



OUR LADY OF LOURDES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September 23, 2008



OCTOBER NEWS



From the office of the Principal.....

One month in to our new school year and it is shaping up to be a good one! The students have all settled into their classes and routines well and still seem enthused to be back at school. They are an amazing group of students!

The "Welcome Back Games and BBQ" was a tremendous success. It was fabulous to see so many of our new and returning families come out for a fun evening. Thank you to the PSG for sponsoring this event.

The staff at Our Lady of Lourdes School see it as a privilege to be involved in your children's faith and knowledge journey. We will continue to support the home on reinforcing the Gospel values and guide your children in the choices that they make each day. Increasing student achievement continues to be our focus. We believe this will be accomplished by implementing healthy school initiatives. Daily Physical Activity has been scheduled into the instructional day and active play is being encouraged both at recess and lunch. Increasing our students' math, reading and writing skills is a top priority. Assessments in each of these areas will be done throughout the year with a tracking system in place. The results will provide valuable instructional information for the grades as well as help teachers meet individual student's needs.

Thank you for your continued support! We could not do it without you!

Mary T. Manton



Newsletters

We are continuing with our newsletters by email!!! Starting NEXT Month (NOVEMBER) all those who have signed up for newsletters by email will no longer get a "hard Copy" of them--- unless previous arrangements have been made - just email me that you do want a paper copy! ☺. This will help reduce wasted paper.

If you would like to be added to our list, ***email the office adminlol@telus.net*** with newsletter in the subject line... NO MORE MISSED NEWSLETTERS!!!!

School Uniform Policy

We appreciate the support that parents give the school by ensuring their children are dressed in accordance with the guidelines of the school uniform policy. It is important that students take pride in their appearance and that they have a uniform that represents the school well.

Following is a little checklist that you can refer to when getting dressed in the morning.

- Am I wearing a white collared shirt (NO FRILLS, NO LACE, NO PETER PAN COLLARS, OR ROUNDED COLLARS)
- Am I wearing NEAT brand navy pants, shorts, tunic, or choir skirt
- Am I wearing NEAT brand navy cardigan, vest, sweater with an OLOL Crest
- Am I wearing Navy, Black or white socks or tights.
- Am I wearing proper school shoes- non marking runners or black dress shoes... **NO Crocs or sandals**

RETRO Spirit Dress Up Day ~ Friday, October 3, 2008 ~

Come dressed up as a person from the 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's or 90's!

Dig through Mom and Dad's or Grandma & Grandpa's closet and see what you can find!

If you choose not to participate a full uniform is required.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS Reminder

As of September 2007 Policy **ALL** School Volunteers (drivers, classroom helpers, one to one readers, etc.) must now have a criminal record check completed through the RCMP. Many of our parents have already completed this process, however many of you still need to have this done.

For those who have completed a Criminal Record Check it is good for 5 years. ☺

We realize that this may seem like an inconvenience however I'm sure you understand the importance of ensuring the safety of all our children.

LaMontagne Catalogues

The PSG will be sending home LaMontagne catalogues on October 1, 2008.

The orders need to be returned **NO LATER THAN** October 15th!

Orders will arrive within 3 weeks from the 15th--- perfect time to get your Christmas presents all done!!!

Please have Cheques made out to the OLOL PSG.

Thank you again for your support!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES.....

Caitlyn Forsyth in K, daughter of
Glen & Janice

Hunter Milne in K, son of Peter & Rachel

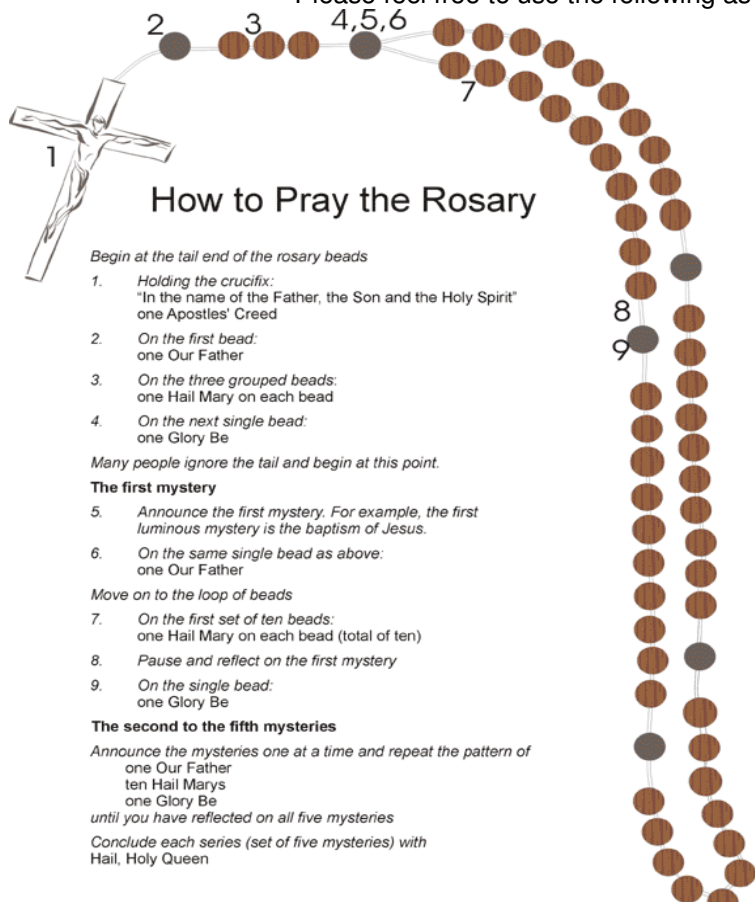
Extra Curricular Activities taking place through the 2008-2009 School Year

Below is a listing of the offered extra curricular that will be offered this year and the grades students can join in... please discuss with your child which activities most interest them.

Volleyball Boys and Girls Teams	Gr.5,6,7	Basketball Boys and Girls Teams	Gr.5,6,7
Cross Country Running	Gr. 4-7	Intramurals	Gr. 1,2,3
Reading Club Primary	Gr. 1,2,3	Reading Club Intermediate	Gr. 4-7
Leadership	Gr.6/7	Art Club	Gr. 1,2,3
Choir	Gr.3-7	Can Spell	Gr. 4-7
Newspaper Club	Gr.4-7	Computer Club	Gr.4-7

October is the month that we honour Mary by praying the Rosary

Please feel free to use the following as a guide when praying the Rosary.



How to Pray the Rosary

Begin at the tail end of the rosary beads

1. Holding the crucifix:
'In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'
one Apostles' Creed
2. On the first bead:
one Our Father
3. On the three grouped beads:
one Hail Mary on each bead
4. On the next single bead:
one Glory Be

Many people ignore the tail and begin at this point.

The first mystery

5. Announce the first mystery. For example, the first luminous mystery is the baptism of Jesus.
6. On the same single bead as above:
one Our Father

Move on to the loop of beads

7. On the first set of ten beads:
one Hail Mary on each bead (total of ten)
8. Pause and reflect on the first mystery
9. On the single bead:
one Glory Be

The second to the fifth mysteries

Announce the mysteries one at a time and repeat the pattern of
one Our Father
ten Hail Marys
one Glory Be
until you have reflected on all five mysteries
Conclude each series (set of five mysteries) with
Hail, Holy Queen

The Rosary is divided into five decades. Each decade represents a mystery or event in the life of Jesus. There are four sets of "Mysteries of the Rosary" (*Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful, and Glorious*). These four "Mysteries of the Rosary" therefore contain, a total of twenty mysteries.

The Joyful Mysteries

- First Joyful Mystery - The Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary
- Second Joyful Mystery - The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
- Third Joyful Mystery - The Birth of Jesus
- Fourth Joyful Mystery - The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- Fifth Joyful Mystery - Finding Jesus in the Temple

The Luminous Mysteries

- First Luminous Mystery - The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
- The Second Luminous Mystery - The Wedding at Cana, Christ Manifested
- The Third Luminous Mystery - the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- The Fourth Luminous Mystery - The Transfiguration of Jesus
- The Fifth Luminous Mystery - The Last Supper, the Holy Eucharist

The Glorious Mysteries

- First Glorious Mystery - The Resurrection of Jesus
- Second Glorious Mystery - The Ascension of Jesus
- Third Glorious Mystery - The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- Fourth Glorious Mystery - The Assumption of Mary into Heaven
- Fifth Glorious Mystery - The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

The Sorrowful Mysteries

- First Sorrowful Mystery - Agony of Jesus in the Garden
- Second Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus is Scourged at the Pillar
- Third Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus is Crowned With Thorns
- Fourth Sorrowful Mystery - Jesus Carries His Cross
- Fifth Sorrowful Mystery - The Crucifixion of Jesus

Parent & Teacher Conferences



We will have Parent Teacher interviews early in the first term again this year. The rationale for this is to provide parents and teachers the opportunity to meet early in the school year to discuss their child's progress and make any adjustments or recommendations before the 1st report card. 1st Term Report cards will be sent home Friday, December 5th. Parents wishing to meet with their child's teacher after the report card has been seen may do so by contacting the teacher and setting up a time.

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd from 3:00-8:00pm and Friday, October 24th during the day. Students will not be in session on Friday but are encouraged to attend this interview with their parents.

Please indicate the time that you would prefer to come in for parent/teacher conference.

*Please cut out and return to the office by
Thursday, October 9th*

----- Thursday, October 23rd 3:00-8:00pm

-----Friday, October 24th

-----Either Day listed above -----Must make arrangements on an alternate day.

Family _____

Names of Students & Grades: _____

Thank you!



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Our Annual Terry Fox Run/Walk was a great success. Students in grades 1-7 participated in the Terry Fox Run/Walk on September 12th.

All grades also participated in the Toonie Drive "Toonies for Terry" to collect donations in support of Cancer research. All together our students raised \$217.31 for the Terry Fox Foundation!

NO School
Friday, October 10th for a in lieu of ProD
from August and Monday, October 13th
Thanksgiving Day!

Have a blessed holiday!!



Penny Carnival

On Friday, October 31st from 12:45-2:30pm we will celebrate our Annual Penny Carnival Event. Activities will be set up in the gym. With a loonie your child(ren) can play all the games they want endlessly. All the money raised goes to the **Holy Childhood Association**.

Watch for more details coming in a separate newsletter.

Let's dress-up like clowns, fairies, animals, angels, cartoon characters, careers and other happy costumes but let's stay away from witches, monsters, ghouls, ghosts and goblins.



Milk Program Starts up.....



The school milk program will begin in October. There is white or chocolate milk available.

Children will receive milk every day. Notices will be sent out monthly for your orders. Orders must be in prior to the first day of the month.

Please remember to have 2 SEPARATE Cheques for Fun Lunch and Milk – they are 2 different groups.

Thank you for your continued support!

After School Pick Up

Safety for our students continues to be very important, therefore we are clarifying procedure for **After School Pick Up for Students**.

- ❖ Students **must remain** on the school grounds until they are picked up
- ❖ School grounds encompasses the area within the school gate
- ❖ Students are not to wait for pick up in front or around the church area
- ❖ If students wait inside the gate by the stairs leading up from the highway, they should be able to see when their vehicle arrives, then students can proceed down the stairs.



Operation Christmas Child

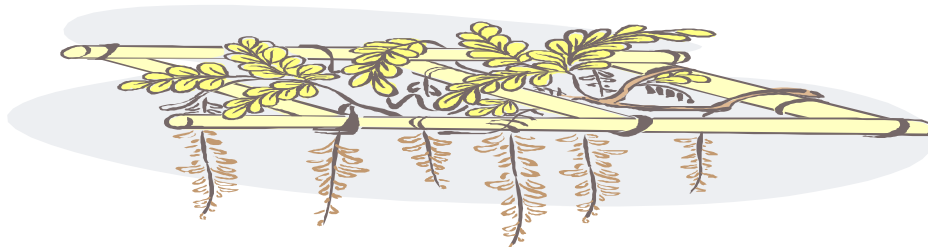
Our Lady of Lourdes will be participating in this project again this year.

This project organized by the Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization committed to providing for children who are challenged in their daily lives by famine, war, and poverty. The objective with this project is to provide those children in our world challenged by these adversities, with hope that others care about them.

Please watch for a separate memo to be sent home this month outlining this project.



September Shining Stars will be published in the November Newsletter
Remember the Gr. 2/3 Prayer & Shinning Stars Assembly on Wednesday, October 8th



La Bella Notte

"A Beautiful Night"

Our Lady of Lourdes 11th Annual Black Tie Event

Saturday, October 25, 2008

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Dinner served at 7:00 pm

***Come and enjoy an Evening of
Fine Italian Food & Wine,
Live Entertainment
In an "Al Fresco" setting.***

Tickets \$50.00

Available after Mass, at the school office or call Tony at 769-6022

Live and Silent Auction with all proceeds to support Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School

Auction Items Needed please bring to the office. All items are tax receiptable with a sales receipt included with the item... thank you

Helpers needed- if you can help in any way- serving, cleaning up, decorating, bartenders please leave your name at the office and the committee will contact you!

THANK YOU!!! ☺

One to One Readers

We are in need of 1 or 2 Parents who would like to come in and help with the One to One Reading Program. If you are interested or would like more info of what is involved, please contact the office!

Field Trips 2008-2009

Please submit a new copy of your **insurance and Drivers License** for our Drivers File. We do shred them every year.... So we need new copies every September!!!! Thank YOU!



Reminder- The days are getting chilly and students need to dress for the weather!



PSG News

1st PSG Meeting October 6th at
3 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Everyone is welcome!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our OLOL Family Back to School BBQ. It was a fantastic turnout and a great way to start a new school year!!!

FUN LUNCH UPDATE---

Thank you to **Dina Hampton, Vittoria Spindor and Leanne Misfeldt** who will be organizing Fun Lunch!

We are going to be doing **Pizza every Wednesday** – you have a choice of Pepperoni, Ham & Pineapple or cheese. This will only be served with a juice so please make sure your child has a proper snack for recess time. PSG will try this easy Fun Lunch approach until December and will evaluate based on feedback.... **HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR SERVING.**

Pub Night At Fogg N' Suds

Saturday, November 22, 2008 join us between 6pm-9pm

Take time out from the kids and enjoy some fun while supporting our school!!! Tickets \$10 available soon.



October 5 – 11, 2008 It's Fire Prevention Week – Prevent Home Fires

Preventing the leading causes of home fires – cooking, heating, electrical and smoking-materials – is within your power. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period time, turn off the stove. Keep anything that can catch fire – potholders, oven mitts, wooden utensils, paper or plastic bags – away from your stovetop. Keep

lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs away from anything that can burn, such as lamp shades, bedding, curtains, and clothing. Replace cracked and damaged electrical cords. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 1 meter away from heating equipment. Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet, out of the reach of children. Wherever you smoke, use deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Fire is fast, extremely hot and spreads rapidly. It creates thick black toxic smoke that is even more deadly than flames! When fire strikes, seconds are important! There is no time to stop and think. Everyone needs to know what to do! Smoke alarms provide the early warning of the problem and a home fire escape plan will provide time to escape safely. Although we hope you never have to use it, planning and practicing your home escape plan may one day save your life and the lives of your loved ones.

The fire service has again partnered with local schools to teach children and their families the importance of installing and maintaining working smoke alarms and developing and practicing a home fire drill. Children will learn these skills by completing an interactive fire safety worksheet - *Fire Safety Starts with You!*

The Office of the Fire Commissioner targets grades K – 3. The brochure “**Fire Safety Starts With You**” will be distributed to all children in these grades. Each child is eligible to win a home computer system by entering the draw.

Westside Fire Rescue will be holding **Kids Day at the Fire Hall** on Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm at the fire station located at 3651 Old Okanagan Hwy., Westbank, BC. There will be a number of fun activities for the children to participate in. Sparky the fire dog will be there and refreshments will be available. Each child will be given a goodie bag to take home. Please plan on attending this great event!

Debbie Dupasquier, Public Fire and Life Safety

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www.westsidefirerescue.com.



It's Back...Christmas Shopping Trip!!!

Saturday, November 15th returning Sunday, November 16th
leave Westbank, Saturday morning at 8am, you receive a continental breakfast and a special drink on the bus and a great "chick flic" to pass the time!
Arrive at Holiday Inn Metro Town and we shop at the biggest Mall in BC- and you shop till ya DROP!!!

That evening we arrange a casino visit for those who wish! Either that or you can go to Van or out for dinner! The choice is up to you!

The next breakfast is served in the hotel and a trip for Mass is arranged. After checking out, we head to IKEA and Linen's & Things and then on to the Langley outlets!!! Maybe have lunch at Olive Garden....

After all our money is spent ☺... We head home with a snack served once we are out of Greater Vancouver!

All of this fun is yours for only \$150 based on double occupancy! (\$160 after Oct.1)

(Includes- transportation, snacks, hotel, breakfast and gratuity for the driver!

A return trip on greyhound is \$125.79 without all the extras!!!

To book your spot... see Nikki in the office or call 768-9754 (evenings) only 14 spots left!!!

IT IS GREAT FUN!!!



Become a part of the OLOL Sea!!!

We have created an underwater mural for the children of OLOL to enjoy for years to come-

The fish have started to swim!

Thank you to those who have donated already!



We want to fill our sea with a "school of fish". We invite families to purchase a fish that will be scribed with your name(s) and then mounted on our mural.

For a donation of \$20 per fish you will be supporting the Art Program at Our Lady of Lourdes School. Funds raised from our fish will go directly to purchasing art resources and supplies. You will receive a charitable tax receipt and your family fish will swim the water proudly at Our Lady of Lourdes School!

YES!!! We want a Fish!

You may want to purchase 1 fish with your family name on it or you may want to purchase a fish for each member of your family.

The choice is yours!!!

_____ Purchase a Family Name Fish

_____ Name

_____ Purchase individual Fish for family members

_____ Name _____ Name

_____ Name _____ Name

Total Enclosed _____ (\$20/ fish)

