

PARENTS NEWS BULLETIN

February 11– 15, 2013

Our Lady of Lourdes School – Raising the Standards!

Be sure to scroll to the bottom and read the attachments! Thank you!

- 02/11 Monday NO Morning Assembly
Mass at 8:30 - Happy Feast Day, Our Lady of Lourdes!
- 02/12 Tuesday Happy 100 Days of School!
&nb sp; No Mardi Gras carnival
No R.E. classes today
Pizza for sale at lunchtime
Panda Express fundraiser 12:00 – 10:00 pm in Sunland
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- 02/13 Wednesday Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:30.
Dance Class
Soup Supper 4-8:00 in the auditorium
- 02/14 Thursday &n bsp; Happy Valentine's Day
Choir practice after school
- 02/15 Friday Family Lunch Day with Stations of the Cross

Robotics after school

&n bsp; Faculty Mtg. 2:00

Fish Fry tonight 5:30-7:30 in Parish Hall. Only \$7.00! Support our
Knights

Happy Birthday to Mrs. Cortes tomorrow!

Thank you, Mr. Morin and Miss Ellingson, for redirecting our emphasis this week on Our Lady's Feast Day, Love, and Compassion.

Pizza will be sold by Student Council on Tuesday. Order forms must be turned in by Monday so we can order enough. Cheese pizza is \$2.00 per slice (1/8 of a large pizza) and includes a bottle of water.

Support the 8th grade fundraiser for graduation expenses! Have lunch or dinner or both at PANDA EXPRESS in Sunland on Tuesday. Bring the attached invitation and Panda will donate a portion of the proceeds to OLL.

CASINO NIGHT is March 9th at the Angeles National Golf Club. Order your tickets online at www.itsmyseat.com/oll. Save \$15.00 by ordering your tickets early! (Admission is \$60 at the door). Enjoy an evening on the town with OLL friends and Lady Luck! Enjoy a fabulous dinner, Live Auction, Silent Auction and Raffle as well as Casino Games all evening! See YOU there!
Thanks, PTO Board!

Choir Concert is this Sunday, Feb. 10, at 5:00 in the church. Admission is \$10.00. Come and listen to our Adult and Children's Choirs and enjoy a magical night of music! Feel the LOVE...

Do you know someone interested in a great education? Help our school grow! YOU can make a difference! It's time to boast about CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – Raising the Standards!

See's Candy Sale: Catholic Daughters is selling See's Candy for Easter! Fliers and order envelopes will go home with students on Friday, February 8th. Return any orders by Monday, February 25th. Orders will be distributed the week of March 25th just in time for Easter! Proceeds go towards the OLL Sch olarships and the many charities supported by the Catholic Daughters.

Parents, if you want to speak with a teacher, please make an appointment. At the start of the day, the students are priority and after school, teachers have a multitude of professional responsibilities and prescheduled appointments. Send a note to the teacher or the office to schedule an appointment.

It's that time of year again! We will have nominations for the PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION BOARD at the General Meeting on Feb. 20th. Do you have ideas for fundraisers, social events, Academic Decathlon, or for our school in general? Let your voice be heard! Join the PTO Board! Pre-K, Kindergarten and First Grade parents, this is a great opportunity to meet other parents! We need new people with new ideas. Any parents interested in a position on the Board (or would just like more information) should contact parliamentarian, Brenda Lopez, at 353-0236 *“There are those who give with joy and that joy is their reward.”*

Kahil Gibran

Remember to buy your **\$CRIP** to purchase Valentine's presents, cards, First Reconciliation gifts, groceries for the big party afterwards, birthdays, anniversaries etc. Give your Valentine a GASOLINE card where he/she can gas up. Give BASKIN ROBBINS ice cream certificates – the perfect gift for someone you love!

Thank you to all who supported the R.E. Program's chili fundraiser!

Parents coming to school must **sign in at the office** first. Please do not go directly to a classroom during school hours.

Students **may not bring any electronic devices**, toys, game cards, iPods, or sports cards to school unless special permission has been given. Cell phones for emergency purposes are allowed with written parental permission only. The cell phone number must be on record in the office. Cell phones must be kept in the student's back pack and turned OFF. Parent Handbook

Please keep the office updated with new phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.

If you kept your child home sick, please do not send him/her into the clas sroom after school to pick up the homework. Children with fevers, coughs, colds should be isolated from other children to limit spreading the germs. Parents are welcomed to come in after school to retrieve missed assignments. Request homework when you call in the absence before 8:30 a.m.

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France in 1844. While gathering wood, a beautiful lady appeared to her above a rosebush in the grotto of Massabielle. The lady was dressed in blue and white. She smiled at Bernadette. Then she made the sign of the cross with a rosary of ivory and gold, Bernadette fell on her knees. She took out her own rosary and began to say it. The beautiful lady was God's Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. She appeared to Bernadette seventeen times and spoke with her. She told Bernadette that she should pray for sinners and do penance. The Lady also told her to have a chapel built in her honor. Many people did not believe Bernadette when she spoke of her vision. She had to suffer very much. One day, Our Lady told Bernadette to dig in the dirt. As she did, a spring of water began to flow. Many miracles happened when people began to use the water. When Bernadette was older, she became a sister. She was always very humble. More than anything else, she desired not to be praised. She did not want to receive special treatment just because she had actually seen the Blessed Virgin. Although her own health was poor, she helped car for the sick and elderly sisters. She died in 1879 at the age of 36. Her last words were, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me, a poor sinner." We can become close to Mary as Bernadette was by reciting the Rosary every day. We could offer the Rosary for many intentions, especially for the conversion of people who are caught in sin and addictions.

Enjoy your *Love Lourdes Week!* Pray the Rosary with your family just as St. Bernadette did with our Mother Mary so many years ago.