

August 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all well and enjoying your summer. I look forward to the beginning of the school year; it is hard to believe it will be here so soon! Welcome to our new families! At OLV, we are busy with our efforts to improve the science instructional space and improve access control to the building. You will also notice other improvements such as additional laptops available for the classrooms and new mathematics resources in the middle school. These improvements were made possible through your generosity at the gala. Thank you!

Below you will find school opening procedures and important information regarding the beginning of the 2009-10 school year. A revised calendar accompanies this letter.

The Parent/Student Handbook, which contains school policies and procedures, is available online at www.olvschooldc.org. **Please read this document carefully as there have been some revisions.** The parent acknowledgement form is enclosed and due in the School Office by Friday, September 4, 2009.

IMMUNIZATIONS

On Monday, July 20, 2009, the DC Department of Health issued a **new DC Universal Health Certificate. This form is enclosed and is the required student health form for the 2009-2010 school year.** Also enclosed is the **new Archdiocesan Immunization Policy Acknowledgement, to be completed by all students enrolled at Our Lady of Victory.** All students are required to have current immunization records on file in the School Office by **Monday August 24, 2009. If you have any questions, please call the School Office at 202-337-1421.**

ORIENTATION

Orientation will be held **on Friday, August 28, 2009, from 8-9 a.m.** for all **new students** and their parents, and **all students entering Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 6th grade,** along with their parents.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 with 12:00 noon dismissal. Extended Day will be available until 6 p.m. On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, school will again dismiss at 12:00 noon, with Extended Day available until 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, September 3-4, 2009 will be full days of school with dismissal at 3:00 p.m., and Extended Day available until 6 p.m. Nursery students will be dismissed at 11:45 all week.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Please look for the first day of school letter and information that will be sent home with your child on September 1, 2009. **It will contain important forms that will need to be completed and returned the following day.** To get a head start, please find enclosed the **new Family Form, Student Emergency Release Form, and the Directory Form.** Please return these forms to the School Office by **Monday, August 24, 2009.**

MORNING SCHEDULE

Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and students must go **directly** to their homerooms. Students arriving before 8:00 a.m. **must** go to Morning Care located in the modular classroom. The morning bell will be rung at 8:15 a.m. to signal recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance before students depart to the church for assembly. **Students arriving to the classroom at or after the bell will be marked tardy**, and must report to the School Office for a Tardy Slip.

SUMMER WORK

Please remember that all summer work is due the **first day** of school.

EXTENDED DAY CARE

Extended Day care will begin Tuesday, September 1, 2009. Morning care is available daily beginning at 7:30 a.m. Afternoon care is available daily from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Information regarding rates and registration is available at www.olvschooldc.org. **Students attending Extended Day on the first day of school must have the registration form (enclosed) on file in the office before they will be admitted into the program. Therefore, please submit the appropriate paperwork and deposit to the School Office by Monday, August 24, 2009.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, the Home and School Association will host a **Back to School Picnic at the Palisades Park starting at 12:30 p.m.** Lunch will include sandwiches, chips, cookies, and drinks. All are welcome! Students in Extended Day will remain at OLV during the picnic. In the event of inclement weather, the picnic will be canceled.

Thursday, September 17, 2009 – Back to School Night at 7:00 p.m.

From 7-7:30 p.m., there will be in-classroom presentations for grades 1-5. At 7:30 p.m., parents of all students will gather in the Hess Auditorium for a school-wide presentation. In-classroom presentations for grades 1-5 will be repeated from 8:15-8:45 p.m., and for grades 6-8, presentations will be made in the Hess Auditorium beginning at 8:15.

UNIFORMS

All new uniform items **must** be purchased from Flynn & O'Hara www.flynnohara.com. The uniform policy is outlined in the OLV handbook available at www.olvschooldc.org. **Students must wear their P.E. uniforms to school on the days they have gym.** There will be **no P.E.** classes the first week of school.

HOT LUNCH

The information, including menu and registration form, is available at www.olvschooldc.org. The first day of hot lunch will be Thursday, September 3, 2009.

NEW FAMILY – BUDDIES

New families: You will be contacted by an existing OLV family in the next few weeks to answer any questions you may have about the beginning of the school year.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

With Regards,

Sheila Martinez
Principal