



# Our Lady of Lourdes School Weekly Review/Preview

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**Dates to Remember:**

- Fri., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Innisbrook Wrap  
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- Mon., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> –  
Book Fair – see hours next page
- Tues., Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – Blessing of the Animals  
8:15 am  
Parent Board meeting 8:30 am  
Pheasant Festival Chair meeting  
7 pm  
Volleyball game 3:30 here
- Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Parent  
Conferences – 12 pm dismissal each  
day – extended in session all week  
Carnitas tickets due  
Pick up Cookie Dough – 3 to 5 pm
- Thurs. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> - Mass 9 am
- Fri. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Day – Jeans for a Buck  
Pheasant Raffle tickets go home
- Sat. Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – Carnitas Dinner 4 to 8 pm  
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**Upcoming Dates:**

- Wed. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> – School Pictures – all in  
uniform
- Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Living Rosary 9 am – no  
Mass
- Friday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Staff Diocesan Inservice –  
no school PK through 8<sup>th</sup>
- Mon. Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> to  
Shady Creek-  
Innisbrook due  
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*Intentional instruction and consistent parent example teach children to be "generous and tireless in forgiving one another for offenses, quarrels, injustices, and neglect. That is what love looks like!*

*Speaking of Love, that brings us to St. Francis of Assisi, Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, religious founder. In his splendid "Canticle of the Sun," St. Francis addressed God's creatures as sisters and brothers. Francis is now considered the patron saint of ecologists. St. Francis refused to give in to the materialism of his upbringing. One of the customs associated with St. Francis's Day is the blessing of animals, pets in particular. We will have our own*

*blessing of animals on Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> right at 8:15. We will have a short prayer service and then Fr. Arbel will bless the animals. This will be outside weather permitting. Students may bring their real pets, or students without real pets can bring a favorite stuffed animal to be blessed. Parents are requested to take the animals' home immediately after the blessing.*

*Let us pray that we are truly able to teach our children how to love one another.*

*Yours in Christ,*

*Barbara Genera*  
Barbara Genera

Dear Parents,

*Attached to this newsletter is the first of several articles by Dr. (Sister) Patrick McCormack, which will be included monthly in your newsletter. This article talks about Love or the Spirituality of Communion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says succinctly: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule." Disinterested service means doing the loving thing without thought of reward, notice, or payback. The role of parents in the moral education and spiritual formation of children is so crucial to the well-being of both child and society, explained Vatican Council II, "that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute".*

*For children to grow capable of love and skilled in love's practices, they need parent guidance.*

## 1. Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences are this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please be on time for your conference. If you forgot your day or time of conference, give the school office a call.

## 2. Virtus "Touching Safety" Lessons

The teachers in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be teaching the Diocesan implemented program during the month of October. The lessons this year are on *Boundaries* and *Telling Someone You Trust*. Opt out forms are available in the school office for parents not wanting their children to participate. You may go to the Diocesan website [www.diocese-sacramento.org](http://www.diocese-sacramento.org) or to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for more information.

## 3. Book Fair

Our book fair will be in Fr. Doner Room throughout the entire week. The book fair will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 3:15 to 5:00 pm, on Wednesday and Thursday from 12:15 to 5 pm, and on Friday from 12:15 to 4 pm.

### Parent Book Fair Supervisor

We need a parent to volunteer their time to help set up and supervise the Book Fair. Parent fundraising hours can be used for this. The parent would need to be available Thursday afternoon or evening the week prior to the book fair and each day of the book fair for about one hour total to set up and close down. They would also need to close down the book fair on Friday evening by putting everything away and having the books ready for pick up. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Croghan. Older students work the book fair so the parent does not have to be on site during the entire time the fair is open.

## 4. Carnitas Tickets

Carnitas tickets are due this Wed., Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. If you do not intend to use the tickets, please return them to the office before they get lost. You are responsible for all tickets.

Please see the attached sign up sheet. Hopefully chairs have already contacted those on the list. If you have not been called by Thursday, please give the school a call.

## 5. Innisbrook Fundraiser

Innisbrook fundraiser packets are being sent home today, September 30<sup>th</sup> in the oldest child's white envelope. As you may remember, Innisbrook orders are entered slightly different than our other fundraisers. Please pass your catalogs around and collect orders on the enclosed order forms as usual. Money is due at the time orders are placed and checks made out to Our Lady of Lourdes. At the end of your sales, please go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) to enter orders online. To do this select the "EZ Enter Orders Here" icon. You will then be prompted to enter our school code: 102451. You will then be able to enter each item and quantity directly to their online system. At the end you will be given an order summary and total dollar amount due. Please print this out and return it and the money to the office. Deadline to do this and return to school is Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to enter the orders in online, simply return your order form and money to the office and we will do it for you. If you need any help or have questions you can contact Mrs. McCullough by email [nmac2@frontiernet.net](mailto:nmac2@frontiernet.net) or cell phone at 707-344-0059.

## 6. Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough - Pick Up - Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>

The frozen cookie dough delivery is scheduled for Wed. Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> inside St. Bernadette's Hall. Pick up times will be 3 to 5 pm. We will try to accommodate parents as best we can with the minimum day schedule. Please be prepared to pick up and deliver or store the products in a freezer. The school cannot store your products, please plan to pick up or arrange a pick up for your cookie dough.

Our cookie dough sale was extremely successful; over \$20,000 in cookie dough was sold. Incentive prizes should be available on Wed. as well.

Any issues with cookie dough products must be reported immediately to the school office – within 24 hours. If you have signed up to assist with the unloading of cookie dough you should have received a phone call giving you the details. Please call Kim Stocks with any questions. 439-2831 or 632- 6095

## 7. Items Needed by Parent Club

The Parent Club Board needs some items to help with their activities.

**Movie Night:** Needed are baby food jars to use for a craft. Baby food jars can be brought by the school or given directly to Kim Stocks or Rocio Meraz.

**Craft Fair:** Needed for the Craft Fair are Christmas themed tissue paper, wrapping paper, and ribbon. Sphere colored ornaments are also needed. The students will be making advent calendars for the Craft Fair and these items will be useful. Bring the items by the school or give them directly to Norma Ahumada.

## 8. Raider Tickets

The Raiders have a special deal when group tickets are purchased; they give back a portion to a non profit. We have a parishioner who is working on this for our school. Raider tickets are available for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> (10 or more tickets available), Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> (any number available), and Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> (10 or more available). The tickets are \$55.00 each and are in zone 132-139 and 232-239. If you are interested give the school a call and we will put you in contact with the person selling the tickets. Tickets must be paid for at the time of order.

## Box Tops/Campbell Soup Labels

Don't forget to continue to save you General Mills Box Tops and soup labels. Bring them to the school office. We get cash for the Box Tops and equipment with the labels.

## Preview

### *Mrs. Hodges-PS/PK:*

Wow! I can't believe that September is over. We've had a great month and everyone is completely into our routine. Next week we will begin our unit on following oral directions. Our letter for the week is "Gg", and we will slowly begin decorating for Halloween.

### *Mrs. Croghan-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:*

Math Tests will be Tuesday for both grades. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Parent Conferences next week. Also, I can't wait for the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR next week!!! Yea for books!!! Religion Study Guide for Chapter 2, We Believe in the Holy Trinity

went home Tuesday, September 20th. The test will be October 6th. If you need another copy, I can either email it to you or send another one home with your child.

### *Mrs. Walsh-3<sup>rd</sup>:*

I am looking forward to conferences next week. I will be keeping corrected work to review at our parent/teacher meeting. Please don't forget that we have 12 pm dismissals on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There will be a book report assignment that is due on Friday, October 7th. Information will be sent home on Monday.

### *Ms. Arias-4<sup>th</sup>:*

I look forward to our scheduled Parent Teacher Conferences next week. Fourth grade students are encouraged to attend their conference. We will begin Unit 4 in vocabulary next week. Please refer to the schedule in your child's binder if needed. In years past we have had parent(s) order items from the Oriental Trading Company magazine for our class. If anyone is interested in continuing this, please let me know. I have the magazine in my classroom. We will begin reviewing the Prayer of St. Francis in October.

### *Mrs. Vann-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:*

Shady Creek apparel order forms are in the students' white envelopes. Please return by Friday, October 7th. There will be a short quiz on Tuesday, October 4th on the lessons we have covered in Unit 1-Nouns. The Hail Holy Queen prayer test is Wednesday, October 5th. This will be a "fill in the blank" format. We will take a quiz on the chapter 15 Science words Thursday, October 6th. The words for Friday's vocabulary definitions test are: (5th) bluff, cautious, despise, obstacle, vivid; (6th) diversity, gloat, motivate, vocation, wither.

## Recognition/Review

### *Mrs. Hodges-PS/PK:*

Congratulations to my Pre-K students! Everyone is working very hard at writing their own names. Practice at home is encouraged, but remember only the first letter of our name is a capital letter, the rest are lower case!

***Mrs. Croghan-1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:***

First and Second grades did a great job on their first English Test of the year! Laura Anderson, J.C. Duran, Georgia Guinn, Frances Peterson, and Renee Wrynski earned 100% and earning 90% or higher were Jessica Deniz, Michael Harris, Abby Maciel, Naomi Silva, Asa Smith, Carleigh Castillo, Alison Leos and Timothy Walsh.

***Mrs. Walsh-3<sup>rd</sup>:***

It felt good to send off the ITBS testing materials! Our art judge finally came in to look at our river watercolors as well as the ocean drawings. Abigail's watercolor of a river was chosen as the first place winner; while Hope's ocean drawing was selected as the first place winner in that category. Nice job!

***Ms. Arias-4<sup>th</sup>:***

Congratulations to Christian Reyna for earning his AR goal! Perfect scores on the Unit 3 spelling test were earned by: Nekiya Bryant, Mia Critchfield, Scott Davis, Kirstin Draves, Charles Dunn, Mary Pat Peterson, Jaycee Schumacher-Ash, and Ruby Testerman. A's were earned by Ashley Hickel, Priscila Morales and Christian Reyna. The highest grade on the science test was earned by Christian Reyna 96%. Also earning A's were: Mia Critchfield, Charles Dunn, Grace Meek, and Ruby Testerman. Perfect scores on our first grammar quiz go to: Mia Critchfield, Christian Reyna, and Ruby Testerman. 90% and above: Liliana Davis, Kirstin Draves, Charles Dunn, and Mary Pat Peterson. Great job class on preparing for mass this week! Students have been actively reviewing the readings in class, listening to Father Arbel's Student Mass Homiles, and returning to class ready to discuss and write multi-paragraph reflections. We have quite a collection from the beginning of the school year! Way to go class on spreading the Good News of our Lord!

***Mrs. Vann-5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>:***

Thank you for the prompt response regarding Parent Teacher Conferences! I look forward to meeting with everyone next week. Please remember that both parent(s) and child should attend the conference. Congratulations to Gracie Myers for reaching her AR points goal this trimester!



# Parent Partnership Handbook

*A Parent Guide for Leading Children in the Ways of Love*

## Spirituality of Communion

DR. PATRICIA M. MCCORMACK, IHM

**R**eal love goes far beyond words. Love requires action and sincerity (1 John 3:18). Children need parents to teach them how to transfer this abstract word “love” into practical, observable examples.

In other words: What does love look like, how do children learn love, and how do parents teach love?

This newsletter, one of a six-part series, presents **Spirituality of Communion** as a formula for love. Other newsletters spotlight as expressions of love the Ten Commandments, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Pope John Paul II urged us to promote a *spirituality of communion* as the guiding principle of education and family life. Consider the following twelve practices as guideposts for crafting love in your home.

**Find Christ in one another.** People who hurt are caught up in a cycle of anger, defensiveness, and distrust. Finding Jesus in negative behavior is difficult. If you cannot see Christ, bring Christ! Imitate Jesus by initiating conversation, being respectful, inviting people to join in an activity, forgiving, and sharing.

**Think of others as extensions of myself.** Give others the benefit of the doubt. Provide second chances. Grow in sensitivity. Others have sensitive feelings, fear, and worries too. They want to belong, to be acknowledged, to have their opinions respected.

**Do for others what I would want for myself.** Do you value privacy, respectful use of property, inclusion, forgiveness? Provide those same benefits to others.

**Honor the joys and sorrows of another.** Be aware of both the accomplishments and the disappointments of others. Use encouraging words to acknowledge their efforts. Express support at times of sorrow. Offer to help.

**Be sensitive to the “core” needs of others.** Develop a sensitivity to “read” the emotional needs of others. Are they in need of attention, personal power, respect, or know-how? Pay attention to body language. Give attention, invite them to join, ask advice, or seek their opinion. Give space when needed. Provide companionship.

**Relate in genuine friendship.** Express interest in topics of importance to the other person. Care more about giving than receiving, listening rather than talk-

ing, understanding rather than being understood. Keep confidences and promises. Be loyal.

**See the positive in others. Welcome it and cherish it as a gift from God.** Look for positive attributes like easy temperament, quick wit, creative thinking, organizational skills, readiness to forgive, willingness to contribute ideas, etc. Comment on positive, attractive traits. Complete the following kinds of thoughts about others in the family: “I respect... I enjoy... I admire...”

**Affirm the efforts and potential of others.** Though we cannot always guarantee results, we can guarantee our effort. That attitude contributes to positive self-esteem. Potential evolves with encouragement from significant others. Express interest and admiration for the efforts of another person.

**View others as gifts.** If we think of a person as an inconvenience, burden, or responsibility, we convey a sense of duty or a cold, detached “charity.” This attitude hurts. Think instead of the positive quality that the person stirs within you, like patience or generosity.

**Make room for others; be inclusive and inviting.** Be conscious of others. Invite them to sit with you at lunch. Add a chair to your group, make space, and introduce them to your friends.

**Practice tolerance and mutual respect.** Be gentle with people who are unlike you. Give people who are different or even oppositional the same greeting and attitude that you give to your friends.

**Resist the selfish temptations that provoke competition, distrust, and jealousy.** The “me, myself, and I” attitude seems to come naturally. Don’t let it block the spirit of community and relationship-building.

### Mentoring a Spirituality of Communion

Twelve goals. Twelve months in a year. Why not lead the family to focus on one goal a month? Advertise the monthly goal via a sign on the table, refrigerator, bathroom mirror, or on top of a TV. Be creative in ways to spotlight the practice. ▲



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Saturday Oct. 8 ~~15~~, 2011 4-8PM

Chair/s: Juan & Carmelita Silva

\*\*Chairs must remind parents in advance of their

shift SET-UP (Time TBA)

1. Josefina Deniz Phone # 458-5812
2. Leticia Castillo Phone # 336-760-4074

Cooking/Meal Preparation (Time TBA)

1. Conce Maciel Phone # 218-5810
2. Jacy Miguel Alvarez Phone # 458-3663
3. Daniel Sanchez Phone # 619-0153/329-2438
4. Estela Ramirez Phone # 458-5529
5. Raul Granados Phone # 530-501-3205
6. Manuel Medina Phone # 458-8098

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Serving/Runners (Time TBA)

1. Radene Cross Phone # 458-4412
2. Gloria Chalkin Phone # 530-630-1874
3. Estela Ramirez Phone # 458-5529
4. Alejandra Adams Phone # 458 25 38

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Tickets and Ticket Table (Time TBA)

1. Cristina Mendicuti Phone # 8702202

Clean-Up (Time TBA)

1. Jeremy Skaggs Phone # 473-5479
2. Raul Granados Phone # 530-501-3205
3. Tricia Murray Phone # 473-2984
4. Vernice Ounci Phone # 933-5299

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