

Cougar Express



October Highlights

- ... 2: 8th Grade Parent Mass, followed by breakfast (8 am Mass, Church)
- ... 2: Eucharistic Adoration, 9 am, Church
- ... 4: Memorial of St. Francis
- ... 5-9: National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week
- ... 9: Middle School Dance, 3:30—6:30, Gym
- ... 14: 1st Quarter Ends
- ... 16: Half Day, Noon Dismissal, No after-school care
- ... 17: Octoberfest Festival
- ... 19-23: Red Ribbon Week
- ... 21: 8th Grade Retreat, Basilica of San Juan
- ... 22: Report Cards Distributed
- ... 23: Half Day, Noon Dismissal, No after-school care
- ... 23: Parent-Teacher Conferences, 1:30—5:30 pm
- ... 27: Mom's Vs. OLSS Volleyball Team, 7 pm, Gym
- ... 30: Jr. High Sports Night, 3:30—6:00 pm, Gym

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From the Principal's Desk

Dear OLSS Community,

Greetings to all of you. I pray that all is well in your homes.

I want to remind you of our upcoming fall festival, Octoberfest 2009. This is a joint church and school project staffed by school parent volunteers with parishioners and parish organizations lending their assistance as well. I urge to make every effort to participate, volunteer and come and have some with fun with your family and the entire parish community. All proceeds from the event will come to our school and will be used to purchase new computers, document cameras and digital projectors for all of our classrooms. We want to continue to be a leader in Catholic education in the Rio Grande Valley, but we cannot do it without your commitment of time, talent and treasure. Help us to continue to provide not only an excellent academic education to our students, but to also provide them with a strong foundation in our Catholic faith. Remember, the reason for the existence of our school is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Again I ask you to clear your calendars for October 17, 2009 and come help us in our work to lead our children to God. Nothing else could be more important than this.

In Christ,
Fred Valle

I can do all things through Christ who is my strength. Philippians 4:13

From the Accounting Office

Raffle tickets are due by October 15, 2009 in order to avoid a late charge of \$15.00.

OLSS Website

Please visit our official school website at <http://www.olsschool.org>. You will find important announcements, this newsletter, the lunch schedule, teacher pages (to look up class work & homework) and much more.

Report Cards / Grades Online

Report Cards will be given to students on Thursday, October 22. Please review your child's academic progress and then sign & return the envelope to their homeroom teacher. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of Friday, October 23. You may also access your children's grades online at <https://www.edline.net/Index.page>.

Project Wisdom

October's Project Wisdom Theme is ***I Respect You - I Respect Me***. The daily affirmations throughout the month will address respecting individual differences, respecting adults and classmates, and respecting oneself. I encourage you to discuss and promote the Project Wisdom theme at home as a family.

October 4th – October 10th is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Week. OLSS will be participating by providing pertinent information on bullying and prevention tips during morning assembly. Discussion questions and extension activities will be provided to the classroom teachers to further engage the students.

Included in this month's newsletter is the October edition of *Home & School Connection*. You'll find some helpful tips for promoting homework success and activities to foster the understanding of feelings.

Faith, Family, and Friends presentations are up and running. I'll be visiting each religion class once a month to provide a guidance activity from the curriculum.

Individual and group counseling sessions continue to be available to any student in need of services. Please visit my website for a description of the services available. If you have any questions/concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you!

May God bless you!
Ms. Lucie M. Garcia, M.Ed.
Guidance Counselor

Campbell's Labels, Box Tops & Cell Phones

We will continue to accept Campbell's Labels and Box Tops for Education this school year. You may send them in a baggy or envelope with your child at any time.

We will also continue to collect empty Inkjet print cartridges and used cell phones (any brand); we continue to reap benefits from these items. However, **we will no longer accept used Laserjet Toner cartridges**; those may be taken to the McAllen recycling center.

Octoberfest 2009

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School will be having a Parish/School Octoberfest 2009 Festival on October 17, 2009. The Festival will be an all day event from 11am to 9pm. Octoberfest 2009 promises to be a fun family event with lots of food, games, and entertainment. All proceeds from this event will benefit Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School will also be having their annual Fall Raffle during Octoberfest 2009. Tickets are \$5.00 each and will be sold after masses at OLS, church office and school office. The following prizes are to be raffled:

- ... 1st Prize: 2010 Mazda 3
- ... 2nd Prize: Philips 42" 1080p 60Hz LCD HDTV & Philips home theater audio system
- ... 3rd Prize: Outdoor Bar-B-Que Package (includes a convertible picnic table, Grill, and 32" Metal Fire Pit)

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy Octoberfest 2009. There will be games, food, BINGO, silent and live auctions and many more activities to participate in.

In the spirit of cooperation for the continued success of our school, we hope that everyone will come out and join us October 17, 2009.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Dear Parents,

**How would you like to see your child's name
in lights?**

Well now you can!

**For \$10, you can have your child's name
on the school marquee for their birthday!**

**Just fill out the attached Birthday Order
Form with your child's name and birthday
and turn it in to their homeroom teacher.**

More order forms are available at the office.

**Thank you,
Student Council**



Birthday Order Form

**Have your name on the school marquee
on your special day!**



Children's Names

Birthdays
