

# THE CRUSADER

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## *From the Principal's Office*

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are ready for the start of 2008! The faculty, staff and I would like to thank everyone for being so kind and generous to us over the Christmas Season. We are truly appreciative of all the goodies, gifts and the very generous monetary donations that we received.

It is so heartwarming to be a part of such a caring community!

We are jumping right back into the swing! We have many events planned for January. First, we had a very important First Communion meeting with the second grade parents. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 10 at 11:00 am. It promises to be a very special celebration!

Students in grades 3 and 7 had their vision and hearing screened by the Lions Club on Tuesday, January 15. Mrs. Ezenwa will be contacting any parents whose child did not do well during the screening. We will have our special Fun Friday event today at 1:30 pm. The students will learn all about the Magic of Science. Grades K-5 will be receiving a packet of information if they would like to participate in our elementary school science fair to be held in March. We hope many students will take advantage of this opportunity. Monday, January 21 is Lee-Jackson-King Holiday. There will be no school that day.

The annual March for Life held in Washington ,DC is Tuesday, January 22. Our seventh and eighth grade students will be accompanied by Mr. Heenan and Mr. Nilsen to represent our school at this very important event. Please keep them in your prayers for a safe and satisfactory trip. Report cards go home on January 25. Please be looking for your child's report card that day. Also, we will have our Picture Make-up day with Mr.

and Mrs. Barron on January 25. We also start our Restaurant Nights at That's Amore. This event will run from January 20-February 11. A huge thank you goes to Mrs. Meg Paganelli for planning this event.

January 27 starts Catholic Schools Light the Way Week. Our students will be actively participating in the

10:30 Mass that morning. Please encourage your child to wear their uniform to Mass. We have many exciting events planned for the students all week. I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs. Sheila

Traenkle for planning such an awesome week! We will have our second quarter awards assembly at 8:15 am on Tuesday, January 29 in the school gym. We will also be holding our Open House for prospective parents at 9:30am that morning. Please encourage anyone you know in the parish that is currently not sending their students to our school to attend the open house to see what we are all about! The students will enjoy an Animal Ambassadors assembly that afternoon.

Please join your child for lunch on Wednesday, January 30. We will have extra tables set up in the lunchroom to accommodate the parents and younger siblings. The students will be treated to a special ice cream treat on Thursday, January 31 during lunch. Join us on Friday, February 1 to have pizza and watch a movie in the Parish Hall starting at 6:30pm.

These are just some highlights of what is going on this month. Please come out to our PTO general meeting on January 24 in the school library to learn more about what is happening at Our Lady of Hope Catholic School!

May God continue to bless you and your families,  
Mary Beth Pittman  
Acting Principal

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## ***PTO Message***

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable break. We are starting off the year running with many fun and exciting events coming up. Catholic Schools Week is January 27<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>. Sheila Traenkle has once again put together a week loaded with fun and inspirational activities for the children. The week will begin with a Children's Mass on Sunday at 10:30. Among the activities scheduled are a dress down day, an animal show, a day of fun and fitness and a presentation by the Little Sisters of the Poor, just to name a few. The week will end with a Family Pizza and Movie Night in the Parish Hall. Thank you Sheila, for all your efforts putting together this most important week for Catholic Schools.

We also have our first Father/Daughter Dance coming up on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Dads can dance the night away with their favorite gals at this very special event to be held in the Parish Hall. Ward and Danielle Jones are organizing what is sure to become a much anticipated yearly event.

Stay tuned for more information regarding upcoming Restaurant Nights at That's Amore restaurant. That's Amore will donate a percentage of all OLOH meals purchased from January 20<sup>th</sup> to February 11<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, please join us for our General PTO Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> in the library at 7:30.

The PTO Board,

Lorena, Mary Anne, Christy and Carol

## ***Retakes/Make ups/Group Activities Photos***

School picture retake and make-up day is on Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. Proof and order sheets will be delivered approximately one week later in Friday folders. The Barron's will also take photos of the various school groups and organizations for the yearbook. These groups include Safety Patrol, News Paper, Office helpers, Student Gov, Student Gov reps, OLOH School Choir and OLOH School Altar Servers. Bring on the smiles!



## ***Faith Committee***

Thank you to all the boys and girls who contributed their very own toys for the Vietnamese children who will benefit from humanitarian dental relief efforts. Just think of the joy you will bring to these brothers- and sisters-in-Christ. You make the world a better place!

Join us weekdays to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We meet in the sanctuary, immediately following school dismissal.

## ***An Evening With Our Lady - April 5th, 2008***

We need your help to make the auction a success! Please consider donating an item or service, becoming a sponsor or advertising in the program. No item is too big or too small! We need everything from vacation homes to coffee makers! If you have an item you wish to donate please return your donation form to the front office as soon as possible.

The auction committee is again offering personalized Guardian Angel Messages in the program for \$25. Messages are 25 words or less and are a great way to thank a teacher, congratulate a class, or recognize your children. In addition, if you would like to send a teacher to the auction — there is an opportunity to Sponsor a Teacher this year for \$60, which covers their ticket price. These rates and advertising rates and sponsorship levels are listed on the donor form, which can be downloaded from the website at <http://oloh.maestroweb.com>. The website is updated regularly and is your best source of updated information about the auction so don't forget to add the site to your favorite bookmark list! Thank you for your support!

## ***Volunteer Opportunities***

The lower grades are having a Science Fair!

Volunteers are needed to help Sheila Traenkle put together this voluntary program for the elementary students.

Father/Daughter Dance on February 9<sup>th</sup>

We need playground volunteers especially on Tuesday and Thursday; it would be helpful if you could come even just once a month.

Are you comfortable talking to people? We are looking for someone to help with local donations for the Auction. Come help out with our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Contact Carol Hess at [carolh1517@aol.com](mailto:carolh1517@aol.com)

## ***Welcome Committee Corner***

As a way to welcome the new families to our school, each month we highlight new families. This month we are introducing the Quint Family to Our Lady of Hope School.

The Quint family moved from North Dakota with their son Roger, who is in Second grade at Our Lady of Hope, in August 2007. The most important thing for this family is respect for all family and for elders. Roger attended a Catholic school in North Dakota and the family felt very welcome at Our Lady of Hope when they visited the school. They wanted to continue Roger's education in Catholic school and liked the discipline of the children and the respect for teachers that OLOH students display. The family's favorite area restaurant is Carraba's and they enjoy traveling around the area especially to the Williamsburg and Richmond areas where they have many friends. One of Roger's favorite parts of the school day is recess and the family was really looking forward to the OLOH Christmas Pageant. Please be sure to meet and welcome the Quint family!!

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## ***“Catholic Schools Light the Way”***

Our theme for this year’s Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us this week in the many activities planned—Mass on Sunday, Quarterly Awards, Lunch with your Children, and Open House for the School. Share your positive experiences and love at OLOH with at least one other family and see if we can build our school community!!

### ***Sunday, Jan. 27th Catholic Schools Light the Way: In our Parish***

10:30 Mass on Sunday will be dedicated to Catholic Schools week where students are part of the Mass celebration. The Children’s Choir will sing and students from the school will do the readings, serve as ushers with their parents, take up offertory gifts and serve as altar servers. Students are encouraged to wear their school uniforms if they wish.

### ***Monday, Jan. 28th- Catholic Schools Light the Way: In Our Community***

Dress Down Spirit Day –Students Need to bring in at least a \$1.00 donation for dressing down. All donations sponsor the Holy Childhood Association.

The teachers will have a Musical Teacher’s Afternoon. They will switch classes with other teachers and students will get a new teacher for the afternoon.

### ***Tuesday, Jan. 29th—Catholic Schools Light the Way: In our Students***

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly will take place at 8:15 a.m. All Parents are invited to attend.

Our Open House for the School Year of 2008-2009 will take place in the gym from 9:30 – 11:00.

Packets for kindergarten registration will be available at this time.

An assembly with Animal Ambassadors will take place in the afternoon! We have K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade from 1 – 1:45 p.m. and then 4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade 2 –2:45. Parents are welcome to attend.

### ***Wednesday, Jan. 30 -Catholic Schools Light the Way: In our Health***

Have a day of Fun and Fitness with different games and activities in PE. We may need some parent volunteers to assist with games and activities.

Lunch with Parents this day! Please join your child for lunch in the Parish Hall during their scheduled lunch time. Grades 4-7 from 12 – 12:25 and grades K- 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12:25 – 12:50

8<sup>th</sup> Grade will have a Field trip to the Vatican Embassy this day.

### ***Thursday, Jan. 31st—Catholic Schools Light the Way: In our Vocations***

Have a Pastor and Principal Appreciation Day – with Spiritual Bouquets being presented

Special Dessert day for students – ice cream treats!

Judging of the “Keep the Light Shining” hallway display contest for all classes.

“Little Sisters of the Poor” and Fr.Lundberg from St. Thomas Moore Cathedral to speak to Grades 4 – 8 in the afternoon.

### ***Friday, Feb. 1st– Catholic Schools Light the Way: In our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers***

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast—Volunteers needed to assist with breakfast foods.

Staff Luncheon will be provided by the PTO.

Family Movie Night in the Parish Hall. **Come See “Gunther and the Paper Brigade.”**

A movie from Feature Films for Families. A 70 minute movie about Gunther, an unmotivated teenage boy who is reluctant to take on a paper route. What ensues is a comical, and at first, inept attempt to deliver papers, but Gunther learns the value of hard work and standing up for others.

Pizza from 6:30 – 7:15 and movie starts at 7:15.

Pizza orders and more details to follow.

For questions, additions, etc., please contact Sheila Traenkle at 703/433-9699

## ***School Store Update***

The school store is open every Wednesday morning from 7:45 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. We sell erasers, pencils, pens, highlighters, rulers, index cards, folders, paper refill, scissors, compasses, protractors, book covers, pencil pouches, glue sticks and many more things. Things cost anywhere from .10 to \$4.00.

The school store is constantly updating and refilling its supplies to keep up with demand.

## ***K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair***

Mark your calendars and start thinking Science! Thurs., March 13<sup>th</sup> is the Science Fair date for K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grades. Packets will come home in the Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Friday folders so please review this packet with your children and get them excited about Science. The packet is filled with ideas and specifics for each grade level. Mrs. DeCecato will have a Science Resource on display in the library for the entire month of February to assist in ideas and helpful hints. There is a registration form in the back of the packet that needs to be filled out and returned by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or interested in assisting with the set-up for the Science Fair, please contact Sheila Traenkle at 703/433-9699.

## Dads and Daughters!

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual OLOH Father Daughter Dance! A girl's first love is her dad, so sweep her off her feet with a night of dancing and sweets! An assortment of desserts, prizes, games and gifts are included in the ticket price.

Tickets will go on sale Friday, January 18. \$25 for Dad and one daughter, \$35 for Dad and two or more daughters! Daughters age 3 and older (daughters do not have to be students at Our Lady of Hope Catholic School) are also welcome to come and enjoy the special night!

Don't have a daughter? You can still share in the fun! We are looking for volunteers to help make the night a memorable one for all. Please contact Ward Jones at [jones011098@comcast.net](mailto:jones011098@comcast.net) if you can help out. Thank you!

## Junior High Youth Ministry

Gods Teen Crusaders, or GTC for short, is the name that OLOH students picked for the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade youth ministry.

Upcoming events for the group will be publicized to the email list, placed in the bulletin, and uploaded to the website at [http://www.ourladyofhope.net/youth\\_calendar.asp](http://www.ourladyofhope.net/youth_calendar.asp).

### Upcoming events:

### JH Second Sunday!!

**6-8PM Sunday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.** Join us for our monthly gathered night, where we play mad fun games with friends, have snacks, and learn to love God more! Be active, be crazy, be yourself. Bring a friend and we will see you there!

### Service at Good Shepherd Shelter

Join GTC on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 and 5:00PM as we visit the moms and kids at Good Shepherd. We will be taking games and playing, smiling and in general bringing some love and attention to the families at the shelter.

### Youth Ministry Ski Trip!

**7AM -9PM Saturday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>.** All 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to come to Whitetail for a day of skiing/snowboarding fun! Sign up soon to reserve a spot on the bus...first come, first seated. Full flyer and cost details can be found on the YM website.



## Box Tops Deadline January 22! Who Will Win The Next Pizza Party?

Who will be our next Box Tops winner? The competition is fierce, so clip those coupons and send them in as soon as possible. The deadline for the 2nd quarter contest is Tuesday, January 22. The winning class will receive a special pizza party!

Please make sure that you carefully cut along the dotted lines of the coupons; General Mills will not accept coupons with the date missing or with an expired date. Thank you!

## 2008 Calendar

### January

- 18 End of Second Quarter; Fun Friday
- 20 – Feb.7 That's Amore Restaurant Nights
- 21 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Holiday
- 22 March for Life
- 24 General PTO Meeting
- 26 Snow date HSPT for Public school students
- 27 – Sat. Feb. 2 Catholic Schools Week
- Jan. 29 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Assembly

### February

- 1 First Friday Coffee Social; Early Dismissal at Noon
- 1 PTO Sponsored Luncheon
- 1 Family Movie Night
- 5 PTO Executive Board Meeting
- 6 Ash Wednesday School Mass 9:00 a.m.
- 9 Father/Daughter Dance
- 18 NO SCHOOL – President's Day Holiday
- 26 PTO Executive Board Planning Meeting
- 29 Our Lady of Hope Science Fair
- 29 Fun Friday

### March

- 1 Diocesan Spelling Bee
- 4 PTO Executive Board Meeting
- 5 General PTO Meeting
- 7 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workday
- 7 Skate Night – Skate Quest in Reston
- 13 K-5 Optional Science Fair
- 20 Early Dismissal – Holy Thursday
- 21 NO SCHOOL – Good Friday – Easter Break begins
- 23 – 28 Easter Break
- 31 Classes Resume