

To: *Parents of OLG Students*
Fr: *Mrs. Chaimowitz*
Re: *Week of November 16, 2009*

EARLY DISMISSAL THIS WEEK: As noted in last week's family bulletin, **there will be early dismissal at 12:35 p.m. each day this week from Monday, November 16 through Friday, November 20**, due to the scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences taking place. If you requested a Parent/Teacher conference, your appointment time was sent home last week via the family envelope. Please plan to arrive for your conference at least 5 minutes before your appointment. If you arrive late, we regret that your conference may be cut short or re-scheduled for another time. After school Day Care hours will be as usual this week, from 12:35 p.m. dismissal until 6:00 p.m. every day.

Upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday: In observance of next week's Thanksgiving holiday, **school will dismiss at 12:35 p.m. next Wednesday, November 25**. There will be no school on Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day), or Friday, November 27. **There will be NO AFTERNOON DAY CARE AVAILABLE after 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25.**

Academic Decathlon: It is our pleasure to announce the following team members and coaches for the **2009-2010 L.A. Archdiocese Junior High Academic Decathlon:**

<i>Team:</i>	<i>Michelle C.</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Visual Art/Music, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Karl E.</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Brittany H. (Captain)</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Social Studies, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Thomas F. (Captain)</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Science, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Christopher K.</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Religion, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Nicole P.</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Current Events, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Valerie S.</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Laurel S.</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Literature, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Heather S.</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>English/Spelling, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Tatiana V.</i>	<i>8th grade</i>	<i>Math, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Alternates:</i>		
	<i>Miranda B.</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>Social Studies, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Anna D.</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>English, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Ella F.</i>	<i>6th grade</i>	<i>Literature, Logic, Super Quiz</i>
	<i>Cristina K.</i>	<i>7th grade</i>	<i>Math, Logic, Super Quiz</i>

<i>Coaches:</i>	<i>Mrs. Baker</i>	<i>Chairperson; Current Events</i>
	<i>Mrs. Board</i>	<i>Fine Arts (Music)</i>
	<i>Mrs. Carpenter</i>	<i>Social Studies</i>
	<i>Mrs. Chaimowitz</i>	<i>Literature</i>
	<i>Mrs. Dzyak</i>	<i>Science</i>
	<i>Mr. Gallagher</i>	<i>Logic</i>
	<i>Mrs. Hawley</i>	<i>Math</i>
	<i>Mrs. Jackson</i>	<i>Co-Chairperson; English/Spelling</i>
	<i>Ms. Nicholson</i>	<i>Fine Arts (Visual Art), Religion</i>
	<i>Ms. Peterson</i>	<i>Fine Arts (Music)</i>

The Academic Decathlon will be held on March 6, 2010, and studying is already well under way! **Father Austin will bless the decathletes tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All parents are welcome to attend.** We thank each of our team members and coaches in advance for the hard work ahead, and wish them all the best in the coming months. Study well and **learn all you can!**

Congratulations: Our Boys A Football team and Girls A Volleyball team wrapped up an excellent season last week. Both teams came in 3rd in their division! **Great job, Lions!**

Thanksgiving Feast: The Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade classes have been learning about Thanksgiving, and as part of that study will have their annual Thanksgiving Feast next Monday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The children will perform a short play, read stories, and sing songs to show what they've learned about pilgrims, Native Americans, and the very first Thanksgiving. **Parents and grandparents of those students are invited to attend the feast, and should RSVP as instructed on the invitation you received.**

Tuition and Fees: In order for your child(ren) to continue in school at the start of the second trimester, you must be current with all tuition and fees by December 1. Please pay attention to miscellaneous bills sent home in your family envelope or via U.S. mail. Please remit your payments promptly. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Turkey and Food Drive: Our grateful thanks to all families who donated food items or grocery gift cards during our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive! **The food drive will end this Friday, November 20.** We are still hoping to receive more grocery store gift cards, frozen turkeys, or designated food items this week. Please leave your donations in the boxes outside each classroom. If you have a frozen turkey to donate, please bring it to the school office. The parish members who receive your kind donations sincerely appreciate your gifts.

Artwork for Education: Many thanks go out to our students, art teachers, homeroom teachers, and parents for participating and supporting our Artwork for Education greeting card fundraiser. It was very successful, thanks to YOU! Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the cost of installing *Smart Boards* in classrooms. **If you missed the deadline, it's not too late. You can view your child's artwork and place orders for card sets at the online store by logging on to www.artworkforeducation.com.** Cards will be mailed to the address you provide (for a small shipping charge), and OLG will continue to receive proceeds for any orders placed during the remainder of the year. Please e-mail your out-of-area friends and family to have them see your child's artwork with the at the online store, and perhaps place an order. Your continued support is always appreciated. – Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Clemens

Scrip: THERE ARE ONLY FOUR MORE SCRIP ORDER DATES BEFORE CHRISTMAS. It's time to get those Christmas lists going. PLAN EARLY! Our Scrip company has put us on notice that there may be delays in the next few weeks due to high volume. In addition, winter storms can delay our FED EX deliveries. At this time of year our normal Wednesday to Friday turnaround may be delayed. Plan and buy early when possible.

The remaining order dates are: TOMORROW, Wednesday, November 18
Wednesday, December 2
Wednesday, December 9
Wednesday, December 16

Your order must be turned in by 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday. If your child turns in the family envelope later in the morning, you will have missed the order deadline. Please remind your child to turn in your family envelope first thing in the morning.

CHECK OUT NEW MERCHANTS! Next week there will be a new order form that will include the following new merchants. You may 'write them in' on this week's form if you are interested:

Albertson's	\$25/\$100	4%	Hallmark	\$25	4%
Dick's Sporting Goods	\$25	8%	A Pea in the Pod	\$25	6%
Panera Bread	\$10/\$25	9%	Eddie Bauer	\$25	8%
Pick Up Stix	\$25	12%	Casual Male XL	\$25	6%
Dave & Busters	\$25	13%			

Did you know: *Chili's* gift cards may be used at *Macaroni Grill*, *Maggiano's*, and *On the Border*? *Sears* cards may be used at *OSH? Land's End* gift cards may be used at the *Lands End Shop* in *Sears* stores?

Remember, 90% of the profit you earn purchasing Scrip is credited to your Family Fundraising Obligation. Additional order forms may be downloaded from the school's website. Sell Scrip to your family and co-workers. You earn the credits and they save a trip to the mall! PLEASE USE CAUTION WHEN ORDERING SCRIP – SCRIP IS NOT REFUNDABLE or RETURNABLE.

Yard Duty: If you waived your \$50 yard duty fee, you are required to work five lunch time yard duty shifts from 12:05 – 1:05 p.m. Scheduling priority is given to those who waived the fee and need five shifts to fulfill their obligation. If you do not show up for your shift(s), you will receive a bill; it will be pro-rated for the number of shifts you worked. If you miss your obligatory shifts, we cannot guarantee there will be room for you to make them up later in the year. You may show up at lunch time to be a sub, but you will only receive credit if you are needed. Yard Duty is a very important commitment. FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR YOUR SHIFT. Be sure to sign in so you will receive credit for doing your shift. In the rare emergency circumstance that you cannot come for your scheduled shift, you are obligated to find your own substitute by calling people noted on the Yard Duty Phone List you've been given. Thank you for your cooperation.

December Hot Lunch Orders: Mr. Jiffy hot lunch orders for December are due by tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18. Please make sure your child's order form is filled out completely, payment is included with your order, and cash or check (made payable to OLG) is enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "December Hot Lunch" on the outside.

Game Change: The final game for the Girls B Volleyball team has been changed to Monday, November 23, at home versus St. Bernardine of Siena.

Games: Tuesday November 17 Boys B Football Home vs. St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Please note: This game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. School dismisses at 12:35 p.m.

