

September 6, 2011

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful weekend, enjoying the extra day of family time with your children. It was nice seeing so many of you at last week's open house.

Important Dates

September 7 School Mass 10:00am, please join us as Student Council facilitates the Mass

September 8 ITBS Testing begins

September 9 Magazine Fundraiser Kick-off

September 11 Family Mass, 9:30am, and Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am

Room Parents – Thank you to all who have already volunteered to be Room Parents for the 2011-2012 school year. We are still in need of volunteers for the following classrooms: KA, 1B, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5B, 6A, and 7B. Initially, room parents will meet with the homeroom teachers and typically plan the calendar of events specific to the needs of each particular teacher. Please consider this very rewarding volunteer opportunity.

ITBS – Iowa Test of Basic Skills – Testing runs from September 8th through September 21st. Many grades will complete their testing in four or five days, some will need longer. This is the period of time when you will want to encourage your child to get a good night's sleep and eat protein for breakfast.

Wednesday Lunch Club – We are happy to see the return of our Wednesday Lunch Club. Forms will be sent home with your child tomorrow and all orders are due back by Monday September 12th. Please note that the return date on lunch orders is firm. This year's vendors are Julio's Too, Subway, Arby's, and Domino's Pizza. You can order for one month or eliminate the risk of forgetting and place your order for four months.

Peanut Butter Drive - In honor of HUNGER ACTION MONTH, the OLPH School community is conducting a Peanut Butter Drive during the month of September to support local Feeding America Food Banks. All of our donations will be delivered directly to St. Mary's Food Bank with the help of the Scottsdale Cheesecake Factory. Please see flyer on the OLPH website later this week for further information. Thank you to the Parent Advisory Board Catholic Identity Committee for finding this opportunity for our school to reach out and help others in our community.

Booster Club - The first Booster Club meeting of this school year will be held Friday, September 9, in Maguire Hall, 8:00 am to 9:00 am. **All parents are welcome.** Please come and meet some of your fellow booster volunteers, hear how Booster supports your school, and share in the upcoming excitement of the many Booster Club activities. See you there!

Magazine Drive – The magazine drive has continued to be a successful fundraiser for our school. Please help your child be creative by calling out-of-town family members or selling to your dentist or doctor's office. Oftentimes it simply means renewing subscriptions they already receive.

Have a wonderful week; I look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday at the 9:30 Mass and at the Pancake Breakfast which follows.

Sincerely,

Donna Lauro

Principal