

OLL PTO NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2013



The website is an **IMPORTANT**

Upcoming Events

AUGUST:

21- 1st Day of School
(Donuts/Coffee
elementary patio)

27 - Straw Hat Pizza
Fundraiser

SEPTEMBER:

3 - PTO Board
Meeting 7pm

14 - PTO Movie
Night

16 - World's Finest
Chocolate
Fundraising Kickoff

18 - PTO General
Meeting 7pm
(auditorium)

28 - Parish Picnic

30 - Candy Drive
ends

Your PTO Officers:

President, Michele Hunstable
ollptopresident@gmail.com

Vice President, Denise Byer

Secretary, Sabrina Sanchez

Treasurer, Tania Leon

President's Message:

To the Families of Our Lady of Lourdes School,

My name is Michele Hunstable and I am very happy to be returning as PTO President for the 2013-2014 school year. I am very blessed to be able to take part in such a worthy organization and serve on the Board with such generous individuals.

We on the PTO Board are looking forward to a great school year as we welcome back our students, parents, teachers, staff members and administration when school reopens on August 21. We are also very excited to welcome our new principal, Ms. Ratner along with two new teachers; in 6th grade, Mrs. DeFrancia and in 8th grade Mr. Barker and a new pre-school director Mrs. Casis. Let's be sure to give them all our best OLL welcome. We are glad you have joined the family and look forward to getting to know you better.

We have lots of events planned for the school year, starting off with Straw Hat Pizza welcome back on Aug. 27th. We all have to eat and this helps the school begin strongly. We also have the PTO Movie night on September 14th which is always fun and a great way to catch up after the summer break with friends we may not have seen. The fun will continue throughout the 2013-2014 school year with the OLL PTO annual events such as Halloween Carnival, Veteran's Day celebration, Family Portraits, Christmas Store, Christmas Baskets, Casino Night, Walk for Education, 8th grade parents dinner, and sports banquet.

Our fundraising activities are what allow the PTO to provide the school with updated technology, campus and classroom enhancements, fulfilling teacher wish list items and scholarships for 8th grade graduates.

We need your support! Parents are the heart of the school and we encourage you to become involved in as many PTO and school activities as you feel you are able. We have fun together and the students have enjoyable, meaningful experiences as a result of your involvement.

We are still trying to move ever closer to being "green". The newsletters will be up on the website along with much more information about the school. Events that are upcoming as well as documents that you may need will also be on the site. Please read the Parents weekly newsletter that is sent by email on Fridays at 6pm. It has important information about the happenings at our school.

Finally I am planning on sending a PTO monthly newsletter that is focused on the PTO events and volunteer opportunities upcoming.

Thank you and lets have a great year!

Michele Hunstable

Principal's Message: Hello Our Lady of Lourdes Families!

We, the faculty and staff, are very excited to begin another school year. There is great excitement in the air while the teachers prepare the classrooms for all the wonderful learning that will take place throughout the year.

Your PTO board has also been hard at work getting everything ready for a great year. The OLL community is blessed to have Michele and Johnny Hunstable as our PTO Presidents. With their vision and energy, along with everyone's support, we are sure to have a very successful year. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 1st day of school and throughout the school year.

May our Lord bless, love and inspire us all

-Ms. Ratner
Principal

Volunteer with us

There are always ways to help and all of them make a difference. You are what makes our school be not just a school but a family.

Upcoming Opportunities and contacts:

Movie Night - linda.martinez@nbcuni.com

Academic Decathlon - principaloll6@gmail.com

Halloween Carnival -

zunigagaucho1992@verizon.net

Parish Picnic - BVM Center - 818-352-3218

Contact Mrs. Ercek for below opportunities -
818-353-1106 or ercekoll@gmail.com

Morning Drop Off

Preschool spruce up

Pencils to sharpen in September

Make calls from home to take us off distribution lists

Marketing Team Leader - Orchestrate Marketing efforts

Marketing Team Members - Several different items are available to help get the school's name out there to our community.

FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising is a necessity in order to keep tuition rates down. Participation from all families is necessary to help insure the rates stay affordable. When we are able to show full participation obtaining grants for the school becomes easier. Please be supportive of the upcoming fundraisers keeping in mind we are trying to make them the most productive as well as the least intrusive.

WORLDS FINEST CHOCOLATE:

Instead of selling magazines and trinkets we are trying something different. World's Finest Chocolate is well known and we are hoping will be easier for families to sell. We are asking that each family sell 2 boxes. The Kick off is September 16 and will run through September 30. If students sell 2 boxes it earns a BMX Show on Campus, selling 3 boxes earns those students the BMX Show and free dress that day and selling 5 boxes earns those students a Pizza Party at school. There is also a prize for most sold which will be a choice between, \$200.00, iouch, Kindlefire or Beats by Dr. Dre.

PORTRAITS:

This is a great opportunity to get those holiday photos taken for your Christmas cards or if it has been a while since a Family portrait has been taken here is your chance.

Mark your calendar for November 16th.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



1st DAY OF SCHOOL.

PTO Will be serving coffee and donuts on the Elementary School side patio. We will be there from 7:45am until 9:00am. Please stop by for a cup of coffee and to say Hi to fellow parents. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus for helping to make this event possible.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting year!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



Family movie night is fast approaching on September 14th. This is a fun event that brings us all together after a summer of fun. We are looking to show the movie, "Despicable Me." The kids have a fun time getting together. This is a great time for our new families to mingle and for us to welcome them to our OLL Family. This is one of my favorite events of the year. I look forward to seeing everyone and saying Hi.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



For those families who ordered school supplies online, the briefcase with your child's supplies will be on their desk when they show up for school on August 21st. Thank you for your participation.

SPORTS: OLL LIONS

As we begin the school year lets have this year be the best ever for sports participation and attendance at the games. It is a great way to stay active as well as hang out with your friends and show other schools how great OUR school is. Our athletic committee is going strong and if you are interested in joining please contact Lorenzo Najera at: Lorenzo_najera@yahoo.com

*"Support Lions'
Pride and attend a
sporting event."*



OUR FIRST GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2013 AT 7:00PM IN THE AUDITORIUM. PLEASE REMEMBER THESE MEETINGS ARE MANDATORY. IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS PROVIDED THAT YOU NEED TO BE AWARE OF FROM THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS THE PARISH. PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS. I WILL DO WHAT I CAN TO MOVE THEM ALONG QUICKLY.

I ALSO ASK THAT YOU RESPECT WHOMEVER IS SPEAKING BY LISTENING AND WAITING UNTIL THE MEETING IS OVER BEFORE GETTING UP TO LEAVE.



The new uniforms have already made their way onto the campus as of last year but this is still a transition year with the new uniforms and uniform company. Please remember to review the complete uniform policy so that you are clear on what will and will not be acceptable.

If there are any issues that arise please let me or Ms. Ratner know. The owner at Modella, Emma, is also very helpful as is her staff. Their customer service is wonderful. Remember they also give back to the school a percentage of our uniform sales.

modellauniforms.com
818-249-2989
3115 Foothill Blvd., #D,
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As we begin the year we are continuing our push to be a greener school and use less paper when possible. The website is a great resource and should be your first place when looking for information. Please also read the weekly Parent Newsletter all the way through as they do contain important information and flyers. If you are not seeing something that you are looking for contact the school office so it can be taken care of.



The Lost and Found is located under the Mary Statue when you walk in the main doors. Please put your child's name inside their clothes or on their lunchboxes and/or water bottles.