
THE WEEKENDER

A Newsletter for OLG School Families and Faculty
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SPRING CLEANING! OLG SCHOOL WIDE SERVICE PROJECT

Here is your opportunity to participate in a school wide service project with ARC. ARC has been an organization devoted to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community. Please bring slightly used clothing to donate on Friday, May 9th. Please send the clothes to school with the child in a marked bag that says "ARC" on the outside of it. The ARC truck will be at OLG from 9-11 in the morning and each grade will be able to visit the truck to load their items. Thank you for supporting our ARC service project!

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

Triple A Summer Program Registration Closes Monday, April 28th!

Last call to get your child signed up for a class in Triple A (Academics, Arts and Athletics) this summer. All registrations are due at the end of the school day on Monday, April 28. Classes not meeting minimum numbers will be cancelled.

Don't forget the Bible Study Class and Private Guitar Lessons added to the program in our email that was sent out this past Monday!

Don't hesitate to encourage a friend to sign up too! The following classes need one additional student to hold the class:

- Girls Basketball Camp (Grade 3-5)
- Hands On Math (Grade 7-8)
- Who's Watching You?

You will be informed of your registration status after Tuesday, April 29. Thanks to all of the families who have shown interest in the program. We are having terrific responses to the program!

If you have any questions about Triple A, please contact Mary Jo Pauly mpauly4@comcast.net

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Sunday, June 1st Entertainers for Miracles will be hosting a benefit for the Jacob Duffy Foundation. Jacob's Summer Sociale will be a great time for all... a street fair filled with games, bounce castles, food, magicians, jugglers and a BIG silent auction! It will be held at Normandale Lutheran Church in Edina from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. We would LOVE to see you there!

Jacob Duffy is a 4th grader at Our Lady of Grace. Last year, he was diagnosed with a rare form of brain tumor called an ependymoma. The tumor was diagnosed cancerous so along with surgery he received radiation treatment. He is doing amazing well, but will continue to receive medical care for years. The foundation was created to assist his family with his medical care.

If you have any questions about the event or would like learn how to help, please contact Kim Gross at kgross3@comcast.net or 952-893-0217.

OLG NIGHT AT THE DOME!

On Wednesday April 30, OLG will be playing baseball and softball in the Metrodome. Pat Minea, parent to two OLG students and coach of the 7th grade girls team, recently won 3 hours of field time in a silent auction. He graciously offered the time to the 7th and 8th grade boys and girls baseball and softball teams. The two boys teams will play from 6:00 to 7:30 with the two girls team playing from 7:30 to 9:00. Parking, for players and spectators, is available on the east side of the dome and entrance through Gate D will start at 5:30. Those attending should bring their own refreshments (non-alcoholic), as concessions will not be available. This guarantees to be a fun evening for everyone!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who helped make Music Mania a huge success!!! We had a great time putting it all together. We know we couldn't have done it without the support of the OLG School community. We would especially like to thank the following event chairs:

Balloon Blast:	Linda Doughty & Renee Mitchell
Baskets:	Susan Brown & Tammy McGarvey
Clean-Up:	Heidi Brandenburg & Karen Elsenpeter-Stephan
Decorations:	Kim Kobeienia
Finance:	Cherie Friend
Food:	Suzanne Becker, Angela Graf & Mary Pat Santulli
Grab Bags:	Lori Dolan & Mary Jo Ekman
Indoor Games:	Julie & Mark Sullivan
Outdoor Games:	Krista Gresham, Gigi & Dennis Knoer
Raffle:	Kelly Kirsch & Mary Thompson
Redemption:	Susan McGoldrick & Nancy Rock
Tickets:	Brenda Fuchs & Lynn Traun
Staffing:	Jeanne Gathje & Lynn Peterson
T-Shirts:	Amy Garrity
Zoo Dip:	Beth Clinton & Lucia Copland

These chairs worked with many dedicated volunteers to make the carnival happen---thanks to all of

you! We would also like to thank Todd Boster and the maintenance staff for all of their extra work, the OLG Staff for their flexibility and help, and Ann Deasey and Teri Hovanec for running around all day for us. Thanks for all you do for OLG School!

Shannon Hansen & Amy Minea
Carnival Co-Chairs

THANK YOU FROM THE CARNIVAL BASKET COMMITTEE

A sincere thank you to all of you who so generously donated to the Carnival Baskets this year. With your help we were able to put together some really fun baskets, in addition to making money for our school. Thank you for your support in making the Carnival such a great success!

Susan Brown and Tammy McGarvey

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.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Our library collection continues to increase thanks to the Barnes & Noble book fair monies. The staff at Barnes and Noble has been very helpful making sure all titles of interest are available. Shopping has been fun and easy. The students have shown appreciation for all the new books. There is something very special about a brand new book.

Book donations continue on a monthly basis. A grateful thank you to the following for their donations: Keiffer Bellows, Laura Jennings, Stephen Miller, Jennifer Tourville, Connor Kirsch, Andrew Lynch, Chloe Botten, Casey Dornbach, Joe Pedrolie, Chloe Dobbs, Luke Allen, Elsa & Jay Feltl and the Kruse family.

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.

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).

FREE ONE DAY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday May 10th 2008

10am-3pm

Edina High School Parking Lot

We will collect your old electronics including computers, monitors, printers, TV's Etc....

We do not accept appliances including refrigerators and microwaves. Please help us keep our neighborhoods and the environment clean. By properly disposing of your no longer needed E-waste you help keep toxic chemicals like lead and mercury out of the environment.

For more information please feel free to call 952.926.0451 M-F 9-5 or email us at

info@oceantechonline.com Also available on that day: ON SITE HARD DRIVE DESTRUCTION FOR \$10 PER DRIVE (cash or check only)

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.

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.

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.

MN THUNDER PROFESSIONAL SOCCER TEAM MAY 3RD

The MN Thunder Professional Soccer Team is playing an exhibition game in Edina at Braemar Fields – Saturday, May 3rd! This event is sponsored for Edina Soccer Association. Everyone is welcome! It's a great tribute to Edina to host this event in celebration of ESA's 35 years of providing soccer to Edina residents and those who attend Edina schools!

This event will start at 6 PM! There will be player autographs, meet and greets, Mascot THOR, contests at halftime, concessions and Great soccer! Bring a blanket for hillside viewing! See you at Braemar May 3rd!

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

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

**Our Lady of Grace School
 5051 Eden Avenue, Edina, Minnesota 5**

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**Our Lady of Grace School
Parent School Organization
Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2008
10:30 a.m. Grace Room**

Amy Garrity called the meeting to order. Amy Minea opened the meeting with a prayer.

Board Members Present: Amy Garrity, Debbie Harper, Amy Clancy, Sheila Folkestad, Heather Rocheford, Amy Minea, Anne Stedman, Shannon Hansen, Jenifer Williams, Beth Scott, Mary Thompson, Liz Dorn, Mia Liebl, Sabine Shea, Elizabeth Gorman, Kim Linehan, Clare Sercombe Mary Jo Cole, Maureen Trenary.

Principal's Report: Maureen Trenary

Mrs. Trenary reported that the Education Committee is looking into a program called Responsive Classroom. It is an initiative for inclusive, respectful behavior. It includes elements for the parents and families. It is going to be presented to the staff this afternoon. If they wish to go ahead with it, the Teacher Leadership Group will do a presentation at the next PSO meeting in April.

The selection for a new mascot received 619 responses. The final list of 10 was voted on at the meeting. The final 3 choices will be presented to the children to vote on. They are **Patriots, Royals, and Saints**. Each child will get to vote once. Mrs. Trenary thanked Clare Sercombe for working on the mascot survey.

Secretary's Report: Sheila Folkestad

Minutes from the February 18th meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie Harper

There was not a lot of activity in February. There were a few revenue items. Gift Wrap had Internet sales of \$848. Gift Wrap maybe purchased throughout the year. Some expense items occurred consisting mainly of the distribution of the Santa's Secret Shop funds.

President's Report: Amy Garrity

The last two PSO meetings are 4/15 & 5/20. Please turn in your binders by the April meeting. You may hold onto it if you are chairing the same committee next year.

There is a new area for next year. It is the Concession Stand on the playing fields. The proceeds will be divided between the parish youth group and the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. in the spring of 2009. The PSO is looking for 3 current 7th grade parents to over see the scheduling the process. This first year of operation the proceeds will be divided between the two groups. This will be reevaluated after the year.

The Volunteer Mass is Wednesday 5/28.

Committee reports:

Family Mass & Breakfast: Mia Liebl

They were well attended this week. An attempt to not do the flyer in the backpack resulted in a low number of initial reservations. A follow-up email generated reservations right before the events.

Hospitality: Liz Dorn

They are done for the year. Their last event was the teacher luncheon, which was very successful.

Graduation: Mia Liebl

The graduation committee is working on this year's celebration. There is a letter and an invitation coming out soon.

Carnival: Shannon Hansen & Mia Liebl

Things are going great. They are pleased with all the efforts of the various committees. They have worked on a floor plan that should help with the flow that night.

Youth Enrichment:

Dr. Kahn talk in March was well attended. He is speaking 5/6 8:45 – “Strong Children, Gentle Hearts”. This is his last talk this school year.

Community Service: Beth Scott

The Middle School Service Club continues do lots of varied projects this year. They tried to spread out the schedule instead of having too many activities in December and May.

The Community Service Event is Saturday 4/12 from 10 -12 for Books for Africa. There will be boxes in the classrooms for collecting books before the event. They will be packaged that day. They are looking for people to volunteer to transport the books to the organization's headquarters in downtown St. Paul.

School Supplies: Heather Rocheford & Clare Sercombe

The order forms for next fall are ready to be sent home after Spring Break. Next fall the required items will be changing. A bible will be needed by the Middle School. Assignment notebooks will be required for all 6th graders. Some will be available for 7th & 8th graders who wish to purchase one. There will not be a Spanish dictionary required. Mr. Sherburne & Mr. Mortl will ask for donations of the Middle School Atlas this year so that they have a full set for their classrooms. The students would then not need to purchase one next fall.

Art Masterpiece:

There are two sessions left this year. The tours will be in April & May.

Vice President Report: Amy Clancy

Amy is working on filling the remaining spots for the PSO for next year. Mia Liebl has agreed to serve as Vice President. The remaining openings are:

Art Masterpiece – two spots

Hospitality – one spot

Photography

Carnival

Playground – Bob Kruse will take care of the equipment piece

Youth Enrichment

Sports wrap

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Folkestad

Next Meeting
Tuesday, April 15th
9:30 a.m. School Library