



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Wow it is hard to believe that it is already October. We have round one of the Festival behind us and by now you should have all received your child's progress reports for the first marking period. Keep in mind that the first quarter closes October 28. Please take the time to make sure that your student is staying on top of the assignments. The faculty and staff are committed to partnering with parents to ensure the best education for our students but we need your help!

Ed-Line:

At this point in the school year, all freshmen and transfer students have received their Ed-Line access codes. There is a code for student access and a code for parent access. Returning students can gain information using the access codes they have used in the past. Using Ed-line is one way parents and students can keep track of their grades and assignments. All teachers are required to update information at least once a week and some teachers do this more frequently. If you are having issues with this program, please call the school office and we will attempt to help you.

Fall Festival and Raffle:

This year we were blessed with tremendous weather for the Fall Festival. Thanks to everyone who participated as a volunteer or a patron. It seems that we had one of the most successful Festivals ever.

Student Accident Plan:

Attached to the newsletter is an explanation of an opportunity provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore for the acquisition of student accident insurance. All students, based on their enrollment, obtain coverage for catastrophic accidents. Parents who would like to obtain additional insurance should follow the directions on the letter.

Guidance:

National College Fair- Convention Center, November 7th and November 8th over 200 colleges will be represented. A link can be found at www.nacacnet.org. This is definitely a worthwhile activity. **Seniors are excused from school on November 7th to attend the College Fair.***

Monday	November 7 th	9 am – 12pm & 6pm to 8pm
Tuesday	November 8 th	9 am – 12pm

College Night “Getting Into and Paying for College” Oct 26th -- 7pm to 8:30 pm. In OLMC Cafeteria.

Dr. Martha Gagnon former Director of Admissions at Loyola College and former Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at the former Western Maryland College (presently McDaniel College) will be making a presentation and answering questions on the college admissions process. She is always well received and we look forward to her presentation again this year.

SAT- is being administered at OLMC on Nov. 5th. The registration deadline is Oct. 21st and can be done at www.sat.collegeboard.com

Athletics:

A very big thank you goes out to all the parent volunteers who made homecoming a success. Without you our day would not be the special event it is. Our next booster club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 9th at 7pm in the Library.

The start date for those students who wish to play a winter sport is Monday November 1st. Please remember that athletes must have a current physical on file in order to participate, physicals are good for one year. Returning players are NOT guaranteed a spot on the team if they miss time, regardless of their grade.

As families begin to plan their summer vacations for the summer of 2011, please be aware that the start date for practices next fall: Football second week of August and all other sports start the third week. All athletes going out for one of our fall teams should plan on attending practice Monday through Friday beginning with their start date. Returning players are NOT guaranteed a spot on the team if they miss time, regardless of their grade. Athletes must have a physical on file in order to participate, please schedule these early as appointments often book quickly in the summer.

Schedules and pictures of our games can be found on the OLMC athletics page on Facebook.

Senior Pictures:

This year we will be partnering with F. Paul Galeone Photographers to provide our senior portraits. Our school has had a long history with Galeone, and we are happy that they will be the photographer for our campus. This year we have set aside Thursday, November 3, 2011, as senior portrait day. Seniors will be given the day off, and will be given a time to have their picture taken in our cafeteria. The sitting fee will ensure your child's picture will appear in color in the senior section of the yearbook. Information will be sent home with your senior. The sitting fee will be determined by the number of outfits and backgrounds used. We strongly encourage you to use Galeone, as they will provide the best possible image for the yearbook. If you choose to go elsewhere, you must have a **blue background**. The picture must be the **drape/tux pose**. All outside pictures must be submitted by Friday, January 6, 2012, or they will not be included in the yearbook. They should be submitted in a digital format (high quality resolution jpeg) on CD.

Also, each year we allow parents and families the opportunity to place a Senior Farewell at the end of the yearbook. This allows you the opportunity to congratulate your son or daughter for all their hard work and celebrate their achievement with a lasting reminder. The prices and sizes for these ads are listed below:

1/8 page (business card size)	\$35	1/2 page	\$90
1/4 page	\$60	Full page	\$150

The deadline for Senior Farewells is Monday, January 9, 2012. In the past 5 years, we have sold out of the space allocated for farewells; so, do not wait until the last minute. Please contact Ms. Elfring or Dr. Bunn with any questions.

Autism Walk:

For the fifth year in a row, OLMC students will participate in Walk Now for Autism. This year's event will be held at M&T Bank Stadium on Saturday, October 29 at 10AM. Team Kevin's Cougars (named after Mrs. Drinks' son Kevin, who has autism) raised \$3000 last year. Since the rate of autism continues to skyrocket to epidemic proportions--a shocking 1 in 110 children is diagnosed with autism-- we decided to set our goal at \$3,500. We ask the OLMC community to help find a cause and cure to this neurological disability by joining us on October 29 or making a donation to our team. Students who participate will be given service hours.

Donations may be made online at www.walknowforautism.org/baltimore/kevinscougars and find the "Kevin's Cougars" page from there. If you would like to send in or mail a check to OLMC, please make the check payable to "Autism Speaks." We are grateful for all your support

November Bull Roast:

One of the great fund filled events of the fall is our annual Bull Roast and Silent Auction. This event is co-sponsored by the school and the Athletic Association. This year's event is scheduled for November 12 and tickets are \$ 35.00 per person. Some of the items at the auction are very exciting, the food at the event is the best, and the company could not be better! Plan to join us. See the flyer attached for further details.

Quarter Auction:

This year we continue to add on and maintain our technology at school. Funding is often limited but we strive to provide the best equipment and resources for our students. Our Quarter Auction is an activity that supplements our technology budget. It is a great deal of fun too! Please join us for this event on October 21, 2011. (flyer at end of newsletter)

Middle School Dance:

Friday October 21st, in the Lower School Cafeteria will be the first MS Dance. Only OLMC students are to attend. The cost is \$5/student and must be paid in advance. The permission form is attached to the end of this newsletter. Please fill out and return no later than Thursday October 20th. Parents that would be interested in assisting at the event should make note of it on the permission form. (form at the end of newsletter)

Web Site:

Our website can be found at <http://www.olmcmd.org>. We continue to work on making our website a valuable and useful tool. Any commendations or suggestions should be forwarded to [Mr. Ashby](#).

High School Admissions:

The Admissions season is upon us and I hope that you encourage any students looking for a wonderful educational opportunity to consider Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. We are now one school with programs for children from Pre-School through grade twelve. In addition, we have a Day Care Program which provides care for children from six weeks through four years. Please call the Admissions Office at 410- 238-1163.

The Open House for the high school program is scheduled for October 25 from 6 – 9pm.. All students and parents from sixth through eighth grade are invited to this important information session.

Help Our School:

This year we once again ask that you all help our school by registering for programs like Giant A+ and Target Shopping Club. These programs give money or merchandise to our school based on the amount of money spent in their stores. If anyone is aware of other programs that could benefit our school please let the office know. All opportunities to raise funds for our school are opportunities not to be missed. (fliers at end of newsletter)

Finally:

Each and every day I know that we are blessed at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Our students are making an impact academically, athletically, musically, artistically and more. I come to work ready to meet the challenges of the day and each day I see the many great gifts God has put before us. I encourage all of you to get involved and to be a part of the OLMC Community! The rewards you receive greatly outweigh the efforts you put forth.

I hope to see you at all the upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Ashby
Principal

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School



QUARTER AUCTION



To Benefit -The Technology Program

Date: Friday, October 21, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. (doors open @ 5:30 to purchase food)

Cost: \$3.00 per paddle – 2 for \$5.00

Place: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School Cafeteria
1706 Old Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD 21221

***** Food, drinks and snacks available for purchase *****

To reserve a table for you and your friends please contact:

Colleen Reed – email: creed@olmcmd.org or school office 410-686-1023

Don't know what a quarter auction is? Let me explain...

- You will need quarters (lots of quarters.....please.....this is for a good cause).
- You will buy a bidding paddle for \$3 ea. or 2 for \$5.00
- Vendors' items are shown for auction and the number of quarters needed to bid on the item is announced.
- Once you put the appropriate number of quarters in the bucket (at your table), you are permitted to hold up your paddle. If you have more than one paddle, you submit the appropriate number of quarters for **each** paddle. So, if you have two paddles and you want more chances to win an item with a one quarter bid, you would put two quarters into the bucket and hold up both paddles. A two quarter bid 4 quarters or \$1 and hold up two paddles.
- Then they draw a number and if the number called matches your paddle, you win the item.

Vendors include:

Thirty-One Gifts
Pampered Chef
Soy Candles
Coffees & Teas
Ceramics by Dawn
Tastefully Simple
Longaberger Baskets



And more





Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 7, 2011 through March 29, 2012 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Upper School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Giant A+ School Rewards Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.giantfood.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

You may also send in a photo copy of your Giant Card and we will enter it for you.

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Giant using your GIANT CARD earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Giant website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.giantfood.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support. Please be sure to register your card to benefit Mt. Carmel using ID #01477

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same.

It could mean the world to our children.



HELP US HELP OUR SCHOOL.

Did you know there's an easy way to help us raise money for our school — for books, band uniforms, reading programs and anything else that can use extra funding? It's called Take Charge of Education[®], and it's helping our school right now.

Here's how it works: Visit Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school, then use your REDcard whenever you shop. When you use your REDcard[®] (Target Credit Card[®], Target Debit Card[®] or Target[®] Visa[®] Credit Card), Target[®] will donate up to 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice*.

Learn more at Target.com/redcard or stop in a Target store to apply.

Grandparents, alumni, friends and neighbors are all welcome to participate in the program. The more people we involve, the harder the program works for our school. If you're already participating, thank you! Check out our school's progress anytime at Target.com/tcoe.

*Subject to Take Charge of Education[®] program rules. Target[®] donates an amount equal to 1% of Target Credit Card[®], Target Debit Card[®] and Target[®] Visa[®] Credit Card purchases you make at Target and Target.com (Target Debit Card cannot be used at Target.com), and ½% of Target[®] Visa[®] Credit Card purchases you make everywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted, to the eligible K-12 school of your choice. See Target.com/tcoe or call 1-800-316-6142 for details.



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HOW IT WORKS

You can designate your school at Target.com/tcoe. Every time you use your REDcard® (Target Credit Card®, Target Debit Card® or Target® Visa® Credit Card) at Target® or Target.com (Target Debit Card cannot be used at Target.com), Target will donate 1% of your purchases to the eligible K-12 school of your choice*. When you use your Target Visa Credit Card everywhere else Visa credit cards are accepted, your school will receive one-half percent (½%) of your purchases.

Funds can be used for anything your school needs, from reading programs to band uniforms. Target pays out donations directly to the school principal once a year during the month of September.

HOW IT ADDS UP

Your school's progress is detailed online, just like the example below. Visit Target.com/tcoe and enter your school's name and state to see:

- Your school's last payout from the program
- The amount your school has received from Target to date (since 1997)
- Your school's progress toward the next payout, updated daily
- How many people have enrolled in the program and designated your school

Find/Designate a School

ALL SAINTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
HAYWARD, CA 94541
School ID: 3070

Take Charge of Education Donations to This School	
Target's most recent donation (March 2007)	494.00
Total of all of Target's donations through March 2007	5,734.97
Amount accumulated so far toward Target's next donation*	319.52

Data is updated on a daily basis.

Check your school's progress often.

If you have a REDcard and want this school to receive money from your purchases, click "Designate this school!"

Help Your School Raise More

Get fundraising tips, flyers and clip art for promoting Take Charge of Education at your school.

[> Download Now](#)



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Get your REDcard® and start helping your favorite school.

[Designate this school](#)

HOW YOU CAN DO MORE

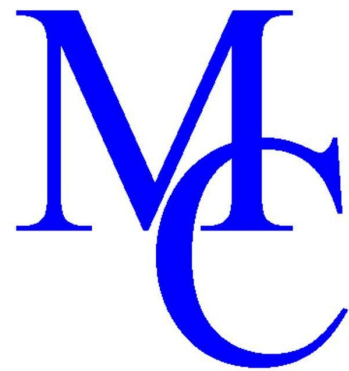
As more people join the program and designate your school, there's no limit to the funds your school can receive. Here are some tips for increasing your next donation:

- Use the online fundraising tools at Target.com/tcoe to promote the program at events, in the media and on your school's website.
- Copy the flyer on the opposite side of this sheet and distribute them at school events.
- Don't forget to thank your school community for designating your school and using their REDcards.

Supporting local schools.

Just one way Target gives 5% to communities.

Bull Roast and Silent Auction



Join us for our Annual Bull Roast and Silent Auction!
Tickets are \$35 per person and includes bull roast menu, beer, soda, DJ, dancing,
and fun. Games of Chance, Beer Pong Tournament, extensive Silent Auction
featuring sport memorabilia, and much much more!

You don't want to miss this event!!! **We will sell out!!!!**

Saturday, November 12th, 2011
7:00pm-12:00pm

For more information contact Laura Cummins
410-238-1163

Donations are still needed for the silent auction, so if you or your company could donate an item or make a monetary donation towards the purchase of big ticket items, please contact Katie Fitzpatrick in the Parish Center. Items on our wish list for auction are, Ipod players, sporting event tickets, Ipad, airline tickets, cruise packages, etc.

Ticket Order Form

To purchase tickets, please complete this form and return it to the school office marked "Bull Roast". Make checks payable to OLMC.

Name: _____ Child's Homeroom: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

of tickets at \$35 per person _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

To pay by credit card:

(credit card number)

(exp. date)

Name on card

Signature

Billing Address

Zip Code



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Donations are being accepted for our TIER OF BEER Raffle.

Guests will be able to purchase raffle tickets toward this collection of a variety of beers.

Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated!

(cases & 6 packs welcomed)

Bring your donations to the Parish Center by November 3rd, 2011.

Contact Laura Cummins in the Institutional Advancement Office

With any questions 410-238-1163 or

lcummins521@yahoo.com.