

**To:** *Parents of OLG Students*  
**Fr:** *Mrs. Chaimowitz*  
**Re:** *Week of February 23, 2009*

**No School on Friday:** This Friday, February 27, our teachers will be attending the Religious Education Congress so there will be no school or Day Care on that day.

**Congratulations:** We proudly congratulate our **OLG Varsity Cheerleaders** who placed **1st** at the **Sharp Magic Mountain Cheerleading Competition** in Valencia on Sunday, February 15! The cheer team also received a trophy for their **Team Enthusiasm**. Congratulations to **Paulina Barajas, Chelsea Burgess,** and **Julia Regan**, who received medals for their individual excellence. You made us very proud, Lady Lions! A big “shout-out” goes to all of the cheer team members:

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| <i>Tiffany Andrews</i>           | <i>Lucia Iannarilli</i>      |
| <i>Paulina Barajas – Captain</i> | <i>Edie Lefevre</i>          |
| <i>Chelsea Burgess</i>           | <i>Andrea Perales</i>        |
| <i>Michelle Catton</i>           | <i>Vivian Perez</i>          |
| <i>Katherine Consola</i>         | <i>Julia Regan – Captain</i> |
| <i>Ellie Heldt</i>               | <i>Isabella Rivas</i>        |
| <i>Julianna Heldt</i>            | <i>Jennifer Rodriguez</i>    |
| <i>Kaitlyn Herbert – Captain</i> | <i>Valerie Silberberg</i>    |
| <i>Brittany Hope</i>             | <i>Sarina Strozer</i>        |

On Saturday, March 7, the cheerleaders will be competing at the **Universal State Cheerleading Competition**. Best of luck, ladies! Many thanks to **Mrs. Baker**, for the wonderful work she does with our cheerleaders!

**Valentine Gram Thanks:** Our sincere thanks to **Mrs. Heather Clemens** and **Mrs. Lisa Rosa**, who were kind enough to make the **700** candy grams that were given to students during the recent Valentine Gram sale! We also want to acknowledge and thank **Mrs. Katie Lefevre** for the work she does every year in purchasing the candy and coordinating the making of the Valentine Grams. As always, thanks goes to **Mrs. Baker** for her coordination of the entire Candy Gram Sale!

**After School Mad Science:** After school **Mad Science** classes begin tomorrow, Tuesday, February 24, for those students who registered. All families who registered should have already received a confirmation call from the Mad Science offices.

**Ash Wednesday:** We are now preparing for the Lord’s resurrection at Easter with the forty days of renewal and penitence know as Lent. This Wednesday, February 25, is Ash Wednesday. Masses are scheduled on Wednesday at: **6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.** (Spanish language). There is a Prayer Service on Wednesday at **12:15 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed during the Masses and Prayer Service. Our students will be attending the 8:00 a.m. Mass, as usual. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for those between the ages of 18 and 59.

Our Lady of Grace Parish will be celebrating Mass on Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m., followed by bilingual Stations of the Cross. Please review the insert included in this family envelope for additional devotions.

**New Staff Member:** I am happy to announce that we have a new staff member at Our Lady of Grace School. **Ms. Colleen Garner** has accepted the part-time position of Development Director for the school. Her responsibilities will include the running of the Parish/School Fair, along with duties to develop our student alumni base. Please congratulate her when you see her! Welcome, Colleen.

**Work Day:** This Saturday, February 28, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon is a scheduled Work Day for all grades. All parents are asked to attend this volunteer effort. Parents will be completing small repair jobs and clean ups, etc. It is helpful if you can bring your own small work tools (clearly labeled with your name, please). Just show up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and someone will give you a project. Thank you to all parent volunteers who help to keep our school in good order!

**For Families Who Requested Financial Assistance:** Financial aid request packets have been enclosed in the family envelopes of those who requested assistance. Please read the cover letter enclosed in the packet carefully. Requests will not be considered if you have an outstanding tuition/fees balance or you have not submitted the \$150 re-admission fee for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

**Tuition and Fees:** All tuition and fees must be current in order for your children to start the third trimester which begins on March 12, 2009. Day Care fees must also be current by Friday, February 27, in order for your children to start Day Care on Monday, March 1. If you have any questions, please e-mail Mrs. Stott at: [stottm@ourladyofgrace.org](mailto:stottm@ourladyofgrace.org), or leave a message on her voice mail at (818) 344-4126, extension 895.

**Hot Lunch:** Did your child miss receiving a *Mr. Jiffy* hot lunch because he/she was at home due to an illness? If so, a homeroom teacher will give your child a pink voucher that can be used when ordering next month's hot lunches. Any questions can be directed to Andrea Fisher at (818) 344-4126, extension 333.

**Scrip Information:** Due to the school holiday this Friday, February 27, there will be **no scrip processed this week.**

**Car Line:** Please read the enclosed reminder from Sister Michelle regarding car line drive-through procedures. For the safety of the children, please be sure to follow these established procedures. Thank you.

**Applications for New Enrollment:** We have already received many applications for new student enrollment for the 2009 – 2010 school year. If you know of any families who are thinking of applying but have not yet done so, please let them know they should apply as soon as possible because classes will fill up quickly. Pre-Kindergarten is filling up especially fast, so if you're thinking of enrolling a younger sibling, please do so soon. A pupil entering Pre-Kindergarten must be four years old by June 30 of this year. A pupil entering Kindergarten must be five years old by August 31 of this year.

**Yearbook: Don't forget to order your yearbook dedication ads.** This is our second announcement. The OLG Yearbook staff is now accepting dedication ads for the 2008 – 2009 book. Whether you want to wish your best to an outgoing graduate or a young scholar in the earlier grades, right now is a good time to reserve a space in the yearbook for your special dedication. Order your ads and one-liners now. **All dedication ad orders must be received by Friday, April 3.** Please note, the purchase of a dedication ad does not include the purchase of the yearbook itself. We will be taking orders for the yearbooks during the month of May.

**In Memory of Mrs. Cirelle:** The yearbook will dedicate a special section to cherish the memory of Mrs. Tina Cirelle. We invite all school families to contribute any photos of Mrs. Cirelle that you wish to share. Of course, all photos will be returned as soon as possible. (Please mark your name on the back of all photos submitted.) Please submit your photo/s to the school office in an envelope marked "Yearbook Memorial" before Friday, March 6. Thank you.

**Game:** Wednesday February 25 Boys A Basketball Home vs. St. Bernadine of Siena