
THE WEEKENDER

A Newsletter for OLG School Families and Faculty
Official OLG School Website: www.olgschool.net

April 18, 2008

MCA TESTS

3RD, 5th & 7th Grade Students to take MCA Tests (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) in the next week.

Please note these testing days for the MCA tests:

Math – Tuesday, April 22nd, & Thursday, April 24th

These tests will be given during the first periods in the morning, so it is important that your child eats a good breakfast, gets to school on time, and is well-rested. These tests are not timed. The teachers have given the students many opportunities for practice, so talk to your child about doing his/her best without becoming “stressed out” about it.

SCHOOL SUPPLY KITS FOR 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

This is the only time you can order your Schoolkidz school supply kits, SO DON'T MISS OUT!

Please send your supply order forms to the office by Friday, April 25th. Additional order forms are available in the school office. Any questions - please contact Heather Rocheford
hrocheford@comcast.net <<mailto:hrocheford@comcast.net>> 952.935.9496

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Nominations are now being accepted for the OLG School Board. Elections will be held at all Masses the weekend of May 3rd and 4th. Per the School Board By-Laws, this year two board members will be elected by the parish and one board member will be appointed by Father Bob Schwartz.

Any registered parishioner 18 years or older may run for the School Board. School Board members serve a three year term beginning in July. The board, a consultative body to Principal Maureen Trenary and Father Bob Schwartz, meets the first Tuesday evening of the month (September through June). In addition, board members participate in two committees of the board: education programs, finance, policy, public relations, strategic planning and technology.

Applicants to the board must present a photo and two or three paragraph description of their background to Sharon Pesavent in the Parish office by Friday, April 18th.

If you have any questions about the School Board or the election process, please contact current School Board members Mary Jo Pauly (952-946-0966), Clare Sercombe (952-996-9473) or Heather Rocheford (952-935-9496).

BOOKS FOR AFRICA-THANK YOU

“Thank you to all the families who participated in the Books for Africa event! We appreciate the hard work put in on Saturday, as it was a very efficient group! Also, thank you to families who donated books -we ended up with over 100 boxes of books for a great cause.”

DR. KAHN'S FINAL TALK OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Tuesday, 5/6/08 8:45-9:45 am Strong Children, Gentle Hearts

We want our children to be compassionate and sensitive to others. But simultaneously we hope that they will be strong enough to successfully navigate through the pecking order of childhood. Things happen: a birthday invitation doesn't come, recess is lonely, tears come easily. We can all learn from the shiny black coating that protects our pots and pans. Let's share strategies for teaching our children how to protect their boundaries and still retain a gentle heart

CHOOSE YOUR OLG MASCOT!!!

The survey to choose your OLG Mascot is on the webpage.
The survey will be available until Friday, April 18th. We ask that students answer all questions.

We ask that all students vote only once and that parents refrain from voting.
Two of the questions are a student survey for accreditation purposes.

SUMMER REVIEW BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

The Summer Review Books from Tri-C Publications are available to order from now until April 25th. Order forms were sent home with students on and are also available in the school office. Please use one form per family and return the form to the school office by April 25th. The price is \$17.00 per book, and checks should be made payable to Our Lady of Grace School.

There are math review books available for Pre-K through 8th grade, language arts books from pre-K through 7th as well as Spanish and keyboarding review books. Parents should order the grade level that their child has just completed. Each book consists of 30 lessons, planned as 3 lessons per week for 10 weeks. The feedback we have received regarding these books over the last years has been positive. You can preview the books on the web by going to www.summerskills.com, or you can look at some sample lessons in the school office. We will distribute the books at the end of May. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Nikrad

CAMP FOLEY HEALTH FORMS

As a reminder to parents of 6th graders going on the Camp Foley field trip, April 30th – May 2nd, a physician's order and signed parental permission is required for any medication being sent with the student, including inhalers and over-the-counter medications. (i.e. Tylenol and Motrin) Please be aware that current physician orders the health office has on file may not include orders for medication administration in the morning or evening. The doctor's office may fax medication orders to 952-929-8170, attention Linda Splatt. Please call Laurie McNamara, Licensed School Nurse, with any questions at (952) 848-4962.

TRIPLE A REGISTRATION UPDATE

Are you wondering about signing your children up for some summer classes for academics, arts or athletics? Be sure to check out the Triple A Summer Program booklet if you haven't already had a chance to do so! Registration closes on April 21st, so don't delay any further! We already have 6 classes running and there are 5 classes that only need 1 more student to have them run. Encourages your children's friends to join in on the fun. What a great opportunity to enhance your child's summer and have them enjoy learning in a more relaxed atmosphere with classes run by our own great staff!

If you have any questions regarding the program, please call Mary Jo Pauly 952-946-0966 at mpauly4@comcast.net or contact Heather Rocheford 952-935-9496 at hrocheford@comcast.net.

PSO STILL NEEDS YOU!

Just a few spots left and we would love your help with PSO next year! It's a great way to get more involved in your kids education, find out what's happening at the school and to give back to our OLG community. Coordinators are needed for Playground, Photography, Carnival, Hospitality, Sports Wrap and Youth Enrichment. Contact Amy Clancy to talk more about how you can help. aclancy@comcast.net or 952-922-3701.

GIRL SCOUT MOTHER/DAUGHTER SOCK HOP

Dust off those poodle skirts or roll up your jeans...the 3rd annual OLG Girl Scout Sock Hop will be Saturday, May 10th from 1:00-2:30 in the Grace Room.

Since this is Mother's Day weekend, we thought the moms should join the fun. All OLG Girl Scout/Brownie/Daisy moms are invited to attend the event with their daughter. Girls are welcome to come alone if their mom is unable to attend. As always, 1950's attire is optional but dancing is highly recommended!

Girls Scouts should be receiving permission slips and payment information from their troop leaders. If you are a troop leader and have not received a previous message about the Sock Hop, please contact Ann Olson 952-920-1569 or at _olson@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Please see the permission slip attached to this weekender regarding Sharing and Caring Hands. A group of 6 middle school students travel to Sharing and Caring Hands each Tuesday from 11:30-1:00 to help serve lunch to the poor. This is a great service project for our school and the children to be involved in-and it counts towards their quarterly service hours! Please fill out the permission slip and return it to Mr. Aitchison, Middle School Religion teacher ASAP. There are still several spots available for you to participate! Questions? Call Boo Smith @ 952-929-3345.

HELP US SAVE THE PLANET FREE ONE DAY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday May 10th 2008

10am-3pm

Edina High School Parking Lot

Every year nearly two million tons of used electronics, including computers and televisions, are discarded. Recycling these products reduces the need to mine the earth for new materials. According to the EPA, manufacturing one desktop computer requires fossil fuels and chemicals that amount to at least nine times the weight of the computer.

Generously offered by Oceantech and coordinated by a Southview student for his 9th grade service project.

LOST & FOUND

Come check out and claim the lost items in the lost and found area. Every first Friday of the month for the rest of the year, the lost items will be displayed on tables for easy viewing. Unclaimed items will be donated to charities.

Lost: Rosary in a Vatican shaped box. If found please return to the reception desk.

ATTENDANCE HOT LINE: 952-929-5463 ex. 236

Parents, please remember that we must be notified if your child will be late to school or absent. You may call the above number and talk to Jane Nilsen or leave a message on the attendance voice mail. If you prefer email, you may send notices to janenilsen@olgschool.net. It would be very much appreciated if you would indicate the room number or name of their homeroom teacher when reporting an absence.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE AT HOLY ANGELS

The Academy of Holy Angels (AHA) is hosting an open house for prospective students and their families on Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the AHA Convocation Center. The Spring Open House will include a short opening program, a school tour, information about AHA's faith formation programs, presentations by academic departments, information about Project Laptop (the school's one-to-one personal computer laptop program).

BSM TO PRESENT SEUSSICAL

The Benilde-St. Margaret's drama department will present this year's spring musical, Seussical, May 9-11 and 16-18. Show times are 7 p.m. on May 9, 10, 16, and 17, and 2 p.m. on May 11 and 18. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens, and children under age 5 are free. Reserve tickets by calling (952) 915-4358, ext. 2495.

HOLY ANGELS PRESENTS THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE

Ahoy there! The Academy of Holy Angels Starlight Productions presents its spring musical, The Pirates of Penzance, beginning Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Angels Theater. Other performance times are: Sunday, April 20 at 4 p.m., Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 27 at 4 p.m. , Friday, May 2 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, May 4 at 4 p.m.

EDINA FOOTBALL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Registration for Edina Football Association's 2008 fall season has begun. Leagues are offered for Grades 2-8th. All players should register for next fall's school grade! On-time registration runs through June 13. To register, please visit www.edinafootball.org <<http://www.edinafootball.org/>> .

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

You can designate your United Way contributions to Our Lady of Grace School. All you need to do is write the name and address of our school on your pledge card or attach a separate piece of paper. Please think of us when you are selecting your United Way designated recipient. We appreciate the donations that Our Lady of Grace School has received from the United Way.

Dear friends, let our sincere dialogue and cooperation inspire all people to ponder the deeper questions of their origin and destiny. May the followers of all religions stand together in defending and promoting life and religious freedom everywhere. By giving ourselves generously to this sacred task - through dialogue and countless small acts of love, understanding and compassion - we can be instruments of peace for the whole human family.

Peace upon you all!

-An excerpt from Pope Benedict XVI from the address during his meeting with representatives of other religions. (April 17. 2008)

LOOKING AHEAD

April

- 18 F** Carnival 5:30-8:30 p.m.
22 T MCA Testing Math Grades 3,5,7
23 W 2nd Grade First Communion Parent & Child Session 5:30 p.m.
 (For April 26 First Communion)
24 TH MCA Testing Math Grades 3,5,7
26 S First Communion 10:00 a.m.
30 W 2nd Grade First Communion Parent & Child Session 5:30 p.m.
 (For May 3 First Communion)

30-May2

Camp Foley

May

- 3 S** First Communion 10:00 a.m.
5 M May Crowning 9:00 a.m.
5 M Mid Term Reports
6 T Dr. Kahn talk 8:45-9:45 a.m.
8 TH Spring Concert Grades 3,4,5 7:00 p.m. Church
12 M 8th Grade Play all day dress rehearsal Gym
13 T 8th Grade Play all day dress rehearsal Gym
14 W 8th Grade Play Performance Grades K,1,2,3 1:00 p.m. Gym
15 TH 8th Grade Play Performance Grades 4,5,6,7 1:00 p.m. Gym
15 TH 8th Grade Play Performance 7:00 p.m. Gym
26 M Memorial Day (No School)
28 W Volunteer Mass 9:00 a.m.
28 W Band/Middle School Choir Concert Grades 4-8
 7:00 p.m. Grace Room

- 29 TH** Spring Vocal Concert Grades K,1,2 7:00 p.m. Church

June

- 6 F** Last Day of School
7 S 8th Grade Graduation

***Dr. Steve Kahn 651-426-4297*Health Services 952-929-5463 Ext 116**

***Emergency Line 952-334-4185**

***Athletic Office 952-929-5463 Ex 157*Attendance 952-929-5463 Ex 236**

Extended Care 612-240-3514

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Field Trip Permission

Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Indemnity Agreement

Participant's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Sex: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business/Cell Phone: _____

Field Trip Date: _____ **Type of Event:** _____

Destination: _____

Individual (s) in charge: _____

Estimated Time of Departure: _____ **Estimated Time of Return:** _____

Mode of Transportation to & from the Event: _____

Student Cost (if applicable): \$ _____

I, _____, grant permission for _____
(Parent/Guardian's Name) (Child's Name)

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/school and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis from any claims or lawsuits brought against the parish/school/Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis by myself, my child or others that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/lawsuit.

Emergency Medical Treatment:

In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above number contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Optional Medical Information:

Medication my child is taking at present:

Family Health Plan Carrier Number:

Family Doctor: _____ Phone Number:

As parent or guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

