

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of December 7, 2009

Winter Wonderland Thanks: A huge **thank you** to all the parents and families that came out in the chilly evening to attend our first “Winter Wonderland”. We had a huge turn out! We hope you enjoyed a fun evening with family and friends and were able to get a “jump start” on your Christmas shopping. A **special thank you** to our wonderful event chairperson, **Mrs. Iannarilli, and her Winter Wonderland committee** for their hard work and dedication to make this event such a success. We would like to recognize our committee and their contributions:

Mr. Miles - Banners, lights, decorations, crafts, frames, construction, set up, and clean up of our event
Mrs. Kamogawa - Parish Hall, courtyard, 8th grade patio decorations; movie set up
The Rauda's/Guiterrez Events - Machine rentals, set up, and clean up
Mrs. Groseclose - Set up of vendors in Parish Hall
Mrs. Board - Publicity and entertainment
Mrs. Consola - Volunteer staffing coordinator
Mr. Consola - Finance coordinator
Mrs. Effatian and Mrs. Lopez - Organizers, sponsorship, Spirit Store

We would also like to recognize some special volunteers who went above and beyond the call of duty: **Mrs. Kepski, Mr. Effatian, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Blaire, the Lew family, the Balbuena family, the Howell family, Mr. McMahon, Mr. Mullinax, Mrs. Shaffels, Mr. Di Nova, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Garner, Mrs. Stott, Mrs. Silberberg, Mr. Brennan, Ms. Peterson, Mrs. Rosati and the Day Care staff, and Mr. Morales, our custodian.** We really appreciate your extra time and effort behind the scenes to make our event a success.

We would like to also thank all our other **parent volunteers**. We cannot do this without you and we appreciate your time and dedication. Your participation in these events is a great way to be part of our parish and school community. **We also thank Mrs. Chaimowitz and Mrs. Baker for their support and encouragement.**

We welcome any feedback and comments you may have about the event. Please make your comments in writing (name optional) and put them in the Ways and Means mailbox in the school office. Your comments help make these events better and better every year. **Thank You All Very Much! We hope this was a great kick off to the holidays with your families.**

-- Mrs. Lopez, VP Ways & Means; Mrs. Effatian VP-Elect Ways & Means

Holy Day of Obligation: Today, Tuesday, December 8, the Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Students attended 7:45 a.m. Mass today. Students will be attending Mass again tomorrow at 7:45 a.m., our regular Mass day. Students should also wear their dress uniform tomorrow.

Chorus Members: Due to the special Holy Day of Obligation Mass on Tuesday, December 8, chorus practice will be held this Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 a.m. instead.

Chorus has been invited to sing at the parish Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 p.m.! We hope that many chorus members can join us. If you can, please be at church by 4:45 p.m., or even earlier, as the parking lot gets quite full. Thank you for your participation.

-- Mrs. Wilson

See's Candy: We still have a few boxes of *See's Candy* available for sale. Please contact Mrs. Iannarilli at the phone number listed for her in your family directory if you are interested in purchasing any. **See's** always makes great Christmas gifts!

First Friday: Thank you to Grade 5 parents, **Mr. Gilmore** and **Mrs. Perez**, who sat at prayer during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil on Friday, December 4.

Pastoral Council: The parish Pastoral Council meets tonight, Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting.

Report Cards: Report Cards will be sent home this Friday, December 11. Please review, sign, and return to school by next Monday, December 14.

Christmas Raffle: Tickets go on sale today for this fun Christmas event for the children. Donated new toys, stuffed animals, games, dolls, and sports equipment will be raffled off to the children during our annual Christmas get-together on the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Students may purchase raffle tickets at school for 25 cents per ticket, or 5 tickets for \$1.00. Proceeds from this raffle go directly into the Student Council fund. (Mrs. Baker is still gratefully accepting raffle prize donations, and she thanks you for your support!)

Candy Cane Sale: Candy canes are also for sale this week. Students may purchase a candy cane for 25 cents. The money raised will also go into the Student Council fund.

Ice Cream Party: This Wednesday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m., there will be an Ice Cream Party as a reward for those students who sold nine magazine subscriptions during the October Magazine Drive. Teachers will hand out party slips in class to those students who qualified for this fun reward.

Pasta Hot Lunch: This Thursday, December 10, there will be an 8th grade fundraiser Pasta Hot Lunch offered. If interested, please complete the enclosed order form and send back via your returned family envelope tomorrow. As always, the 8th graders thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Concert Next Week: I am looking very forward to this year's **Christmas Concert next Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.!** Mrs. Wilson has been teaching your children their songs for weeks now. We request the children wear their "Sunday best" or holiday attire for the concert. No jeans or shorts are permitted to be worn. Boys should wear a collared shirt. If your child does not have "dress" shoes, then clean sneakers in a solid color would be permissible.

Children are to be in their homerooms by no later than 6:30 p.m. before the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 16. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wilson.

Early Dismissal Next Friday: School will dismiss at 12:35 p.m. next Friday, December 18. **THERE WILL BE NO DAY CARE AVAILABLE AFTER 12:35 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.** Day Care parents: Please make arrangements to have your children picked up at 12:35 p.m. dismissal, as there will be no one here to supervise children after that time.

Christmas Parties Next Week: Next Friday, December 18, students and teachers will have their annual school-wide Christmas Raffle and Caroling Get-together in the Parish Hall that morning. Individual classroom Christmas parties will take place immediately after the raffle. **It is very important that your child's "Kris Kringle" gift is in the classroom by the date the teacher requested. We would not want a child to be the one left without a gift. Students may accent their uniforms with red and green that day.** My sincere thanks to those wonderful parents who help make the parties "merry and bright"!

Mr. Jiffy Hot Lunch: Enclosed in this family envelope you will find the JANUARY Hot Lunch menu and order form. **Please return it by next Wednesday, December 16.** Make sure each child has their own completed order form, and that payment is included. Please put payment inside a sealed envelope marked "January Hot Lunch" on the outside.

Winter Sports Fee: The \$50.00 sports fee for basketball season is now due. If your athlete has not played a sport at OLG previously, then an additional \$12.00 is also due to purchase matching uniform shorts. All practice schedules are posted on the bulletin board outside the P.E. office. Games will begin in January, 2010.

Mother/Son Tailgate Party on January 23 and Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance on February 13: If you would like to be part of the committee to help plan one or both of these fun upcoming events, please contact Mrs. Rodriguez at the phone number or email address listed for her in your family directory. **A planning meeting will take place this Wednesday, December 9** in the morning after drop-off at school (exact location to be determined). Please join us to voice your great ideas and help make these memorable events for our children.

Congratulations: Congratulations to **Nicole P.** (7th grade), for her outstanding performance in the *KAR Dance Competition* in Long Beach on December 5. She received a **Diamond Award** and placed **5th overall** for her solo. Her duet received a **Diamond Award** and placed **1st overall**. Great job, Nicole! You've made us very proud.

OLG Holiday Sports Camp: We are excited to offer OLG's first ever Sports Camp! Please read the Sports Camp flyer enclosed in this family envelope for all the exciting details. A permission slip is also attached. If you are interested in having your child/ren attend Sports Camp, please complete and return a permission slip via your family envelope, or return to the school office.

Congratulations to the Heffernan's and their new baby boy, Andre! All best wishes to their family!