

February 9, 2010

The snow is the big story today so let me lead off with that! In the event I have to close school due to inclement weather, OLMC will be listed on Channel 4 ([www.clickondetroit.com](http://www.clickondetroit.com)). Remember, OLMC actually has three codes that have to be entered into the network's reporting system: PreSchool, Elementary School and High School. On a snowy morning, it is difficult to get through on the phone lines three times in a row. So, I want you to understand that **if you see any OLMC facility listed as closed, the entire complex is closed.** For example, the Elementary School would never be open when the High School is closed, etc. If one is closed due to weather, all are closed despite the fact that there may be a reporting lag in listing each faction. In addition to that, I have coordinated with Mrs. Huerta to send out an early email blast to all families. So, watch your email beginning at 6:00 a.m. as well.

Last Saturday, our OLMC family did a wonderful job with the fundraising effort for the Shiveley family. I am happy to report that together we raised over \$15,000! Mrs. Shiveley is indeed grateful for all of our efforts (see enclosed note) and I encourage you to keep praying for the entire family. May God grant them the serenity to accept the things they cannot change; courage to change the things they can and wisdom to know the difference.

You know, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic School exists for a reason. Time and time again we prove that together we accomplish great things. Because of the purpose we serve to each other and the community as a whole, it is imperative that we continually work together to keep our family unit here strong and united. Below is a list of upcoming events that require volunteerism and/or supportive participation in keeping with that philosophy.

On Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, the parish is sponsoring the annual **Paczkowy Ball**. Because the profits help the school, this pre-Lenten Polka Dance represents a wonderful way of not only supporting the school but enjoying a bit of fun and fellowship prior to the Lenten Season. A flier with all the details is enclosed.

On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, our dedicated parent group is sponsoring a **Valentine Breakfast**. Of course, volunteers are always welcome. The Spirit Shop will be open and operating. If you cannot volunteer, why not patronize? Remember, support comes in many ways. Take a break from cooking and bring your family out to support the efforts of our PTG.

Of course, we all know that Fridays are meatless during the season of Lent. But, do you know where you can get the best fish fry in town this Lenten Season? Why ... at OLMC, of course! OLMC will be sponsoring **Fish Fries** on Ash Wednesday and every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) with all proceeds going to the school fund. The parish is looking for parent help each Friday. If you can help in any way, on any day, for any amount of time, please email the PTG mailbox @ [ptg@ourladyofmountcarmel.org](mailto:ptg@ourladyofmountcarmel.org). And, make sure you plan on attending! The menu is extensive, the food is great and the prices are reasonable.

HOPE Tickets for the month of March are either enclosed in this brown envelope (K-8) or have been mailed (9-12). Please do your part in buying and/or selling these tickets. In the process, you are **Helping Our Parish Educate**.

**Lights, Camera, Auction** is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>. Have you donated your classroom items? Do you know a business that would like to donate an auction item and/or advertise in the auction booklet? An auction meeting has been scheduled for this Wednesday evening (weather permitting) at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Room. It's a lot of work. But I guarantee a lot of fun along the way, as well. ☺

Thanks for all you do for OLMC Catholic School!

Timothy Scanlon  
Principal

Ps – The preorder March lunch slips are enclosed (K-4). Please return to the office by 2/22/10.