



August 2008

Dear OLV Parents –

The first day of school is quickly approaching and I would like to invite each of you to stop by the **Welcome Wagon** hosted by the Parish School Association (PSA) on Thursday, September 4th. Refreshments will be served to parents on the Marshland Court lawn at 7:45 – 8:30 am. There are several new families transferring to our school as well as the Kindergarten parents who may be new to OLV. If your schedule permits, please take a moment to say hello – we want to give a warm welcome to new parents and those returning to OLV.

I have enclosed a PSA "Schedule of Events" for 2008-09 which outlines the upcoming year at a glance. Please note that this year we are assigning volunteers by grades for any major events. Each family will work on one event plus the Fall Auction, in addition to helping out in bake sales. (That was easy!) This will give everyone a chance to help and hopefully you will enjoy the opportunity work w/ other parents in your child's class. Parents are also needed for other committees and sign-ups will be offered on "Parent Night" on September 24th.

You will notice on the schedule there are several raffles in lieu of functions. Since volunteer time has been reduced significantly, we ask for your support by selling raffle tickets instead. We are excited about a new **\$1000 Gas Card Raffle** for \$5 per ticket (or 5 chances for \$20) which has been enclosed so you can begin early sales. Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of Victory School and sold tickets should be returned to the school office prior to drawing date of October 26<sup>th</sup> at **Family Fun Day**.

As you may know, the Fall Auction is the biggest fundraiser for our school and our goal is to raise \$20,000. We must have everyone's help to succeed! I am grateful to Nancy Nicholas Baker (Michael and Samia's mom) and Donna Roarke (Mackenzie's mom) who have agreed to co-chair the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Auction on November 21<sup>st</sup>. You will be receiving meeting notices from them and all parents should participate on this important committee.

Nancy Alund (Vice Chair and Treasurer) and myself are entering our third and final year on the PSA Executive Committee and look to other parents for ideas and support. We are currently in need of two more officers, so please let us know if you are interested. At the two PSA parent meetings (yes, only two!), we encourage your feedback and ideas to strengthen our association. Please come on October 16<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar for the **Welcome Back BBQ** on Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Old Daley Inn will do the cooking and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade parents will host a family-style meal for the OLV community. It will be a great chance to catch up w/ other parents and the kids will have fun eating w/ their classmates. Bring your family and friends! Take out will also be available.

As we begin another school year, I hope you will share my enthusiasm for Our Lady of Victory School and parish who will work hand in hand to support the enrichment programs and faith-based education for our children. It is the PSA mission to bridge the relationships among our school, church and CYO families to create a strong, nurturing Catholic community.

I look forward to great year together. Go Eagles!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth".

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