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Our Lady of Lourdes families,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is hard to believe that it's January and we are preparing for Catholic Schools week. Catholic Schools week is a special week set aside for all Catholic schools to celebrate the rich traditions, high academic standards, and service to one another which all Catholic schools strive toward.

It is also a time that we as a school, and I as your principal, take a step back and look at where we have come and where we are going. We at OLL are moving forward and continually looking for ways to improve. Although there is no perfect school, we continually strive for perfection. We are blessed at OLL to have a teaching staff that works hard for each student and cares about the needs of everyone, while maintaining a strong academic program that prepares each student for the future, even in kindergarten. All of our teachers share their talents and treasures with your children and their colleagues daily. Each teacher has the best interest of your child in the forefront of everything they do. Because of this, we are blessed abundantly at OLL.

In order to move forward and continue to grow, OLL needs parents that are committed to positive change. I thank you for the outpouring of feedback received from the Parent Satisfaction Survey that you completed in the fall. This feedback sparked great conversations with the teachers and office staff. We recognize that technology and after school activities are two main areas that need to be improved. Since the fall, we have welcomed a Chess Club after school and I continue to work closely with the Archdiocese, the PTO and the PTO tech crew to continue advancing technology in the classroom.

Our growth does not stop with technology and after school activities. With our new Director of Curriculum Development, OLL is able to continue to make the transition over to the Common Core in Language Arts and we look forward to implementing the Math Common Core standards. The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, under the guidance of Dr. Kevin Baxter, is using data analysis to guide the improvements at our Catholic schools. We are implementing a new benchmark assessment program which will give the teachers immediate feedback and allow them to improve the instructional time spent in the classroom.

With all of these improvements, OLL is able to continue to prepare our students for high school and beyond. We wish our current eighth graders the best as they embark on the new world of high school. We know they follow a long list of OLL alumni who have gone on to become successful in high school, college, and beyond.

Leading a school not only takes a principal with a vision but also a dedicated group of educators, parents, and supporters who understand the importance of a well-balanced education that develops strong moral and Catholic values.

I ask you for your continued prayers and support of Our Lady of Lourdes. We are embarking on an exciting time in education and we embrace the need for development and improvements along the way.

Your principal,

Mrs. Reynaga

A Catholic school committed to Faith, Academics, Esteem, Love and Service.