



OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL

MEMORANDUM

TO: OLGS Families
FROM: Mrs. Byrdie Ricketts, Principal
RE: Varia
DATE: January 18, 2012

It is with great sorrow that I need to inform Our Lady of Grace School community that our third grade teacher, Mrs. Lynda McArthur's mother, Mabel Henry has passed away. Mrs. McArthur has been by her mother's side through this most difficult time. Our third grade students have been under the excellent care and guidance of Mr. Gregory Smith, who is actively involved in getting his doctorate in education. Mr. Smith plans to substitute until Mrs. McArthur returns. Mrs. Henry's funeral mass will be held in Roanoke, Virginia followed by burial in Manassas by her late husband's gravesite. Mrs. McArthur plans to take this week and possibly next week in helping with the plans for the funeral and interment as well as handling her mother's affairs. At this time we would encourage you to pray for Mrs. McArthur and her family to help them through this challenging time.

Attendance and Tardiness. Our attendance policy is covered on pages 15 & 16 of our Handbook. It is important for us to know that we expect all children to be present and on time daily. Children are able to come to school with colds, headaches, etc. as long as their temperature is normal and has been normal for 24 hours and there is no vomiting or diarrhea. More than 20 days of absence a year is considered excessive. If your child is out more than once a month, you should be aware that this is unusual. Makeup work will never take the place of being present for the actual lesson with the interaction between teacher and students. Please make every effort to get your children to school on time. Our school day begins at 7:50 am. We expect your children unpacked and ready in the classroom before our prayer. If your child is absent, you are expected to give the school office a call with the reason for the absence. When they return, they are required by Maryland State Law to have an absent note explaining the reason for the absence. All dates without a note are marked as an illegal absence.

Piano. The Parish and School are actively looking for a piano in good condition. Because of scheduling and room assignments, it would be very beneficial if we had an additional piano on the campus. If you know of anyone who would be willing to donate their piano, please contact the Mrs. Elaine Hagner, Parish Administrator, at 410-329-6826.

Calendar Events

Fathers' Club Meeting. Our Fathers' Club will meet this evening, January 18th, at 6:30pm in the Maryland Room where dinner and beverage are provided.

Tuition Parents' Meeting. On January 31st at 7 pm in the Maryland Room we will have our annual information meeting on the upcoming school year's tuition. We will be sharing information about our

budget and predicted enrollment at this time. Please mark your calendar so that someone from your family will attend this important meeting.

Re-registration. During the week of February 6th – 10th, we have re-registration for all current students. This information is an important part of our planning for the coming school year. We look forward to hearing that your family will be returning.

Beat the Blahs. On Saturday, February 25th, we will have our annual Beat the Blahs from 7 to midnight. As you know, this is our greatest fundraiser and an exciting fun evening for all who attend. This year there will be additional black jack and roulette tables. The ticket order form was sent home January 11 and is on our website. Please don't forget the 2012-2013 Tuition Raffle and Wheelbarrow of Cheer. Since only 100 tickets are being sold for the Tuition Raffle, your chances of winning are great and the winnings would be even greater!