

Parent Bulletin

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IT'S PROGRESS REPORT TIME

Check you child's progress so far this quarter by viewing his/her grades on FastDirect today! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions!

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM NEWS

We have received word from our food service vendor that, due to the low number of lunches being delivered to our school, they will no longer be able to provide services for us as of January 2010. We are in the process of looking for another provider and have contacted the School Town of Highland to see if they would be able to provide satellite lunches for our students. Until we are able to make arrangements with another lunch provider, students will have to bring bag lunches beginning on January 4, 2010, when we return to school after the Christmas break. We hope to be able to have a program in place before the end of this school year.

BISHOP NOLL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Seventh- and eighth-grade students and their parents are invited to attend the next Bishop Noll Open House for prospective high school students. The event is Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Noll Institute, 1519 Hoffman Street, Hammond. Come tour the school, see the implementation of technology in the classrooms and meet BNI's administrators, faculty and students. See the school in action, and see why 12 current freshmen from OLG Parish chose Bishop Noll for their high school education. For information, contact BNI admission coordinators Lorenza Jara and Drew Trost at (219) 932-9058.

PARENT SOCIAL – COME AND MEET OTHER OLG PARENTS!

Please join us for an "adults-only" Parent Social in the spirit of Christmas on Friday, December 4 from 7:00 PM–10:00 PM. Please help us make the night perfect by bringing your gift of an appetizer, dessert, soda or adult spirit. Please RSVP to Patti Ernst via Fast Direct or by calling 865-9629 by November 29 and let her know if you can attend and what gift you will be bringing to share with others.

OLG's WEBSITE

The new OLG website is coming together and I would like everyone to participate in its creation. I would like to add pictures from this school year into the design of the web page. If you have any pictures that you would allow me to use please e-mail them to olgnews@yahoo.com. If you do not have pictures in electronic form you can send them to me via my daughter Alex Magallon in 8th grade. I will scan those photos in and sent the original back to you. Thank you for your support.

~Mel Magallon

***Happy Thanksgiving from the faculty and staff of
Our Lady of Grace School!***

Knights Lines

November 25, 2009

The **7th grade boys** had a tough weekend facing two very tough opponents in St. Mikes and St. Thomas More. On Saturday we learned that it is very important to make our free throws. When the final buzzer sounded the score was St. Mikes 40 OLG 24. Leading scorers of the game were Adam Batliner 7 points, Ryan Serna and Chandler Tan 6 points a piece, Ryan Tombers and Scott Peters 2 points a piece, and Matt Kresich with a point. Our rebounding was positive with 12 rebounds, Max Young, Mickey Tobin, and Jacob Zamarron each pulled down three boards.

On Sunday we faced a very formidable opponent in St. Tom's. Two of their players caused us great problems. When the day ended, St. Toms took the victory by a score of 47 - 21. Leading scorers of this game were Scott Peters with 7 points, Ryan Serna 6 points, Adam Batliner with 4 points, and Chandler Tan and Max Young with a basket a piece.

Even though the weekend was a tough one, we learned many things about our team and will continue to practice to improve our game.

Our **5th grade Knights** will be competing in the St. John Evangelist Thanksgiving Tournament. Check them out! Their first game will be November 25th at 7pm playing at St. John Evangelist. Let's hear for our Knights!

The CYO season games will resume the first week of December:

5th grade: December 5th at 11am playing St. Thomas More at St. Mary's Griffith.

December 6th at 2pm playing St. Paul at St. Paul.

7th grade: December 5th at 12pm playing St. Mary Griffith at St. Mary Griffith.

December 6th at 4pm playing St. Thomas More at St. Thomas More.

8th grade: December 5th at 1pm playing St. John Baptist at St. Mary Griffith.

December 6th at 1pm playing St. Joseph at St. Joseph.

That right OLG fans - you can catch 3 Knight games for the price of one at St. Mary's Griffith on Saturday, December 5th.

Are you starting your Christmas shopping? Don't know what to get that special someone on your list? How about a Super Fan shirt? It is a must-have for every OLG fan!

Happy Thanksgiving
to the OLG School Family.

Savior of the World Family needs your help!



Savior of the World Family center is an orphanage in Sierra Leone, Africa. Our Lady of Grace students have helped to support this orphanage in the past. We need your help again.

This Christmas, 12 children from the orphanage will be receiving their First Holy Communion. We are in need of First Communion clothing, for both boys and girls. We need white dresses, white shirts and ties, and girls' white shoes. Any sizes are welcome. If you have any first Communion items that you no longer need, we would be more than grateful for the donation. We would need them soon, by Friday, Dec 4. We will ship them through DHL, so they will arrive in time for Christmas.

Please send any donations to the school office, marked Savior of the World.

The children say "Thank You!" for your generosity, and pray for you every day!

Elaine Wojcinski



Our Lady of Grace

Home & School Association is sponsoring its annual

St. Nick Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 29, 2009

3025 Highway Ave., in the School Cafeteria

7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Visit St. Nick from 9 am – Noon.

Enjoy a breakfast of buttermilk pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, milk or juice.

Ticket Donations:

Family Plan (limited to 6 family members)	\$20.00
Adult	\$ 5.00
Children under 12	\$ 3.00

Basket Raffle is \$2.00 per ticket.
The following themed baskets will be raffled.

Bowling (PK)	Games (1 st gr.)
Movie Night (3 rd gr.)	Grilling (5 th gr.)
	Christmas (7 th gr.)

*You may purchase tickets at the door or in advance at the school or parish office.
For more information, please call (219) 838-2901.*



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SHORT NOTES

Ticket, please!

If you want to limit your child's TV time, try this idea. Every week, give her seven slips of paper. Each is good for an hour of television. Remind her to plan ahead. For example, if she wants to watch a two-hour movie on Saturday, she'll need to save an extra ticket during the week.

DID YOU KNOW?

Being less stressed can improve your youngster's memory and concentration—and even keep him healthier. Explain how you relax, perhaps by reading, walking, or listening to music. Your child can experiment with those ideas or come up with his own, such as shooting baskets or drawing.

Thanksgiving craft

Let your youngster help prepare for holiday entertaining by making pot-pourri for your house. Have her paint paper cups and fill them with small, torn pieces of tissue paper. Then, she can sprinkle them lightly with water and add a dash of cinnamon or pumpkin pie spice. She'll feel proud when guests admire her creations!

Worth quoting

"Good character, like good soup, is usually homemade." *Anonymous*

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What do you get when you cross a porcupine with a balloon?

A: POP!



Respectfully yours

Teaching your child to speak and act respectfully is one of the most important things parents can do. Here are suggestions that will help you raise a youngster who makes others feel respected—and earns their respect in return.

Behave respectfully.

Together, create family rules that contain the word "respect." *Examples:* "Respect others by keeping your hands and feet to yourself." "Respect property by putting clothes and toys away." Have your child draw a picture for each rule.

Speak respectfully. Ask your youngster to rephrase requests that aren't respectful. If he shouts, "I want a snack!" you might say, "I'll listen when you ask nicely." And since he will follow your lead, talk to him the same way you'd like him to address you. Instead



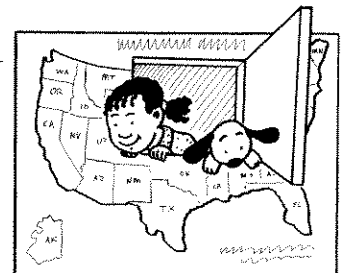
of saying, "You're in the way," say, "Excuse me, please."

Disagree respectfully. Teach your child to share his opinion politely. For example, show him how you respect his choice of ice cream flavor while explaining your own: "Chocolate chip is yummy. But I like strawberry because it's fruity." Remind him that he won't always agree with people—sometimes it's okay to "agree to disagree." ♥

World traveler

Which states border yours? What is the capital of Egypt? Your youngster will get to know her world better with these geography activities:

- Help your child memorize states' locations so she can find them on a map. Look at a U.S. map, and take turns secretly choosing a state. Give clues until other players guess it: "This state borders Mexico and the Pacific Ocean." *Answer:* California.
- Show your youngster landmarks and cities around the world with Google Earth (<http://earth.google.com>). She might type in "Egypt" to see Cairo and the pyramids or "France" to see Paris and the Eiffel Tower.
- Encourage your child to borrow geography books from the library. She can learn more about each state in Laurie Keller's *The Scrambled States of America*. Or she might read *Around the World with Phineas Frog* (Paul Adthead) and use clues on each page to figure out where the characters are. ♥



Everyday math

Add a little math to daily activities. You'll build your youngster's number skills and show her that counting and arithmetic are part of everyday life.

Numbers

Hunt for numbers during outings so your child can see all the ways they're used. Work as a team to find every number from 1 to 100, and check them off on a tally sheet as you go. In the grocery store, look on aisle signs and price stickers. At a football game, read numbers on players' jerseys and the scoreboard. Can your family find all 100 in a day?



Counters

Serve raisins for a snack. Give each family member a handful, and ask everyone to estimate and then count the number they have. Let your youngster add them all up—how many raisins does your family have altogether?

Facts

Show your child real reasons to learn multiplication by using facts throughout the day. If you have one bathroom, 4 people in your family need to shower, and each gets 10 minutes, you'll need 40 minutes for everyone to have a turn ($4 \times 10 = 40$ minutes). If you play mini golf and it costs \$5 per person, that's \$20 ($4 \times \$5 = \20). ♥

ACTIVITY CORNER

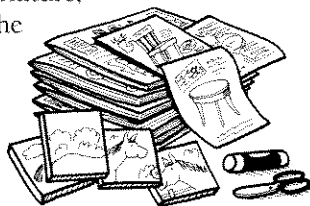


Magazine learning

Turn old magazines into new learning tools. Here are two ideas:

1. Your youngster can practice grouping objects by choosing a theme and cutting out related photos from magazines. If the category is furniture,

for example, he would group them into couches, tables, and beds. Then, have him make smaller groups (say, according to room or color).



2. A two-sided jigsaw puzzle will stretch your child's logical thinking. Have him tear out two full-page pictures or ads from a magazine. Then, cut off the front panel from a cereal box. Let him glue one picture on each side of the panel and cut the panel into pieces (12 for younger children, 24 for older ones). To put his puzzle together, he will first need to figure out which picture each piece goes with. ♥

PARENT TO PARENT

Be in charge

While searching for a job recently, I saw many positions that required strong leadership skills. Knowing what an important quality this is for the workplace, I started thinking about ways I could let my daughter practice being a leader.

I decided to put Ella in charge of our family garage sale. After telling her what tasks needed to be done, I asked her to give one to each person. I explained that good leaders think about people's strengths when they divide up responsibilities.

Ella asked me to write the garage sale ad, since I had put advertisements in the newspaper before. Her dad is a store manager, so she asked him to price the items. And she decided to make posters to hang in our neighborhood because she loves art.

Our sale was very successful. We sold many things we didn't need anymore—and our daughter got hands-on experience being a leader. ♥



Q & A Conferences count

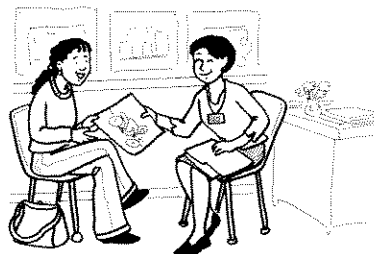
Q: I volunteer weekly in my son Micah's classroom, so I see how he's doing in school. Do I still need to go to the parent-teacher conference?

A: By helping out at school, you're showing your son that you care about his education. Attending a conference is a different—and important—way to connect with the teacher.

At your conference, you will get one-on-one time with the teacher to talk just about

Micah—something that won't happen while you're reading with students or making copies. She may show you examples of his work and provide suggestions for ways you can help him at home, such as making vocabulary flash cards or listening to him read.

And you can give her information that may help her teach your son. For example, you might mention his hobbies or discuss problems he had with a project. ♥



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