

PARENT NEWS BULLETIN

September 14 – 21, 2013

*Our Lady of Lourdes School – A Community of Faith, Knowledge and Service*

09/14 Saturday MOVIE NIGHT!! Bring the whole family to watch the movie,  
DESPICABLE ME, at 6:30 on the upper playground! Buy dinner or  
bring your own! Bring some chairs or blankets, too!

09/15 Sunday Catechetical Sunday: Teachers commissioned to teach religion at the  
10:30 am Mass

09/17 Monday Morning Assembly.  
  
ITBS testing begins for gr. 2-8  
  
World's Finest Chocolate Sale Kick-Off Rally 11:30 auditorium  
  
RE Meeting for Jr. High students 3:00-3:20 in RE Office  
  
Turn in your Raffle for Education tickets!  
  
Varsity VB practice 3:15-4:45

09/18 Tuesday Varsity VB practice 3:15-4:45  
  
Turn in your Raffle for Education tickets!

09/19 Wednesday Dance Class after school in Parish Hall  
  
Varsity VB practice 3:15-4:45  
  
V and B Football practice 3:30

PTO General Parents Meeting & Back-to-School Night 7:00 pm  
auditorium

Raffle for Education

09/20 Thursday Children's Choir practice 3:00-5:30  
Varsity VB practice 3:15-4:45

09/21 Friday Mass at 8:30  
PICTURE DAY! Formal Dress attire required.  
Faculty mtg. 2:00  
Choir practice 1:30 – 4  
V and B Football practice 2:00

09/22 Saturday Teachers attend SF Region Religious Education congress  
Parish Garage Sale 9-3 today and tomorrow

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Thank you to all our parents who registered OLL School on your Target Red card! We received a donation from Target for **\$158.01**. Have YOU registered YOUR Target Red card for OLL?

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Modella Uniform Co. will replace shriveled, broken ties with a tie from a different manufacturer. They are keen on customer service and apologize for the poor quality of this new product.

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Get ready for our **NEW FUNDRAISER** in place of magazine sales! We are looking forward to trying something new. **Please see attached flyers** for information about the sale of **World's Finest Chocolate**. The sale starts on Monday 9/16. Each family will receive one box of 30 candy bars. They are \$2.00 each. This is an honor system .We cannot accept candy returned. Please remit \$60.00 for your box of candy and enjoy! There will be a morning kick off assembly for the students at 11:30am in the auditorium.

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**Birthday** celebrations are to be kept simple, please. Parents may bring in a box of donuts or cupcakes just before 10:00 recess (9:45 for Jr. Hi). Please let your child's teacher know the day before.

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The **Parish Picnic** scheduled for September 28, has been **cancelled** as of now due to a scheduling conflict.

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This year, Target will give money to schools all over the country for one simple act: a vote. Our school needs just 25 votes to earn a \$25 donation from Target. But that's only the beginning. For each additional vote, our school will get \$1 more. So please remember that, although the gesture is small, the rewards are potentially huge. Go to [GiveWith.Target.com](http://GiveWith.Target.com) to vote for Our Lady of Lourdes School once a week through September 21 or until Target has given away all \$5 million. And please forward this email to your friends. Vote and see rules at [GiveWith.Target.com](http://GiveWith.Target.com).

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There are hundreds of stores that offer \$CRIP (prepaid gift cards) and Mrs. Rhodes sells them every day in the school office! Send an order in with your child and you'll get your \$CRIP that afternoon. These company corporations donate \$\$\$ to OLL with EVERY purchase! Right now Smart n Final is doubling their donation percentage to a 5% of your purchases with \$CRIP! Stock up on food items now and take advantage of their generosity! Thanks for using \$CRIP.

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The Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO) General meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00. Attendance at this meeting and the subsequent PTO meetings is **mandatory**. **At least one parent/guardian must attend each meeting or pay a penalty of \$100.00.** You will still have to contact your PTO Room Parent to find out all the important information you missed from the meeting. **The other PTO General Meetings with mandatory attendance are Nov. 13, 2013, Feb 19, 2014 and May 14, 2014.**

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Next week on Wednesday and Thursday Sept. 25 and 26, the parish upper and lower church parking lots will be re-surfaced. There can be **no driving or walking** on the new asphalt on those two days. The **alternate drop-off procedure** for Kindergarten and Jr. High students for those days will be like Monday morning assemblies. Parents will drive into the Parish Hall parking lot down to the entrance to the dirt lot and unload your child. Teachers will walk the students to their classrooms.

**Dismissal for ALL grades will be at 2:45-3:15 on Sept. 25 & 26** to give everyone time to park on the upper playground and pick up your child. Pick up for ALL grades will be from the upper elementary school playground. Jr. High and Kindergarten parents will sign your child out on the patio.

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### **Service Hour Opportunities:**

- The **HALLOWEEN Carnival** planning is underway thanks to hauntingly wonderful PTO Board. Call your Room Parent to sign up!
- **LUNCHTIME Yard Duty** Supervisors are needed for all grades from 11:55 – 12:45. Call the school office to sign up!
- **ROTATING THE EARTHQUAKE WATER AND FOOD BARS** in the Disaster Preparedness Container. New cases of water and food will be arriving in a few weeks. We need to throw away the old and stack the new in the container. We'll let you know when they arrive.

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The SchoolReach Communication System allows the school office to send a voice message to your telephone and/or cell phone, an email, and a text to your cell phone. One flaw, unfortunately, is that emails can only have one attachment. Attached to this emailed bulletin is the Movie Night flier. Immediately after this email is sent, you will receive another one with only the attachment for World's Finest Chocolates. Thank you for your understanding of this glitch.

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Did you know that **BINGO** raises thousands of dollars a year for our school? BINGO needs YOUR help! Earn ALL your service hours just by committing to work ONE Friday night a

month! BINGO is fun and makes \$\$\$ for our school! **PLEASE** give of yourself and call Adam Christ to sign up today! 951-5962

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Plaza Production I is currently holding jazz/hip hop, ballet and tap classes in the Parish hall after school on Wednesday 3:15-4:00 pm! Children will be picked up from their classrooms after school. An annual recital and participation in the Spring revue is included as part of the program and a percentage of the proceeds will go to benefit our Lady of Lourdes school. For further information please call Jeannette at [\(818\) 353-7306](tel:8183537306) or visit our website at [www.plazaproductionone.com](http://www.plazaproductionone.com).

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In accordance with our WASC accreditation, OLL continues to work on implementing our Action Plans: Furthering our Technology in the classrooms/labs/library and continuing the understanding and demonstration of our School-Wide Expectations (SLEs). Please practice with your child the following SLE pledge:

*We, the Responsible Citizens of Our Lady of Lourdes School  
are Self Aware Individuals, Effective Communicators,  
Life Long Learners and Faith Filled Catholics  
who are ultimately responsible for others and “RSELF”*

# Get Involved!

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Studies show that parental involvement in a child's education is one of the most important factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement. Moreover, most experts agree that parental involvement should go beyond attendance at teacher conferences and open house. We realize, however, that each of our families is unique – with its own priorities, needs, talents, and time constraints -- and so we try to provide as many different kinds of opportunities for

parental involvement as possible. Please review the volunteer opportunities suggested below, and check any you are interested in -- or tell us what you would like to do. Then return the form to school. Thank you.

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP:

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|-------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|
| ? Halloween Carnival -                    | 10/25  | (set up, during event and clean up)              |
| ? Grandparents Day -                      | 11/15  | (help serve hospitality)                         |
| ? Christmas Store -                       | 12/12  | (set up, during event and clean up)              |
| ? Christmas Baskets -                     | 12/20  | (putting them together after school on this day) |
| ? Deliver Baskets -                       | 12/21  | (delivering to the recipients)                   |
| ? Casino Night -                          | 2/8    | (Auction items, set up, during event, clean up)  |
| ? Academic Decathlon -                    | 3/1    | (beginning in October 8 to 10 hours a month)     |
| ? Mardi Gras -                            | 3/4    | (set up, during event and clean up)              |
| ? Jr. High Drama -                        | 5/9-10 | (help assemble sets, paint backdrops, etc.etc.)  |
| ? Walk for Education -                    | 3/28   | (sponsors, set up, during event and clean up)    |
| ? 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Dinner - | 5/31   | (set up, during event and clean up)              |

? Sports Banquet - 5/21 (set up, during event and clean up)

? Field Day - 6/10 (set up, during event and clean up)

? Technology Committee become a member. (work together with the principal to develop a plan for IT hardware and software and the maintenance and upkeep of those systems.)

? Athletic Committee become a member – Work with the Athletic director. Recruiting coaches and athletes, helping administer the program, i.e.: Schedules, attending meetings, planning banquet, fundraising and developing a long-term plan for the program

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Please fill out the information below so that we may contact you to help with the areas that you have marked.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ When can you be reached at this number?

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Student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Most events require set up help, help during the event and clean up help. If you are unable to help for the entire event we understand just let us know if you prefer to help in the setting up, during event or cleaning up.

This will be done on a first come first serve basis so if you can mark as many as you can help with or if you can only help with one please put in 1, 2 and 3 order so we can try and accommodate you if your first choice is full. Someone from the specific committee will contact you as the event draws near.

Please do not take this as the only opportunity to help at the school. This is just so we can have a better idea as to if we will have enough volunteers to help run an event. Without the help of the ENTIRE school community some of the events may not be able to continue.

