

To: *Parents of OLG Students*
Fr: *Mrs. Chaimowitz*
Re: *Week of January 4, 2010*

The grateful faculty and staff of Our Lady of Grace School wishes to extend our thanks for the many wonderful Christmas gifts we received from our families. We deeply appreciate your kindnesses. All of us send our warmest regards to all of you for a healthy, prosperous, and happy 2010!

Sister Michelle's Golden Anniversary: This year **Sister Michelle celebrates 50 years as an Ursuline Sister.** OLG has been blessed to have Sister Michelle as a member of our faculty and staff for nineteen years. This past Sunday, January 3rd, we gave thanks to God for her dedicated life and service to the Church at a wonderful Mass. Sister Michelle was also celebrated at a special reception in the Parish Hall after Mass. Thank you, Sister Michelle, for everything you tirelessly do for our school. All of our heartfelt congratulations go out to you on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Gerry Weber who passed away recently. His funeral Mass will be held at OLG this Friday, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a reception immediately following the Mass in our Parish Hall.

Christmas Concert Thanks: My thanks to **Mrs. Wilson** for another great school Christmas concert, and for leading the school choir on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 p.m. Mass! Everything was just wonderful! Thank you to **Ms. Nicholson**, for her always valued assistance with our chorus. A special thank you to each student who sang with great joy and enthusiasm at the Christmas concert! You made your teachers, parents, and I very, very proud!

Thank You: My grateful thanks to **Mrs. Swanson** for creating all the colorful elf and Grinch hats worn by 1st through 4th graders at the Christmas Concert. Many, many thanks to her for her creativity, skill, and the time it took to make so many great costumes! Thank you a million times over for all your hard work, which added so much to our concert.

– *Mrs. Wilson*

More Thanks: Thank you to **Mrs. Lopez** and **Mrs. Clemens** for all their work in coordinating the *Artwork for Education* greeting card fundraiser. This great new fundraiser showcased our student's artwork in a wonderful way, and we thank them for making it such a success!

PTO Board Meeting: The PTO Board will meet this evening, Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Pep Rally: There will be a Pep Rally to introduce this season's new basketball teams and their coaches this Friday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m. All families are welcome to attend.

Honor Roll Awards Ceremony: The 1st Trimester Honor Roll Awards will be given out at Morning Assembly next Monday, January 11. Congratulations to all students who will receive their awards that day! All parents are encouraged to attend the ceremony. Morning assembly begins on Monday at 7:50 a.m.

Volunteer Hours: Just a reminder that all families should be completing their Volunteer Hours Report on a monthly basis. The forms are available on the OLG website for you to print, or in the school office. You can e-mail the form to the e-mail address listed in your directory for me, or put it in my mailbox in the school office. There are several families that have not logged in any hours yet. Each family has committed to completing 35 volunteer hours for the school (9 of which have to be completed at the fair in April, 2010). You should have at least half of your volunteer hours completed by now. Remember, you can only complete 17 hours in parish activities (such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sunday Pre-school program, other church related activities, etc.). I will be sending out a Volunteer Hours Report update by the end of January 2010, so please ensure that you submit your hours to me. Please consult the monthly Volunteer Calendar, sent out via email by the Room Parents, for volunteer opportunities. – *Mrs. Aguirre, PTO 1st VP - Volunteers*

Choral Festival: This Saturday, January 9, at 2:00 p.m., the Our Lady of Grace Cantor Choir will participate in the *Louisville High School Epiphany Junior High Choral Festival*, led by Mrs. Wilson. Admission to the Choral Festival is free. All are welcome to attend. We know our cantors will make us proud! Thank you to Mrs. Wilson for her wonderful work in preparing our cantors for the festival. For more information on this event, please feel free to e-mail Mrs. Wilson at the e-mail address listed for her in your directory.

Mother/Son Sports Day Bash - Saturday, January 23rd, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school courtyard: Please join us for an afternoon of games, contests, yummy tailgate food, and tons of fun! Show your Mother/Son team spirit and come in your favorite teams' jerseys. See the enclosed flyer for information on tickets, which include entrance to the event and all the games you can play. Additional food and drink tickets are available for pre-sale. Don't miss out on this new fun event! Any questions please contact Mrs. Rodriguez at the phone number or e-mail address listed for her in your school directory.

Parish Tuition Rate: To qualify for the parish tuition rate for the 2010-2011 school year, families must be registered at Our Lady of Grace parish for at least six months, and regularly attend Mass. Mass attendance is determined by an offering envelope count from the Parish Office which must show a minimum of 50% church attendance during a six month period. The envelopes will be counted from September 2009 through March 2010 to determine next year's tuition rate. (Multiple envelopes turned in on the same day are counted as one.)

A Good Start to the New Year: Please remember to send your children to school in the proper uniform. This includes regulations shoes, socks, belts, etc., as outlined in our Parent/Student Handbook. This also includes OLG regulations on proper haircuts for boys, and jewelry and nail polish for girls. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Reporting School Absences: Parents are required to call the school and leave a message on the "Absence Line" each morning their child is going to be absent from school. Please call the school at 818-344-4126, and then press "1" to leave a message. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parking Concerns: Whenever parking your car at school, we ask for your cooperation by parking in the upper school yard parking lot (on the west side of the center gates of the school parking lot – not the church part of the parking lot to the east of the center gates). Daily Mass attendees have had some difficulties finding parking spaces before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. They thank you for your cooperation.