



July 22, 2009

Dear OLPH Families,

I hope that this letter finds you relaxed, refreshed and ALMOST ready to come back to school. Over the summer we were awarded a **\$15,000 grant** from the Horseshoe Foundation to help purchase five interactive boards for the classrooms. Richard Clem and Bob Aemmer have worked tirelessly during the month of June, and the floors and rooms are looking great. You will also notice some new tile in the bathrooms in the new wing of the school thanks to OLPH parent Don Brady.

Our school theme for the year is *Building the Kingdom with Kindness*. I have been reading an excellent book called *The Hidden Power of Kindness* by Lawrence Lovasik. It has some great ideas and suggestions that the entire school community can use to set the tone for a successful school year.

Please give a big OLPH welcome to our **new faculty members**. **Mrs. Sarah Carver**, a Purdue graduate who recently taught in Bloomington, will be teaching middle school science. **Mrs. Jammie Mathes**, our seventh and eighth grade language arts teacher taught at Moore Traditional School in Louisville and has worked with Dr. Bailey at IUS on the National Writing Project. **Ms. Michelle Reidinger**, a recent graduate of the Herron School of Art in Indianapolis, will teach visual arts.

You will receive a **new handbook** at registration, but you may preview it on our website at www.olphna.org. Please check the **uniform dress code**; skorts are no longer part of the middle school girl's uniform. If you still need to purchase **school supplies**, you can find the supply list on our website.

Classroom lists will be posted at the school main entrance on Friday, July 31. Teachers give much thought and discussion when assigning homerooms, and they group students for success. Please trust that your child will have a great year wherever they are placed.

Registration is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 4:00-7:00 p.m. **Preschool and kindergarten open house and registration** will be Tuesday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. (6:15 for three year olds.)

Along with this letter you will find information concerning registration. There is also a letter about middle school Spanish for seventh grade parents and a beginning band letter for fifth grade parents.

The **PTO Back-to-School Pool Party** is Sunday, Aug. 2 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Clarksville Aquatic Center. This is free to all OLPH families. I hope to see many of you there.

In Christ's service,
Terry Horton

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Dear Parents,

Here we go again! Hopefully you've all had a fantastic summer and are ready for another great year at OLPH. We have designed final registration day on Wednesday, August 5th to be fast and easy for everyone. **Registration will be held in the cafeteria from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are unable to make either of these times, please call the school office before August 5th for special arrangements.**

On registration day, you will visit with Anne Courtney to ***update or complete your Family Information***. Please have your emergency contact information with you as well as any special medical information or food allergies that OLPH School should know about. Anne will also have your copy of the *Parent and Student Handbook*, and a couple of permission and information forms for you to complete.

Your next visit will be with Joni Lyman to pick up a copy of your tuition statement, pay tuition and fees due, and receive a copy of your SMART enrollment form. If you have an outstanding balance due for the 2008-2009 school year, please meet with Mrs. Horton prior to meeting with Joni Lyman.

While in the cafeteria, you will also be able to shop for uniforms, register for after care, visit the cafeteria table to sign up for volunteering and to pay lunch deposits, collect athletic information, sign up for the Kroger/Scrip program, and visit the PTO table to receive information on volunteering opportunities and other PTO information.

First Day of School is Wednesday, August 12, 2009.

***See you at registration,
Joni Lyman***



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Dear Seventh Grade Parents,

OLPH is noted for its strong academic program from preschool through the eighth grade. Our ISTEP+ scores are some of the best in the state, and our alumni continue to shine in high school and college.

For several years we have broadened the horizons of our junior high students by offering an in-depth Spanish class to seventh and eighth grade students who excel in English/language arts. We will be continuing this program by offering two periods of Spanish each week for seventh grade students and two extended periods of Spanish for eighth grade students who completed seventh grade Spanish last year. These classes will be offered during the reading portion of the English/language arts block.

Seventh grade students who had a 90% or above average in English/language arts last year will have the option of taking Spanish. If there is room, students with less than 90% average who wish to take the course may get approval from the language arts and Spanish teacher. (Classes will be limited to 22 students.) Eighth grade students who took Spanish during their seventh grade year may continue with eighth grade Spanish. Students who successfully complete two years of junior high Spanish *may* be eligible to skip Spanish I in high school. By skipping Spanish I students may take higher level Spanish classes in high school. At Providence, Spanish III and IV receive more weight when calculating class rank. Students following the Core 40 diploma track must take three years of a foreign language in high school—either Spanish I, II and III or Spanish II, III and IV.

The OLPH junior high Spanish program is taught by Mr. Pat McKay, an OLPH alumnus who also teaches Spanish at Providence High School. We are very blessed to have his expertise, and he will help our students transition to high school Spanish.

There is a \$100.00 fee for the year to help cover the cost of instruction and materials. You may register for this class on or before school registration on Aug. 5 by contacting the school office. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

In Christ's Service,

Terry Horton, Principal

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Email: thorton@olphna.org

Come join the fun! Be part of the band.



Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

We are delighted to once again offer beginning band for our fifth grade students. This class will meet on Wednesdays from 2:00-2:40. Students may choose flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone or percussion (rhythm instruments including drums and bells). There is a one time band fee of \$25.00.

Local music stores rent and sell instruments at reasonable rates. Some local stores are Jimmy's Music Center on Market Street in New Albany, ProSound in Clarksville, the Doo Wop Shop in Louisville and Mel Owen in Louisville. These stores will assist you in making an appropriate instrument selection. Students will also need to buy Book One of *Essential Elements 2000* for their particular instrument.

There will be an instrument demonstration during the first week of school so that students can see and hear the different instrument choices. If you have any questions, please call or email Mrs. Horton at 944-7676 ext. 11 or thorton@olphna.org.

You may register for this class with Mrs. Courtney at registration on Wednesday, August 5 or during the first week of school. We would like to begin classes on August 19.

Come join the fun,
Mrs. Horton