

# **Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic School**

## **Parent Bulletin**

### **May 5-9, 2008**

#### **School Expansion Update – April 14, 2008**

The expansion effort is progressing nicely. The stem walls are in place and this week the plumbing will be installed. Once this is done, the concrete floor will be poured. Then it is on to the actual construction of the classroom. We recently had a meeting with the contractor. We are comfortable that the classrooms will be ready for occupancy by the time school starts on August 4, 2008.

#### **Financial Issues**

We are waiting for tuition assistance eligibility determinations from FAIR. Families that qualify for tuition assistance will be considered. Families that did not apply or were not determined eligible, will be charged the full tuition of \$3,700 per year, or a monthly cost of \$370.00. Families that applied for assistance and are determined eligible by FAIR will be awarded financial assistance based on the level of need identified.

#### **Eighth Grade Promotion**

Mrs. Felicia Klein, our Faith Coordinator, is organizing the eighth grade promotion for our school. We will have a special ceremony in the honor of the eighth grade students leaving us during the last mass of the year. We will also have other functions for our departing eighth graders. The PTSO is assisting in the event. Please speak with Mrs. Klein if you have any questions. A letter will soon go to parents of our eighth graders outlining planned events.

#### **Summer School**

We currently have 11 students signed up for the Summer School program. Based on these numbers, we will conduct the program. Mr. Brad Dale is in charge of the program, which will focus on sports. Please contact the school office if you have not yet signed up but would like to. The cost of the program is \$250.00. Please direct your questions regarding program content to Mr. Brad.

#### **Last Blast**

The Annual Last Blast for the 2007-2008 School Year will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008. Kristen Rodriguez and the PTSO are organizing the event as it does each year. We will soon come out with more information about the event so we can keep you informed about the specific locations and times. We appreciate your help with this as we move along. Please contact Kristen if you are able to help.

#### **Dress Code for School Year 2008-2009**

The final dress code for school year 2008-2009 will be published soon. There will be very little change regarding clothing items. The main focus will be on accessories and how the uniform will be worn.

#### **Early release at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 9**

We will have an 11:30 a.m. early release on Friday, May 9. The school staff is scheduled for a Jordan Ministries professional development session. This early release is on the school calendar. A reminder that lunch will not be served on this day. If your child will attend After Care on Friday, please make sure that you send in a lunch with him/her.

#### **Final Student Awards Assembly on Thursday, May 15, 2008**

Our final Student Awards Assembly will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008. The assembly start time is 1:45 p.m. on this day. We are expecting a short musical performance by an outside group.

**End of year field trips/classroom activities**

We are quickly coming up on the end of the school year. Classrooms have activities planned. Your child's teacher will notify you of these activities. Please remember that, if your child goes on a field trip, he/she is dressed appropriately for the activity.

**School Year 2008-2009 Update**

The new school year will begin for students on Tuesday, August 5. We will have a final registration period during the period July 28 – August 1. During the final registration period parents will complete forms, receive the school handbook, and updates on new school policies. Since a new school principal will be with us at that time, any time schedules and events in preparation for the new school year will be subject to change. We appreciate your understanding and assistance.