



Our Lady of Perpetual Help School



A Treasure Trove of News

May 2009

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**MAY
CALENDAR**

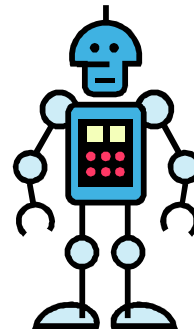
- Friday, May 1**—First Communion Retreat
- Saturday, May 2**—First Communion 11:00
- Wednesday, May 13**
7:00 Band Concert
- May 15-19**—8th Grade Exams
- May 21-25**—Exams for Grades 4-7
- Friday, May 22**— 7:00 8th grade Mass and promotion in church
- May 22-27**—No bus service
- Monday, May 25**—
9:00 PreK and Kdg promotion in gym
- Tuesday, May 26**
Classroom Clean-Up
Day 1:00 Dismissal
- Wednesday, May 27**—
Last Day of School
Mass, Awards Ceremony
11:15 Dismissal
No After-School

New for Next Year!



It's hard to believe that our school year is almost over. May will be a busy month, with First Communion, Band concerts, and promotion ceremonies for our 8th graders, kindergarteners, and PreK students. Our awards ceremony on the last day of school will complete our school year.

We will also be renovating the old school office for our 3-year-old class of Pre-K-Kindergarteners.

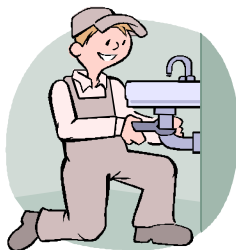


Next year's 7th- and 8th-graders will be able to learn robotics as a special enrichment class. The class will be 9 weeks in duration, and will take place once a week. Students

We know that you have already begun to make your plans for the summer, so we are enclosing a school calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.

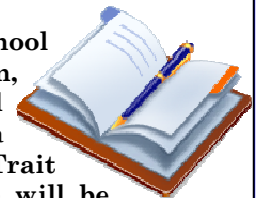
will learn computer programming as well as building robots. At the end of the school year, we will participate with other schools in a robotics fair.

During the summer, our long-awaited restroom renovations will begin. Our plans are to renovate the two boys' restrooms this summer, and the two girls' restrooms next summer. Your support of the school fair and of the Home and



School Association fundraisers have helped us to finance these major improvements for our school.

As part of our School Improvement Plan, our teachers will participate in a workshop on Six-Trait Writing, which we will be implementing throughout grade levels and subject areas. We want our students to learn to be good writers, and to write in every class.



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4th Quarter Exam Schedule

Date	8th Grade	6th-7th Grade	4th-5th Grade
Friday, May 15	Periods 1 and 2	None	None
Monday, May 18	Periods 5 and 6	None	None
Tuesday, May 19	Periods 3 and 4	None	None
Thursday, May 21	None	Periods 2 and 3	Reading & Math
Friday, May 22	None	Periods 1 and 4	English and Science
Monday, May 25	None	Periods 5,6,7	Religion and Social Studies



One of the students' favorite songs to sing at Mass is "Let the Fire Fall." In the song, we sing, "Come, Holy Spirit. Come with your fire." It is especially appropriate to sing it during this Easter season, when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, which this year will take place on Sunday, May 31.

On the day of Pentecost, while the disciples of Jesus were praying in the Upper Room with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Spirit came upon them in power, in the form of flames

Sr. Julie's Corner

Let the Fire Fall!

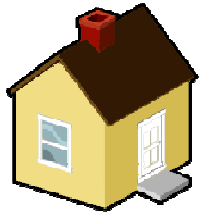
of fire. They heard the sound of a mighty wind, and all were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our students want to experience this power of the Holy Spirit. They need the strength of character that the Holy Spirit gives in order to live as Jesus taught. The Holy Spirit will help them to remember the things that their parents and teachers have taught them, so that when they go out into the



world, they will be able to apply the knowledge that they have learned.

Here at OLPH, we give our students opportunities to serve others as they learn about their faith. Our 8th graders recently went to work several hours at Second Harvesters, helping to sort donations of food for the poor. They learned that we are the hands and feet of Jesus, and He needs us to do His work today. The Holy Spirit, which we have received in baptism, gives us the power to live in the Spirit. Let us go forth in the Spirit of Jesus to love and serve the Lord!



Home and School News

Our last Home and School Association meeting of the year was held on April 23. Because of the proximity to the fair, we were not able to hold election of officers. We encourage any parent who would like to volunteer to be on the Home and School Board to contact the school office. Board members share the responsibility for fundraisers

and other activities that benefit our students and our school. You will receive a notice in the next few weeks about the search for new members. Our present members are more than willing to continue to serve, but some parents are retiring because their children are moving on to high school.



TerraNova Testing

Our students have really worked hard on their standardized tests this school year. Congratulations for all of your effort!

Since the TerraNova standardized tests were given so late during the school year, we will not be receiving the results until sometime in the month of June. For returning students, test results will be mailed to parents during the month of July.

A Big Thank-You!

As of this printing, the final numbers are not in yet, but if "fun-factor" is any indication, our OLPH fair was a roaring success! Thanks to all of you who participated by working in the booths, to our students and their wonderful entertainment. The booth decorating contest was a tie between

PreK and 4th grade.

In particular, we would like to thank our Fair Chairperson, Sharon Lowe, and the members of the Fair Committee: Sharon Styron, Jennifer Rome, Danielle and Ed Magri, Robby Adams, Lisa Herbert, Lily and Tim

O'Brien, Randy Konnerup, Bruce and Kerri Schmidt, and Ryan Hoffman.

If you have any feedback on this year's fair or suggestions for next year's, please e-mail Sharon at olphfair@yahoo.com.

