

To: *Parents of OLG Students*
Fr: *Mrs. Chaimowitz*
Re: *Week of March 2, 2009*

Congratulations: Congratulations to the following members of our Boys B Basketball team who competed this past weekend in the *Knights of Columbus Basketball Tournament*. We are proud to announce that the team, led by **Coach Wesley Howell**, came in **1st Place!** Our boys played with a lot of heart and skill, and we are very proud of them! Well done, Lions! Thank you to Coach Howell for doing a terrific job with the team!

Grade 6
Chris Kepski
Chris May
Connor Mc Aree
Justin Van Vranken

Grade 5
Matthew Cavada
George De La Rosa
Vincent Raggio
Ramon Suero

Work Day Thanks: My thanks to all those parents who came Saturday to help with several projects on Work Day. All of your individual efforts and sincerely appreciated. We couldn't do it without the help of our wonderful families. A special thank you to **Arnulfo Barajas, Mark Bradley, and Oscar San Roman** for their direction; and to **Virginia Reveles**, for making lunch for everyone.

PTO Board Meeting: There will be a PTO Board Meeting tonight, Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

First Friday Prayer Vigil: This Friday, March 6, two 5th grade parents will sit at prayer during the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Prayer Vigil.

Aluminum Can Collection: Please bring in any aluminum cans you've been saving for recycling this Friday, March 6.

Experience Day: This Saturday, March 7, **all Grade 2 students** will have an Experience Day from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Irish Pin Sale: Grade 5 students will be selling small Irish and shamrock pins for 50 cents each from March 5 through March 17. A variety of pins are available. The money raised will be sent to the missions run by the Ursuline Sisters in the African country of Cameroon. So, please buy an Irish pin for your child, yourself, or even your co-workers. The Ursuline Sisters thank you for your support of their important work in Africa.

Lenten Boxes: Please return your Lenten Boxes to Mrs. Muffoletto by April 1, 2009. Thank you.

2009 Jog-a-thon: The Jog-a-thon is set for Friday, April 3, 2009. It will be a very exciting day for OLG students! This year, in addition to raising funds to help support our school, a portion of the proceeds from our jog-a-thon will be donated in Mrs. Tina Cirelle's name to the *Roy and Patricia Disney Cancer Center* at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Burbank. Please read the enclosed Jog-a-thon flyer for all the exciting details.

Summer School: Due to the extensive construction re-model that will take place on campus this summer, for the safety of our students we will unfortunately not be able to have summer school this year. Summer school will resume again next year in our newly remodeled campus!

We're Packing Up: Soon we'll begin the process of packing up our classrooms and offices in preparation for "moving out" before the construction scheduled to begin the first day of summer vacation! Teachers and staff are in need of many, many boxes to store books and belongings. If anyone has any sturdy boxes they can bring in for us, it would be much appreciated! Please bring them to the school office. Thank you!

Yearbook: Don't miss the chance to order your yearbook dedication ad. This is our third announcement. The yearbook staff is still 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 early grades, now is the time to reserve your space for a special yearbook dedication. Watch for Dedication Ad Order Forms in the family envelopes during the month of March. Be sure to place your order soon, so you don't miss your chance. You may also request a form by e-mailing Brandy Schaffels at: brandy.schaffels@gmail.com

In Memory of Mrs. Cirelle: The yearbook will be dedicating a special section to cherish the memory of Mrs. Tina Cirelle, and we invite all school families to contribute any photos you wish to share. Of course, all photos will be returned to you as soon as possible.

Special Lenten Hour: Everyone is cordially invited to a special Lenten hour on Friday, March 20, 2009. Mass will be at 6:00 p.m., followed by a performance by *The Voices of Our Lady* choir. Our parish choir will be performing *Requiem*, by Gabriel Faure. This is a special opportunity for you to hear our wonderful OLG choir singing an amazing piece that includes soprano and bass soloists. We hope to see many of you there.

Online Chats: Online chat rooms, instant messaging systems, and even cell phones equipped to send text messages are environments rich in abbreviations, acronyms, and other short-hand that help increase the speed of communication. Knowing internet "lingo" can help parents safeguard their children. Parents need to become aware of some common "lingo" that is used in these environments. Some of the terms may be found to be vulgar, degrading, or otherwise offensive. Parents and educators need to have a level of understanding of the dangers that face our children. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan *Safeguard the Children* office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.