



# Our Lady of Lourdes School Parent Newsletter

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## New Family Support Counseling Program!

A family support counselor will be visiting OLL on **Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** to provide the following services:

- Meet with families and provide referrals to local social services.
- Find assistance with a variety of concerns such as medical, legal, housing and mental health issues, health insurance, substance abuse concerns, and caring for elderly parents.

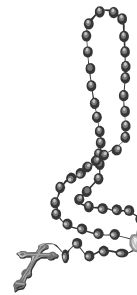
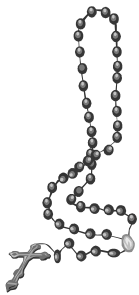
This service is free and confidential. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Janice Rojas-Hurt at 718-904-1333 extension 73 or [jhurt@adaap.org](mailto:jhurt@adaap.org).



- To the parents of Mariah in grade K-1 for donating after-school snacks.
- To the mother of Cheyene in 2nd grade for donating books to our library and grades 1 and 4.
- To Ms. Brito, Pre-K4 assistant teacher and mother of Mia (Grade 5), for assisting in our parent outreach and marketing efforts.

## October is the month of the Holy Rosary

Students will receive their gift of the rosary this month. Students will pray to the rosary daily (grade-appropriate) throughout the month of October in honor of Our Blessed Mother.



## OLL Needs Your Help in Target's Take Charge of Education Program!

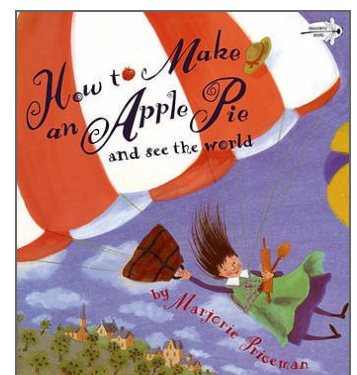
Thanks to generosity of parents, OLL is now a member of Target's Take Charge of Education Program. We need your help to continue increasing Target's Donation to OLL!

Here's how it works:

- When parents, teachers and other school supporters use Target's REDcard (see picture), Target donates 1% of their purchase to the school they designate!
- It all adds up! If every OLL parent spends \$100 in a year at Target, OLL will get a \$337 donation!
- For more information, visit [target.com/tcoe](http://target.com/tcoe) or visit our local Target store located on 117th and Pleasant Avenue!



## October's Book of The Month:



## Recipe Reference: Apple Pie

**\*\*In light of October's Book of the Month, please enjoy this apple pie recipe!**

**Ingredients:** 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie; 1/2 cup unsalted butter; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1/4 cup water; 1/2 cup white sugar; 1/2 cup packed brown sugar; 8 Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and sliced.



**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour to form a paste. Add water, white sugar and brown sugar, and bring to a boil. Reduce temperature and let simmer. Cut apples into small pieces.
2. Place the bottom crust in your pan. Fill with apples, mounded slightly. Cover with a patterned crust (as shown in the picture above). Gently pour the sugar and butter liquid over the crust. Pour slowly so that it does not run off.
3. Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees F Continue baking for 35 to 45 minutes, until apples are soft.

### Classroom News!

- Grades 4-1 and 4-2 are dancing their way into the scholastic year through their participation in Dancing Classrooms—a non-profit organization with a mission to build social awareness, self-esteem and confidence in children through social dance. Students will learn Merengue, Fox Trot, Waltz, and Rumba, just to name a few! After 19 weeks of practice, students will compete against other schools for the winning spot! Let's go OLL! Special thanks to Ms. Muniz and Ms. Saager for participating!
- Lights, camera, action! Students from Grades 5-7 will be participating in OLL's Theater Performance Group through Attic Salt Theater Company—a non-profit organization specializing in art education. Students will learn the facets of creative writing and acting from a trained professional and will write and perform their own play! Look out for these up-and-coming OLL stars!
- Ms. Nemeth's 6th grade class will be visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET) to explore the link between art, history, and literature in their summer reading of *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan as they recreate Percy Jackson's experience at the MET.

***A special thanks to the Partnership for Inner-City Education for their support in helping us continue to offer these programs to our students.***

*We would like to send our support to Ms. Muniz who will be participating in the Alzheimer's Walk on Sunday, October 23! The purpose of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's support, care, and research. To learn more, visit: [www.alz.org/walk](http://www.alz.org/walk)*

### Important Dates in October

- 10.3: Safety Environment Curriculum Pre-K-8; Student of the Month Recognition Ceremony
- 10.7: First quarter reports mailed home; 12:00 p.m. dismissal. (After-school optional)
- 10.10: Columbus Day-School Closed
- 10.11: ITBS testing begins for Grades 1-8
- 10.13: All students bring in one apple for OLL apple pie (See flyer)
- 10.14: Mass at 8:45 a.m. in the Grotto with grades 5 and 2; OLL will bake apple pie to celebrate October's Book of the month
- 10.20: ITBS testing ends
- 10.28: Casual Dress Day
- 10.31: Pre-K to 3rd grade Halloween Parade; grades 4-8 Black and Orange Clothing Day

Enjoy this poem written by Ms. Pablo's 8th grade class in honor of September's book of the month, *Red Sings from the Treetops* by Joyce Sidman

Fall Time

The old earth is changing  
My own world is changing  
The seasons turn round and round  
And flutter to the ground as people  
Walk you hear the crunch of the  
freshly fallen leaves. They are  
the best of all because they twist and  
twirl in the breeze Fall is  
the most colorful season of all

We put them into piles that go  
for miles when nature proves unkind  
that's when you know its fall time.  
Leaves left on the tress crinkle and  
sway.  
One by one they fall and drift away  
Fall is rich and gold with wonders  
Quite untold but they will be seen  
Again one day when fall time  
comes again .

**\*Parent Reminders\***

- Sneakers for PE are to be Black or White. (See P.15 of Parent/Student handbook)
- Breakfast Program: Students may not be dropped off for breakfast until 7:15 a.m. (See P. 9 of Parent/Student handbook).



*Halloween Activities Information will be coming soon!*

