

Our Lady of Peace School
April 2010

Dear Our Lady of Peace Parents,

Next week is Holy Week and it is the most important week of the year for Christians. Lent ends one week from today at 7pm with the Mass of the Lord's Supper. That Mass begins the three most holy days in the Christian year – the Easter Triduum. The celebration next Thursday is such an important Mass that you really should include attending yearly in your family's Easter traditions. In order to get the most out of Mass, it might be helpful to go over some of the parts that will be different. Before Mass begins the tabernacle will be emptied. Once the Mass starts it will proceed as usual with a few special additions -- the new 6th grade servers will be vested and process for the first time, there will be the washing of feet, and the new holy oils will be displayed. Another big difference is that the Mass will conclude with the Prayer after Communion. At that point the congregation stands in silence while Father leads the procession with the Holy Eucharist to the place of reposition (on the Marian side altar). We may then *stay to pray but everyone should be SILENT as they leave church*. We'll see if "profound silence" happens this year but no matter what others do, I remind you and ask you to have your family maintain the silence that is appropriate once the Mass is over.

To celebrate the Easter Triduum with your family is not only a privilege but a responsibility. I share an apt quote from Blessed John XXIII: "In these coming days, try to give the children good and beautiful things to remember. All that they see in church during Holy Week speaks to their imagination and their hearts. You must take them with you and explain everything clearly."

A blessed and joyous Easter to you and your family from everyone at OLP! Go to Church, pray together, explain everything clearly, start some new and continue some old Easter traditions.

In His Service,
Mrs. Folian

NOTES AND REMINDERS

1. Our Lady of Peace Church Mass Schedule –

Thursday, April 1	Holy Thursday – 7pm Mass – new servers* installed
Friday, April 2	Good Friday – 2pm Service with Communion, 7pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday, April 3	Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30pm
Sunday, April 4	Easter Sunday – Masses at 8:30am, 10am and 11:30am

*New Server List:

Michael Farmer	Gabriella Malagrecia
Matthew Fassbender	Erin O'Brien
Paul Herman	Anna Mattes
Anthony Huck	Mickey Ruland
Kira Keaslov	Anna Rabold
Sam Lewis	Anthony Raphael
Ana Livecchi	David Savely
Alex Lorms	Mitchell Ulibarri

2. Last month diocesan principals were offered a free book – John Paul II’s Every Child a Light and a Travel Puzzles and Games workbook from Highlights for Children. We requested one for each family but alas there are not enough of either the book or the workbook for the whole school. We will be sending these home next week in your last quarter’s family envelopes. For the travel workbooks we will start in grade 2 and give them out to each family until they are gone and for the books, we will start in grade 8 and then go down as far as we can go. They are both worthwhile and Mrs. Folian wrote the school’s thank you note for their donation.

3. Speaking of money, Mrs. Folian just finished OLP’s NPSS 2010-11 Budget. These are state monies (NPSS = Non-Public Student Services) and due to cuts in funding are now at 77% of former years’ levels. This means that in order to keep enrichments and programs at the same level as we have enjoyed in the past, the school will be depending more on the Home-School’s fundraising -- the Pizza Sale and the Scrip. PLEASE know that all of your hard work is always appreciated but it is essential now.

4. Enclosed is the reservation form for the OLP Home School Annual Spring Dance scheduled for Saturday, April 17th. . It will be held in the gym on Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 7pm-11:30pm. Plan on attending an evening of fun and good food! As the flyer says, call Thisbe Butcher (Henry 1, James Kad) or Lisa Stechschulte (Ida 8) with questions.

5. The Walking Club started two years ago is still going strong at OLP. We have turned in 5,145 walking miles since we started this program in the spring of 2008. We haven’t walked to China yet (6,885 miles) but we are healthier and if we get going this spring should make it by the end of school. Remember that even if you child prefers sports to walking during recess, the miles they walk at home count if you initial a note that records the miles walked. Keep walking OLP!!!

6. Special thank you!!! Yeah, OLP community !!!!

Thank you for your participation in the OLP Haiti Drive. We will be sending \$1,111.72 to Hands’ Together Catholic Mission in Haiti. (See the separate note regarding crutches for Haiti.)

We also gave the Hoag family \$1,218 to take to Vietnam. Not only will the children of the newly built school (second one in three years) have the supplies we promised to provide, but also their own book bag – certainly a treasure to these children.

May God bless you back for your generosity.

7. An Easter Morning prayer from the Family Life Office, Diocese of Columbus

Loving God, we praise You with greater joy than ever on this Easter Day because Christ has risen as He said. He has broken the power of sin and healed an injured world. Christ has made us whole again. Fill our home with joy and peace. Bless our celebrations and our family. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

8. The Third Quarter Progress Reports will go home on Thursday, April 1st.

9. This is the “No School” 2010-2011 Calendar:

First Day of School	Wed., Aug. 25	Parent-Teacher Make-up	Fri., Feb. 18
Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 5	Presidents’ Day	Mon., Feb 21
In-Service	Mon., Sept. 27	In-Service	Fri., March 25
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 24- 26	Easter Break	April 22-May 1
Christmas Vacation	Dec. 22–Jan. 2	Memorial Day	Mon., May 30
Martin Luther King Day	Mon., Jan 17		

Note: You will also find enclosed the 2010-11 Basic OLP School Calendar with a little more information.

10. The next Festival meetings will be held Thurs. April 15, 2010 in the Art room at 7:00pm, not Thurs., April 8, 2010.

11. HELP for Haiti -- The OLP Parish Open Shelter Group is collecting crutches this weekend, March 27 & 28 and April 9 & 10, 2010 to be sent to Haiti. Both adult and child sizes are needed and it doesn’t matter how old the crutches are, if pieces are missing or if they are wooden. Please take your donations to the Gathering Space in the church.

12. Mrs. Gruber has loaned some books on CD and some books to students over the last few months. Please ask your child if he or she borrowed any books from her. As you do spring cleaning, please look for the following books and CDs from the public library - Ramona the Brave by Beverly Cleary, Fire (light orange book with bow and arrow on cover), The Janitor's Boy by Andrew Clements (book and CD), No Talking by Andrew Clements (book on CD). THANKS!

13. Congratulations to our newly elected School Board members Greg Frances, Lou Griffith, and Rob Rosati.

14. Thank you to all the families who offered to take care of the Science Lab Animals during our spring break. All will have “homes” except the beta. Please contact the school office or Miss Gelonese if you are willing to help out with this fish.

15. Students were given Spring Sale Pizza order forms yesterday, and our kickoff was held this morning. Once again, we ask for your support in making this sale a success. The sale will be held Friday, April 23, 2010 and volunteer sign-up forms will be sent home soon.

16. Accelerated Math presents “objective libraries” based on national, state and diocesan standards for students in a very organized, sequential manner. After testing, students are placed in a “library” and they begin working on objectives at a comfortable level for them. Some students are working in the library appropriate for their grade level. Some students are working in the grade level below their present grade level. Some students have been working and practicing diligently and are working above what is minimally expected of them. There are 34 objectives for kindergarten. There are 99 objectives for first graders to complete. Second graders should complete 98 objectives. Third graders have 114 and fourth graders have 143 objectives. Fifth graders have 167 and sixth graders have 157. The seventh grade library has 138 objectives and the eighth graders have 99. The program has a Basic Math component, Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus. Your child can move ahead at his or her own pace! We will continue running the program through the break and over the summer. The program is a PRACTICE program. Just as practice is important for reading, piano, basketball and hockey, practice is the key to success in mathematics.

If you are not signed up for E-mail notifications or are not familiar with the “Home Connect” portion of the program, it is time to do so immediately. Classes were held in the fall to help parents get “on board” so that they could be aware of what was expected. If you need help or want to know more about where your child stands, please E-mail Mrs. Gruber at sgruber@cdeducation.org. There are five full months before school begins next fall. There is time to be sure that your child is on grade level. For some, it will take more consistent effort on behalf of parents and students. Do not wait until the last minute or expect your child to succeed without supervision and encouragement.

