

To: Parents of OLG Students
Fr: Mrs. Chaimowitz
Re: Week of January 5, 2009

On behalf of a very grateful faculty and staff, I would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for the wonderful Christmas gifts that were received from our families. We wish to send our warmest regards to all of you for a healthy, prosperous, and happy year ahead!

Belated December Work Day Thank You: Due to a mistake made in the December 15, 2008 family bulletin, proper credit for helping to head up the December Work Day was not given to **Mr. Oscar San Ramon**. We sincerely regret the oversight, and wish to belatedly thank Mr. San Ramon for his much-appreciated work that day!

Hot Lunch: Our new Hot Lunch program is up and going! Just a few reminders to our families:

- January Hot Lunch ordering is now complete. If you'd like to order Hot Lunch for any days in February, that order form will be sent home in a couple weeks.
- When ordering for February, please use one order form per child.
- Please include the child's full name and grade (no nicknames, please).
- One check per family can be sent.
- **Please turn in your order by the due date.**

We still could use more volunteers to help serve lunches from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. If interested, please contact Jennifer Lopez at (818) 345-1037.

PTO Board Meeting: The PTO Board will meet this evening, Tuesday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the library.

Choral Festival Information: The OLG School Cantors will be participating in the *1st Annual Epiphany Junior High Choral Festival* this Saturday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Louisville High School. Parents will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from Louisville and are welcome to attend the festival. Mrs. Wilson will meet participating Cantors in Louisville's St. Louis Hall **no later than 1:45 p.m. this Saturday**. The event will not be as long as previously expected, and should conclude by 3:15 p.m. Permission slips will go home this week and **must be returned by this Friday, January 9**. Christmas attire is acceptable, or any "Sunday best" will be fine. No jeans or sneakers, please.

Note to Cantors from Mrs. Wilson: Our usual after school practice time this Friday is our only rehearsal time before the festival, so it is very important you attend practice this Friday after school. I'm looking forward to our first off-campus event!

Experience Day: There will be an Experience Day for Grade 2 held this Saturday, January 10, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact a Room Parent or Mrs. Jackson if you have any questions.

Honor Roll Awards Ceremony: The 1st Trimester Honor Roll Awards will be given out at Morning Assembly next Monday, January 12. Congratulations to all students who will receive their awards that day! All parents are welcome to attend. Assembly begins on Monday at 7:50 a.m.

A Good Start to the New Year: Please remember to send your children to school in the proper uniform. This includes regulation shoes, socks, belts, etc., as outlined on pages 23 and 24 of the 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.

Attention All Parent Photographers: Please share any photos you have taken in your child's classroom or at school with our yearbook staff. How? First, edit your submissions to include only your very best pictures. That means clear, sharp, close-up photos of two or more students or staff members. Be sure that the faces in the photos are at least the size of a quarter. Pictures that are blurry, taken from far away, or that otherwise feature unidentifiable students are not usable. Turn your photos in to the room parent of your child's grade. Prints and digital images on discs are greatly appreciated!

We are starting to collect your photos for the yearbook now. You will be getting communication from the room parents about submitting your pictures to them. You may also turn in your photos at the school office. There will be a box marked "Yearbook" there. Simply leave any pictures or discs you're submitting to the yearbook in that box. Thank you for helping to make our yearbook a great one!

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 expressed concern to us about their not being able to find parking spaces before the 8:00 a.m. Mass. They thank you for your cooperation.

Scholastic Book Fair: Would you like to have a "reel" fun time doing some volunteering? The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school soon, and we need your "star power" to help us! Please visit our book fair webpage at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ourladyofgrace>, or email Maria Hall at: mamamaria@mac.com. A large "cast of characters" will be needed for this event. There are several "roles" to be played, and you'll be earning volunteer hours, too! Please see the flyer enclosed in this family envelope for more details.

Another Volunteer Possibility: The sheets and pillow cases that are on our Health Room beds need to be frequently laundered. If doing some of your volunteer hours at home works better for you, you can get volunteer hours for laundering these linens – on either a one-time basis, or regular basis. If interested, please contact Mrs. Aubuchon at (818) 344-4126, extension 335, at your convenience. Thank you!

Adult Scripture Study Program: On Tuesday, January 13, the OLG Adult Scripture Study Program will begin an exciting journey through the history, theology, and stories of an amazing era of our faith – the centuries from the creation to the collapse of the northern kingdom of Israel around 700 B.C.

- The registration deadline for these scripture classes is Monday, January 12, 2009.
- Register in one of these ways: Email at: sremilieann@ourladyofgrace.org OR
- Call the Ministry Office at: (818) 342-4505, Monday – Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Please provide the same information as for the email registration.
- **Classes begin on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.**
- The morning class meets from 10:00 to 11:45 a.m. The evening class meets from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.
- Both classes meet in Room A of the Ministry Office wing.
- Cost of the book sets and learning materials are \$20.00. This may be brought to the first class.
- Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Church.

Register for our new Scripture class to learn about the fascinating realities that fashioned the ancient foundations of our faith – AND SO MUCH MORE!

-- Sr. Emilie Ann

