade 8 Farewell Dance: This Thursday, June 4, our 7th grade students host a lunchtime farewell dance for the graduating **Class of 2009** in the Parish Hall.

Hawaii Day: This Friday, May 5 is the last day of school for our graduating 8th grade students, and the other classes say good bye to them at our annual Hawaii Day celebration. Soccer clinics will be held for all grades throughout the day, and there will be other games and activities. The festivities will be topped off by the traditional 8th grade “Tug-o-War” games. Students may wear free dress – accented with “aloha attire”. **(Students must wear sturdy shoes – please, no sandals.** Tennis shoes are best since students will be participating in a soccer clinic during part of the day.)

8th Grade Dinner/Dance: This Saturday evening, June 6, at 6:30 p.m., the 8th grade class, their parents, and teachers will celebrate in a transformed Parish Hall for the traditional send-off of our graduates. The semi-formal dinner/dance is a highlight of the 8th grade year, and always a great party!

Congratulations Graduates: With much happiness (and some sadness) we say farewell to our 8th grade students – the wonderful **Class of 2009**, and send them off to high school well prepared for their academic road ahead. Our best wishes to each of them for a wonderful future! You will be greatly missed, Class of 2009. Please come back to visit us often. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 8th grade parents for their years of volunteering and continued commitment to our school.

Our Lady of Grace Middle School Graduation Mass begins at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, June 7, and everyone is invited to attend.

PTO Board Dinner: Tonight, Tuesday, June 2, there will be a year-end PTO Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Chaimowitz. Thank you to all PTO Board members for another great year of service!

First Friday: Our thanks to **7th grade parents, Mrs. Steuven, and Mrs. Smith**, who will sit at prayer during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil this Friday, June 5.

Pastoral Council Meeting: There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting next Tuesday, June 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory. Everyone is invited to attend.

Last Day of School: Friday, June 12 is our last day of school. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m., and there will be NO AFTERNOON DAY CARE available after dismissal on that day. PLEASE BE SURE SOMEONE IS HERE TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD/REN AT 11:30 A.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 12. There will be no adult supervision available that afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.E. Coach of the Day: Thank you to **Sophie R.** for being the P.E. Coach of the Day for the 5th grade for two weeks in a row! She helped her classmates work on “Capture the Donut” strategy the first week, then fine-tuned their already sharp “Cone War” skills the next. Great job, Sophie! -- *Coach Fisher*

FINAL BILLS ARE IN YOUR FAMILY ENVELOPE TODAY: The balances reflected on your final bill today include payments made through Friday, May 29, 2009. Payments made today or yesterday are not reflected. You do not need to call the school office to report this. Simply note it and send that note in with your payment. Please contact Mrs. Stott for any other balance inquiries at: 818-344-4126, ext. 895 or: stottm@ourladyofgrace.org.

With the exception of Day Care fees which are due on June 5, all fees are due at this time. Please be prompt with your payments. No balances owed will be carried over to the summer or fall. Accounts with balances at the close of school will be subject to a re-enrollment fee prior to the children returning in the fall.

Mrs. Hall has billed your children for library fines. Please have your child bring their fines to her. Fees for lost books are included in your final bill.

Mrs. Rosati sent the final snack room bills last week. Snack room balances are not included on your final statement, but must be received by Mrs. Rosati to clear your account.

Your participation in the **School Improvement Drive** is required to clear your account. A \$100 donation is suggested, but the amount you donate is at your discretion. Thank you those families who have already made their contributions to this important drive.

Summer School bills are being sent home by **Mrs. Baker**.

Scrip: TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, IS THE LAST SCRIP ORDERING DAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER! Please be sure your order is received in the school office by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning. Keep your summer Scrip needs in mind: *DENNIS UNIFORM*, book stores, *Jamba Juice*, *Baskin Robbins*, and restaurants! By purchasing Scrip now, you can get a jump on next year's family fundraising obligation.

2009 – 2010 Volunteer Service Hours Information:

- 1.) The *required* number of service hours has been reduced to 35 hours for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Each family must work at least nine (9) of these hours at the April, 2010 fair.
- 2.) The amount billed for unfulfilled volunteer service hours will **increase** to \$25.00 per regular hour. Unfulfilled fair hours will remain the same at \$50.00 per hour not worked during the weekend of the fair.
- 3.) **All OLG volunteers (regardless of level or type of volunteer position)** will now be required to **document the first 35 hours** of service worked by completing a Volunteers Hours Report form.

Examples: *Mrs. Jane Doe, Room Parent, 1 hour - Sept. 8, 2009 - 3rd Grade Class Newsletter Meeting*
Mr. John Doe, 8th Grade Basketball Coach, 2 Hours - Sept. 16, 2009 - Practice with Boys A Team.

The reason for these changes is to maintain equitable reporting practices and to gather information that will help to accurately staff future events and positions. These adjustments are intended to assist **all** families in fulfilling their service hours to Our Lady of Grace School. We are truly blessed to be part of a community **where so many families contribute so much** of their time and talent! Thank you, OLG parents!

2009-2010 Lunch Time Change: Beginning in September the students' lunch periods will be split into two different time periods. The lunch hours next year will be from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m., and from 12:35 to 1:05 p.m. More information about this change will be given to you during the first week of the new school year. If the new lunch time will affect your ability to work Yard Duty shifts, you may contact **Mrs. Lam**, Yard Duty Chairperson, at: 818-470-7135, to explain any changes you will need to make to the Yard Duty schedule at that time.

Retreat Day Questionnaire: Enclosed in this family envelope you will find a questionnaire from Sister Marilyn Rudy, regarding a proposed Day of Quiet at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino. Please take a moment to complete the questionnaire. Sr. Marilyn thanks you, as your information will be very helpful to her in putting together this retreat.

Missing Forms: Families who have not turned in certain forms that have been requested throughout this year will receive copies of those forms in this family envelope. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN ANY OF THESE FORMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE VIA YOUR FAMILY ENVELOPE TOMORROW.** Thank you for your cooperation.

2009 – 2010 Master Calendar: Enclosed in this family envelope is a tentative Master Calendar for the 2009 – 2010 school year. There may be minor changes made to it during the summer. If changes are made, we will issue a new calendar in September.

Last Family Envelope: This will be the last family envelope sent home for this school year. If you have nothing to return to the school office you may discard your envelope. If you do have something to return, please send back in your envelope. Thank you to all for another great year!

Have a very happy and safe summer vacation!

See you in September!