

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK “Dividends for Life”

January 31 – February 5, 2010

Dear OLS Parents,

Beginning January 31st, we will begin our annual observance of Catholic Schools Week, the time set aside each year to celebrate Catholic education. During this week, we’ll focus on our school’s high-quality, faith-filled education. We’ll honor everyone who contributes to the school’s success – not only students, families, faculty and staff, but also volunteers, community supporters and local leaders. This year’s theme, “Dividends for Life,” is particularly fitting because it underscores the long standing tradition of Catholic education to instill in students the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will enable them to fulfill their future roles in life. Now, more than ever, a Catholic education is truly an investment in the future that is worth the consideration of every family. Please join in our Catholic Schools Week celebration. Participate in the activities and, if you can, volunteer your time. Visit the classrooms, meet with the students and teachers and congratulate them on their accomplishments. Encourage friends who may be considering Catholic education for their children to visit the school. Also, take the time to express your appreciation to our teachers, staff, administrators, board members, volunteers, and everyone else involved in the running of OLS School. Through their dedication and commitment, they make our school an excellent example of providing dividends for life!

Take a look at some of the activities we have planned for Catholic Schools Week:

Friday – We will begin with the 6th grade attending Mass at the Cathedral with other 6th grades in the diocese. In the afternoon, we will have a kickoff concert.

Sunday – Parish. Parishes with children attending OLS will be giving a letter of appreciation to the Pastors. We will also lead the 11:30 am Mass at OLS. WE ASK THAT AS MANY FAMILIES AS POSSIBLE ATTEND THIS MASS WITH STUDENTS IN UNIFORM.

Monday – Community. Letters to local businesses and Mayor of Homewood will be sent. This will also be pajama day for the students. They will be allowed to wear appropriate pajamas to school on this day. Faith will be our focus of the day

Tuesday – Nation. Each child will write a letter to someone in the armed forces thanking them for their sacrifice for our country. Students may wear red, white and blue as a tribute to our country. They must wear uniform bottoms, but may wear patriotic shirts or socks. Knowledge will be our focus of the day.

Wednesday – Faculty and staff. The PTO has a special treat for the teachers. Teachers have a jeans day. This will be Wacky Wednesday, so students may come out of uniform. Be creative, but appropriate. Uniform shoes must still be worn. Discipline will be the focus of the day.

Thursday – Parents. There will be a parent appreciation breakfast in the morning. At our weekly liturgy and we pray for peace in our nation and an increase in vocations. Canned goods will be collected for The Catholic Center of Concern. We will also have Career Day in the afternoon. This will be hat day. Students may bring a hat and wear it after the school liturgy. Morals will be the focus of the day.

Friday – Students. This will also be our Boosterthon Fun Run day as well as First Friday Adoration. Students will enjoy a treat in the afternoon. Dividends for Life will be our focus. Throughout the whole week, we will continue to collect money for our “Hope for Haiti” fund. As always, thank you for your continued support of Our Lady of Sorrows School.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Mary Jane Dorn Principal