



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School WEEKLY INFORMER

THE WEEK OF
AUGUST 26
2018

SCHOOL EVENTS

ATHLETIC EVENTS

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See upcoming events on the Sports Calendar Practices are in white Games are in gold
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Swim Meets Sunday, September 16th 9am San Fernando Regional Pool Sunday, October 7th, 9am San Fernando Regional Pool Sunday, October 21, 9am San Fernando Regional Pool Sunday, November 4th, 9am San Fernando Regional Pool

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7:15pm - 8:15pm Swim Team Porter Valley Country Club

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7:15pm - 8:15pm Swim Team Porter Valley Country Club

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LOOKING AHEAD

- ▶ **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3** — NO SCHOOL for Labor Day
- ▶ **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6** — Back to School Night
- ▶ **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** — PTO General Meeting
- ▶ **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18** — Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ▶ **BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 22** — Spirit Week
- ▶ **BEGINNING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26** — OLL Festival

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from Mr. Brough**
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A WORD FROM MR. BROUGH

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Hopefully you and yours had a thoroughly enjoyable first week of school. It is a joy to see our teachers, aides, and office staff back in action. Thank you for entrusting us with your student(s)! They have been a delight. These short days have been filled with great stories of summer vacations, assemblies, and very busy car lines. Trust me, car line will get better day-by-day! Thanks for your patience.

Next week our students will begin their elective classes - art, music, and PE. I cannot wait for our students to meet Mr. Macalintal and Ms. Sin-Clare. Based upon parent feedback in the Spring we have suspended our Spanish program and are evaluating its intended outcomes.

If you have a child in middle school or want to relive those days, I have a recommendation for you. Perhaps you've heard of the movie *Eighth Grade*. It has been in theaters for a number of weeks in a somewhat limited release. The film really seems to have captured the zeitgeist of adolescents. The movie focuses on Kayla, an eighth grader, during the waning days of the school year. I found the movie to be alternately hysterical and heart breaking. The movie is not unlike other coming of age movies — except for its naturalistic portrayal of device usage and social media. It is graphic and realistic, the movie is rated R for language and some sexual content.

Here are a few reviews/commentaries on the film:

<https://www.rollingstone.com/movies/movie-reviews/eighth-grade-review-tender-take-on-teen-angst-is-flat-out-triumph-696153/>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/arts-culture/2018/07/16/review-eighth-grade-reminder-year-you-would-rather-forget>

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/movie-reviews/eighth-grade>

<https://www.vox.com/summer-movies/2018/7/18/17574516/eighth-grade-r-rating-mpaa-teen-movies>

Our friends at Common Sense Media suggest the following discussion points:

- ▶ Families can talk about whether *Eighth Grade* feels realistic. Why or why not? What makes Kayla and her struggles relatable? Is she courageous? If so, how? Do you consider her a role model?
- ▶ How are social media and screen time depicted in the movie? How is Kayla affected by all the time she spends online? Parents: Talk to your teens about boundaries and limits to screen/social media use.
- ▶ Has your family ever tried a “device-free dinner”? If so, how did it go? If not, would you consider it?
- ▶ How would you describe the relationship between the teen characters and their parents? Are these relationships realistic or exaggerated for humor? How does the movie promote communication between teens and parents?
- ▶ Do you think strong language is or should be enough of a reason to restrict teens from seeing a movie about characters their age? Teens: How prevalent is swearing in your life? Does strong language make a movie more or less relatable to you?

I hope you will give the film some consideration. Perhaps, it will inspire greater understanding of and maybe even more direct communication with your middle schooler.

God bless,
Mr. Brough



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ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON TUESDAY FOR FRIDAY PUBLICATION
Please send submissions to weeklyinformer@ollnr.org

USED UNIFORM SALE

THERE WILL BE A USED UNIFORM SALE FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, IN THE MORAN CENTER FROM 2:30 - 4:00. PLEASE NOTE: MASS UNIFORM WILL BE REQUIRED ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN NEED OF PANTS, SKORT, OR JUMPER THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEM AT A VERY REASONABLE PRICE!!

HANDBALL UPDATE

Replacement of our existing handball walls has begun! The project is expected to be completed within the week.

Our Lady of Lourdes
presents a
Back to School

MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY
SEPT 7 2018

* **SCREENING AT** *
Our Lady of Lourdes
18437 Superior St.
Northridge CA 91325

* 7:00
* until
* 10:00

Feature Film
The Greatest Showman
Rated PG 10+
Movie starts at 8:00 pm
Bring chairs & snacks!

The poster features a clapperboard, a bucket of popcorn, and the text 'MOVIE NIGHT' in large, stylized letters. The event details are presented in a ticket-like format on the right side.



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Dear OLL Families.

Children's Liturgy of the WORD is planning for the 2018-19 year. The team invites adults and youth (ages 10-14) to join our team. Children's Liturgy is held every Sunday at the 9:00AM Mass from September through May. The children are dismissed from Mass prior to the readings and homily and process to Stroup Hall. They return to Mass following the Creed and Prayers of the Faithful.

The youth volunteers are invited to proclaim the first reading from scripture during our Children's Liturgy time.

The adults will read the Gospel and then lead the children in sharing the Sunday readings at their level of understanding.

THE TEAM ALSO NEEDS AN ADULT OR A COUPLE WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO CO-CHAIR THIS MINISTRY ON A ROTATING SCHEDULE.

Guidance is provided for adults and youth.

Participation in this program will fulfill the parent parish ministry requirement making the family eligible for the "Parish Scholarship."

Please contact Mary Roehrick childlit@ollnr.org or 818 701-0807 for more information

STAR News

What's STAR?



STAR Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with learning data. Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust to each answer your child provides. This helps teachers get the best data to help your child in the shortest amount of testing time.

Which assessment will my child take?



For the first assessment of the school year:

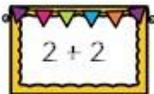
- TK-1st grade will take the Early Literacy Assessment
- 2nd-3rd grade will take the Early Literacy, Reading, and Math Assessments
- 4th-8th grade will take the Reading and Math Assessments



How can I help my child prepare for the STAR Assessments?



The best way to help your child with Star Assessments is to help them understand why they are taking the test: So their teacher knows exactly how to help them learn! For anxious children, it may be important to tell them that they cannot fail a Star test—as long as they do their best, the data generated from the test will help their teacher teach them more great things!



4 Testing Windows for the 2018-2019 School Year:

Aug. 28th-30th / Nov 6th-8th (6th grade 13th-15th) /
Feb. 5th -7th / May 22nd-24th

