

OLL PTO NEWSLETTER

January 2013



Upcoming Events

January

- 6 - School Resumes
- 7- PTO Board Mtg.
7pm Dekat Hall
- 17 - NO SCHOOL
WASC Workday
- 20 - NO SCHOOL
- 24 - Progress Reports
- 25 - High School
Entrance Exams
- 26- Catholic Schools
Week (OLL Street
Fair)
- 31 - Student Council
State of the School
Address

Important Upcoming Event:

- 2/19- General Meeting
Kids in 3rd - 8th will
be attending.

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,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I WISH ALL OUR OLL FAMILIES A NEW YEAR FILLED WITH HOPE AND PROMISE!!

Welcome back , hoping everyone had the time to relax and rest up. Here at school we are ready to make 2014 a year filled with success through hard work and dedication from all of us- teachers, students, staff, families, and administrators. I know together we can make learning an exciting adventure!!

Thank you to all the families who gave so generously to each class's adoptive family as well as families helped by *the pasture* and the Parish. The nine families we were able to help I am sure had a Merry Christmas and the Church was able to help all those in need without turning away anyone. I am proud to be part of this community that is able to find it in their hearts to give to those who are in need. We are more than a school. We are a family and we show it time and again in the acts of kindness and generosity shown by all.

Happy 2014, Michele Hunstable

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD POSTIONS WILL BE COMING UP VERY SOON. THINK ABOUT BECOMING THE NEXT PRESIDENT?

Testimonial

Our family this month is the Puelles/Sanchez Family:

Thank you for the opportunity to share our story. Having been born and raised locally, I attended Catholic school K - 8th. I have always been so grateful for the Catholic education I received. I always thought that when I had children, I would send them to Catholic school. My husband and I bought a house in Sunland a few years ago and we were looking for preschools in the area. We checked out so many preschools and none seemed to fit. One day while I was at a local chiropractor, he mentioned that OLL had opened up a preschool. I was not aware of it and was so excited that OLL had a preschool. When we came to visit, we immediately felt at home. Now my son is in Kindergarten at OLL and he loves it. We are so blessed to be a part of the OLL family. Everyone has been so welcoming as we have become a part of the OLL community. During all of the volunteer opportunities, I have gotten to know many families whether it be during bingo, family fun days, the PTO social events, and being on the wonderful PTO Board. What a fantastic feeling it is, when you walk on campus or into church and you see heartwarming familiar faces welcoming you and saying hello. We feel so blessed to be a part of OLL and we look forward to being a part of the "family" for many years to come.

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Sabrina Sanchez

Principal's Message: A happy and healthy 2014 to you, our OLL families!

As the WASC visit approaches in March, the teachers and I have been discussing ways to improve our school community. The top three areas of improvement are to (1.) create a solid marketing committee which centers on our new school slogan, "People of Character." (2.) Fully integrate the Common Core State Standards and develop more time for articulation across the grade levels. (3.) Expand the STEP/MAP program along with participating in professional development.

These goals can only be accomplished with the support of Father Rolly and you, our parents. I thank you in advance for your support in the positive changes that will take place at OLL School. All of our actions are done with the best interest of the students and the general betterment of OLL School.

God Bless. - Ms. Ratner

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:

**WASC - IMPORTANT
HELP WITH PROVIDING MEALS FOR THE
COMMITTEE WHILE THEY ARE HERE**

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

- Morning Drop Off supervision
- Make calls from home to take us off distribution lists
- Marketing Team Leader - Orchestrate Marketing efforts
- Marketing Team Members - Several different jobs are available to help get the school's name out there to our community.

FUNDRAISING:



If you would like to help sponsor Casino Night or know someone who would like to OR if you have items you are able to donate, please contact Linda Martinez: Linda.martinez@nbcuni.com or Sonya Lineses: rsalineses@msn.com. This is the BIG fundraiser we are looking to for the funds needed to help keep tuition down as well as keep the school moving forward. This is OUR school and we all need to help support the events that support the school

Go to www.biddingforgood.com/ollschool

To purchase your Casino Night Tickets,

We are in the home stretch with Casino Night just around the corner. This is PTO's big fundraiser for the year. Please come out and support the school.

If you are not able to attend, but have donations let us know. It is also a wonderful way to help support the school. Thank you all for your generosity.

Internet Safety



As our kids become more and more adept at computers they are also learning more and more about social media; and different ways to use it with their friends and hide it from their parents. Keeping up with the latest apps, and what they can do, is important for us to try and stay ahead of our kids. Here are some internet safety resources that may be helpful. Knowing what your kids are doing, who they are talking to and what sites they go to is crucial to keeping communication open. Ask them regularly about what they are doing, set ground rules for how they can use their devices and have a family contract for online safety.

INTERNET SAFETY RESOURCES

- Common Sense Media: www.common sense media.org
- ConnectSafely: www.connectsafely.org
- Anti-Defamation League: www.adl.org/cyberbullying/
- FBI: www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide/parent-guide
- National Center for Missing and exploited children www.net smartz.org
- Safe Surfin Foundation www.safesurfin.org
- Safe kids: www.safekids.com and www.safeteens.com

Teen Pledge for Being Smart Online

1. I will be respectful to myself and others. I won't bully and won't tolerate bullying by others.
2. I will be a good online friend and be supportive of my friends and others who might be in trouble or in need of help.
3. I won't post or send pictures or other content that will embarrass me, get me into trouble or jeopardize my privacy or security.
4. I will respect other people's privacy and be courteous when posting photos or other content about them.
5. I'll be conscious of how much time I spend on the web, phone and other devices and won't let use interfere with sleep, school work and face-to-face relationships.
6. If they need my help, I'll assist my parents, teachers others in their use of technology.
7. I will respect other people's digital property and space. I won't steal, hack, break into anyone else's accounts or use other's content without permission.
8. I will protect my passwords and practice good Net security.
9. I will be thoughtful in my use of copy and paste. If I use anyone else's content or images I will quote them, give them credit and link to them if appropriate.
10. I will help create a culture of respect and tolerance at my school among my peers.

<http://www.safekids.com/teen-pledge-for-being-smart-online/>

Family Contract for Online Safety- Kids' Pledge

1. I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.
2. I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.
3. I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
4. I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.
5. I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact the service provider.
6. I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
7. I will not give out my Internet password to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
8. I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy.
9. I will be a good online citizen and not do anything that hurts other people or is against the Law.
10. I will help my parents understand how to have fun and learn things online and teach them things about the Internet, computer and other technology.