

Our Lady's Little Christians

February 2010 Newsletter

Parent/Teacher Conferences are Friday, February 19. Beginning February 1, there will be sign up sheets located outside each classroom. Please sign up for the time that you want as soon as possible.

February dates to remember:

- Mon-Fri, **February 1-5** - Catholic Schools Week
- Tuesday, **February 2** - **Joe Corbi Pick-up 1-5 p.m. ALL orders MUST be picked up!**
- Tuesday, **February 2** - **OLLC Spirit night at Chick-fil-A! 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
Wear your OLLC shirts and bring a friend!!
- Thursday, **February 4** - Chapel 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Friday, **February 5** - **no school**
- Thursday, **February 11** - 2-day Valentine Parties
- Friday, **February 12** - Chapel **10:00 a.m.** and 12:45 p.m.
- Friday, **February 12** - 3-day and 5-day Valentine Parties
- Monday, **February 15** - **no school – Presidents Day**
- Wednesday, **February 17** - Ash Wednesday – Mass 12 noon – All are invited
- Friday, **February 19** - Parent/Teacher Conferences – **No school for students**
- Friday, **February 26** - Chapel 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Saturday, **February 27** - Preschool tours for new families @ 1:00 p.m. by appointment only

Spirit night – Chick-fil-A will give us free brownie coupons after our spirit night if we wear our OLLC shirts to the event! See Ms. Billard to purchase a shirt. Sizes are limited in the green shirts; all sizes are available in the burgundy shirts.

Classroom Valentines – A Valentine card exchange is a part of our classroom celebration. You may purchase or make cards with your child for this exchange. Each child should bring a card for every student in his or her class.
PLEASE DO NOT ADDRESS THE CARDS.

Help your child sign the cards, put them in a bag with his or her name on it, and send them to class on Party Day. Your child will have the opportunity to pass these cards out to all of his or her classmates in class before the party. The 2- and 3-day classes each have 8 students. The 5-day AM class has 16 students and the 5-day PM class has 16 students.

Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday. Masses here at OLHC will be at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:00 p.m.

We would like to invite all of our preschool families to join staff members at the 12:00 Mass. Although staff members will be in attendance, they will **NOT** be supervising students. It will be necessary for all preschool students in attendance to be accompanied by an adult. PM classes will begin after 12:00 Mass.

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Welcome, Ms. Kerby! – We would like to welcome Ms. Amanda Kerby, teaching student and substitute, to OLLC. Ms. Kerby will be with us one or two afternoons each week for the remainder of the school year.

Weather closings – Please refer to p. 4 in your green OLLC handbook for our policy concerning weather closings. Handbooks are available in Ms. Billard's office or online at: <http://www.olhoc.org/preschool.htm>

Gratitude:

Thank-you to and Mrs. Diaz, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Hunt, Stephanie Billard and Ms. Cauler for volunteering in the 5-day classroom in January.

Thank-you to all of the parents who do not allow their children to run in the building.

Thank-you for participating in the Joe Corbi fundraiser. We earned over \$1,250.00!

Thank-you to Mrs. Cooper for arranging our Chick-fil-A School Spirit night!

Reminders:

- Registration is now open to the public. Please register soon to secure a seat in the class you want for Fall 2010!

- If you have changes in addresses, phone numbers, or changes/additions that need to be made to Emergency Cards, please send your child's teacher a signed note with the changes you want to make. She will make the corrections to her class files and pass the information along to the director's office. That way we can be sure that everyone is informed.

Classroom News

Mrs. Ryon's class

Study Units:

February 1-12

Valentines

February 15-19

Books

February 22-March 5

Birds and nests

February Birthday!!!!

Conner (3-day PM)

February 24

Mrs. Salt's Class

Each child in Mrs. Salt's class has a notebook that contains handwriting practice worksheets for each letter of the alphabet and many of the words on the word wall. All children are given the option to work in these books when they come to class. This activity is not mandatory. It is not developmentally appropriate to *require* a preschool child to sit and do worksheets. However, we do want to provide the opportunity for such practice for those children who are ready to write and who enjoy the experience. These books may be taken home any time (and brought back to class the following day) so that children may write in them at home if they wish to do so. Please encourage your children to write, but do not force them. They will write when they are ready, and our patience will produce students who are encouraged and excited about writing rather than students who consider writing to be a chore.

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Study Units:

February 1-4

Space, Rr, Nn, star, 15, 16

February 8-12

Valentines, Mm, heart, pink, 17

February 16-18

People of the World, Tt, 18

February 22-26

Dinosaurs, Vv, Yy, brown, 19, 20

February Birthday!!!!

Kathleen (AM)

February 3

Looking forward . . . Spring Open House is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, March 23.
Picture day is April 7 for the 3- and 5-day classes, and April 8 for the 2-day classes.