

**SOAR WITH THE SPIRIT!**  
**Our Lady of Victory Catholic School - Weekly Update –October 13, 2009**

**Notes from Mrs. DeMetrick:** The library will be the drop off point for donations for Centre County PAWS. Please check out the list of items needed under the media center section of the OLVCS web site. The students are very enthusiastic about this new endeavor for the library. Please consider sending in donations for a very worthy cause.

**Library volunteers** are asked to refer to the schedule that was sent to you via e-mail from the library volunteer coordinator. A lot of effort was put into the schedule. Please copy the schedule and make note on your personal calendar of the days that you are scheduled. The library cannot run smoothly without its volunteers. I appreciate everything that you all do to help the library run efficiently.

**Colder weather is on the way!** – Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing to enjoy recess. Add an extra hat or a pair of gloves in their coat pockets or back pack. Don't forget, shorts season ends on October 29.

**Joseph Alessandro Performance Award** - Mr. Jack Eggert and Julia Glover would like to thank Mr. Max Peoples for his donation to the Joseph Alessandro Performance Award. Mr. Peoples has donated \$1000.00 to the music scholarship fund that was created in honor of Joseph Alessandro. His kindness will allow us to offer four awards to deserving young instrumentalists beginning at the end of this school year. Many thanks to Mr. Peoples! If you would like to contribute to the Joseph Alessandro Performance Award, please send your contribution c/o Julia Glover, 315 Holly Ridge Drive State College, PA 16801.

**School Reach** – Automated Phone System – We are very excited about a new communication service that we will be utilizing. School Reach is an automated phone system that will call your land lines and cell phones to deliver emergency information. Recently, we made a “test” phone call. In approximately 30 minutes, over 800 phone calls were made. This will be a very effective and efficient way to deliver emergency information, school closings and delays.

**OLVCS Athletic Council** is announcing the opening of two (2) council seats. The council member seats are held for a three (3) year term. The Athletic Council at OLVCS provides advice and recommendations to the OLVCS Principal and OLV Pastor regarding sports matters dealing with the schools' PIAA and APL teams. The Athletic Council works to develop general athletic policies and guidelines for the sports teams, while also providing specific support and season coordination for each sport. If you are interested in sports and want to help ensure the future success of the sports program at OLVCS, this is an excellent opportunity to get involved. If you are interested in joining the Athletic Council, please contact John Straub via email [jstraub@pfginc.com](mailto:jstraub@pfginc.com) or phone 404-1690.

**OLVCS to celebrate Red Ribbon Week** – During the week of October 19 – 23, our students will participate in activities to highlight Red Ribbon Week and make a pledge to stay “drug-free”. More detailed information will be sent home when all plans have been finalized. Some of the highlights will be Red Accessory Day, Red Hat or Scarf Day, Write in Red Day, and our favorite, Back Pack Races. Please encourage your children to participate fully to bring awareness to the importance of staying healthy.

**OLV Day** – Our feast day to honor our patroness, Our Lady of Victory, was a great success. We successfully completed our service projects and the weather cooperated to allow us to enjoy the beautiful sunshine for our walks and one mile fun run. It takes many individuals to create this day. A complete list of those to thank would certainly be difficult to create.

**OLVCS Walk-a-thon** – We are very pleased to announce that as of last week, we collected over \$27,000 for the school through our walk-a-thon. We had 83% participation. It is not too late to submit your contribution. Remember that the success of this fundraiser determines how much additional fundraising is scheduled for the remainder of the year.

**Parent Teacher Conferences** – Conferences are scheduled for Middle School (grades 6 – 8) for Thursday, October 29 AND Friday, October 30. Middle School students will not attend school on Thursday and Friday. Elementary conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 30 only. Elementary students will not attend school on Friday. Elementary conferences have been scheduled and you should have received information from your child's teacher last week. We are in the process of scheduling the Middle School conferences. A conference request form was sent home last week with each Middle School student and an email was sent asking for your day and time preference. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

**Protecting God's Children** – If you missed the training session offered at OLVCS last week, you still have a chance to attend at St. John's, Bellefonte. A session is scheduled for October 19. Please visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register. Remember – to be eligible to volunteer at OLVCS, you must attend this training session.

**Did you forget your order form on School Picture Day?** Not a problem! Our new school photo company makes it very easy to order on line. When the photo packages are returned to school, students who did not have an order form on photo day, will receive an information sheet with their child's photo and directions for ordering on line. Also, each photo package includes our annual yearbook. No need to order separately!!

**Upcoming events:**

Wednesday, October 14 @ 9:00 am – Prayer Service – There will be no Mass this week due to the absence of our priests at the Diocesan Clergy Conference.

Thursday, October 15 – Soccer – OLVCS vs. Belleville @ 4 pm.

Friday, October 16 – Faculty Professional Development Day – No School