

### **Directory Updates:**

The Gose family's new phone number is 816 537-3223.

### **Important Dates:**

Jan 29<sup>th</sup> – Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – Catholic Schools Week

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – Midterms

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10:30 Pep Assembly / Early Release / Spirit Day; Conferences 1:30 -6; POD Valentine Dance for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - PTO 6:30; Technology Safety Seminar immediately following PTO

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> - Retired Bishop Boland's 80th Birthday

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – Father Daughter Dance; OLP Chocolate Festival

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> – Kindergarten Roundup

Feb 24<sup>th</sup> – Registration begins for grades 1-8

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Auction

### **Parent – Teacher Conferences**

Parent – Teacher Conferences are available Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:30 to 5:45 in 15 minute intervals. Signup sheets are on the trophy case facing the school office.

### **Student Council update:**

Thank you to all the students and families for their generous donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation last Friday, January 20 for our dress down day. We collected \$282.47 and a check will be mailed to them this week on behalf of the students at Our Lady of the Presentation. Thank you to everyone for their continued support for our local charities. Mrs. Mueller and Student Council members

### **Repeal of "Blaine" Amendment**

Attached find a Missouri Catholic Conference Press Release that reports on the introduction of two joint resolutions that would amend the Missouri Constitution by repealing the so-called "Blaine" Amendment which currently discriminates against religious people and religious institutions. The Blaine Amendment has served as a legal roadblock to a number of services for children attending religious schools, such as secular textbooks and bus transportation. Repealing Blaine would end this discrimination and allow the state of Missouri to provide such public services on a fair and equal basis to all children no matter what school they attend. Mike Hoey, Executive Director, Missouri Catholic Conference

### **Class Pictures**

Class pictures were distributed last week. If you wish to purchase, please send \$3 payable to OLP. If not, please return the picture to school.

## **Catholic Schools Week – Schedule**

January 29<sup>th</sup> begins Catholic School Week:

Sunday, Parish Appreciation Day

Monday, Student Appreciation Day; students may wear their favorite tourist destination tee-shirt with uniform bottoms; Chris Cakes for lunch

Tuesday, Service Day

Wednesday, Staff Appreciation Day

Thursday, Family Appreciation Day, Family Movie Night will be in the Auditorium (Cafeteria).

Friday, School Spirit Day, Assembly at 10:30, Early Release, Conferences

## **Registration for 2012-2013**

Registration for the upcoming school year is right around the corner. Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday Feb. 21st. Registration for grades 1 – 8 begins February 24th. If you have a student that will be eligible for Kindergarten for the 2012/2013 school year, please contact the office to secure a spot for the child. Additional information about registration is attached in a letter from Mrs. Briggs. Please review it carefully.

## **What has been happening at School Advisory Board meetings?**

Go to OLP's school website to read the minutes from all our meetings! We have an open forum for anyone to attend at the start of each meeting. Our next meeting is Monday, February 13th at 6:30 in the Auditorium. Please contact our President, Tim Drake, [timdrake6@yahoo.com](mailto:timdrake6@yahoo.com) if you'd like to attend our next meeting.

## **Self Defense Classes:**

2 sessions available.

Available dates: Saturdays, March 24th and Saturday, March 31st.

Lee's Summit Martial Arts –

10 Southeast 3rd Street

Lee's Summit

(816) 554-3744

Sessions are limited to 12 people per class.

Time: Doors will open at 8:30. Come early to warm-up and stretch. Class will start at 9 AM and end around 2:30 PM. with a 30 min. break for lunch.

Cost: \$50 if you pre-register, and \$65 at the door (space permitting). We cannot reserve a space unless it is paid for.

Required attire: Tennis shoes, sports bra or tight fitting tank under a t-shirt and sweat pants with a drawstring. Low waist yoga pants are NOT recommended.

Be advised: These classes are geared towards adults and older teens. There will be strong language and aggressive contact.

No one under 18 may attend without parental consent (parent must come in to sign waiver). No one under 16 may participate without a parent present and no one under 14 may participate.

For everyone's safety, all fingernails must be cut and acrylic nails removed.

Bananas, granola bars and water will be provided during the break but everyone is welcome to bring their own snack or light lunch if they wish to do so.

We are aiming to have a similar class aimed towards younger teens at the end of the school year.

### **From the Nurses re head lice**

In the past few weeks, the Health Room has been notified of a couple of cases of head lice found on students. In all of these cases, parents have treated their children at home and sent them back to school after treatment was completed. We no longer have a No-Nit policy here at school so students may return to school after being treated. We do not notify parents if a case of lice is found in their child's classroom. This is Diocesan policy and the standard in all the school nurse information we have seen in the last few years. Lice are a nuisance but do not carry disease and are not harmful to students. We have reminded all students not to share hats, scarves, combs, brushes and headbands. We have also asked them to keep hats in their coat sleeves when they hang them up and to keep coats separated if they are not hung up. You can help by reinforcing this with your children at home. If you notice your child seems to be scratching their heads a lot, please check them at home for lice. Usually it is nothing more than a case of dry scalp but it could be more than that. If you do find lice on your child, please treat them immediately and take the time (usually a couple of hours) to comb through their hair and remove all lice and nits you can find. Remember that nits are very small – they look like a small sesame seed – and they tend to attach to the hair follicle near the scalp. Remember that if your child has head lice, it is very important to treat not only your child's head but bedding, stuffed animals and furniture that they have come in contact with otherwise you run the risk of reinfestation.

### **Valentine's Dance**

OLP is hosting the POD Valentine's Dance for 7th & 8th graders on February 3rd from 7-10pm. Attire can be dressy or casual - see permission slip for guidelines. If girls are wearing strapless, spaghetti or tank dresses, they must wear a shrug, sweater, shawl, etc., to cover their shoulders during the dance and skirts must be no shorter than 3-4 inches above the knee; as always, no midriffs, no cutoffs or torn clothing, no hats and no clothing with inappropriate writing/designs, etc. Permission slips have been distributed and are also attached.

### **Does Your Technology Savvy Need An Update?**

Join the PTO for a free seminar on "How To Keep Your Family Safe on the Internet". Guest-speaker Ryan Melton taught our kids about Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety, and now he will do the same for OLP parents. Plan to join us Tuesday, February 7th when Ryan will speak following the regularly-scheduled PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. See the attached flyer for more details. See you there...

### **Family Fun – Father Daughter Dance**

Calling all girls to please join us for the annual Father Daughter Dance on Feb 11th; admission is \$25 per couple, plus \$5 for each additional daughter.

For questions, please contact Victoria Shatto,  
[vshattopta@kc.rr.com](mailto:vshattopta@kc.rr.com) <<mailto:vshattopta@kc.rr.com>>

### **Chocolate Festival**

Our Lady of the Presentation 3rd annual Chocolate Festival

Saturday, Feb. 11th, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Etue Room

The funds generated from the Chocolate Festival support all aspects of Music Ministry including the Choristers.

See attached flyer for more information.

### **AUCTION**

#### **Date Correction**

Due to the renovation, the auction will be Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (its listed on the school calendar on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>).

Thanks for all who have volunteered for the class projects so far! Just one classrooms still need volunteers: 7th grade – Nyhan.

Please email Lori Meyer at [lorimariebailey@hotmail.com](mailto:lorimariebailey@hotmail.com) or call (816) 623-3123 if you are interested in participating in the project. Help make the 2012 auction a success!

## **Auction – Gift gathering parties**

The auction is fast approaching and we're still in need of hosting families for the gift gathering parties for grades K, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 7th. We look forward to hearing from you and are eager to bring gift gathering parties back to the auction experience. These traditionally have been a great way to meet others and build excitement for the OLP Auction. If you're interested in hosting please get with Jennifer Watts [jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net) or Alicia Bailey [Alicia.bailey@tmcmcd.org](mailto:Alicia.bailey@tmcmcd.org)

## **Support your school:**

### **PTO REBATE UPDATES**

The deadline for the next Hy-Vee receipt and Box Top submittal is fast approaching!!! We appreciate all the material you have turned so far this year. The next "wish item" the Box Top proceeds will acquire is, drumroll please, an additional set of ACTI VOTES which are used in the classrooms on a regular basis, just ask your child! Don't forget, we also collect Coke Rewards, Tyson labels, and printer cartridges. Finally, thank you to the 88 families that have registered their Target Red Card with the Take Charge of Education program. We already have \$1,108.76 in our school year 2011-2012 account.

### **Panther Shop News**



During January and February, we will be stocking up for Spring merchandising. Keep an eye on the Weekly Updates for news of First Communion and Confirmation gifts, and Spring athletic wear!

Next Panther Shop Sale Date: ***TO BE ANNOUNCED***

(Probably not until late February or March)

**Place orders ANY TIME** – no need to wait for the next Sale Date! Just click on the Panther Shop tab, under PTO, on the School's Website.

Effective January 1, 2012 – Special Orders will be placed with our vendor ***once per month***. January Special Order Deadline **January 9, 2012**. Any Special Orders taken after January 9 will be held until our February Order Date.

**SCRIP**

We will continue to sell Scrip on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays after school in the Library until warmer weather.