

# Our Lady's School

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## Principal's Desk

### The Reading Connection

Dear Parents,

Developing good reading skills is a foundation for academic achievement. During the school day the children receive the instruction to acquire and practice those skills that will help them become good readers. However, like any other skill, students will become more competent with practice. The time children spend reading outside of school becomes an important part of their development and provides a life-long opportunity for greater knowledge and enjoyment.

Here are some ways to help your children develop a strong reading habit:

- Set aside time to read to your children. For the older students, set aside quiet time for independent reading.
- Surround your children with reading material.
- Develop the library habit.
- For unmotivated readers, try to encourage reading books about topics of interest.
- Work with the teacher to determine what independent reading books would be appropriate for the reading level of your child.
- Ask your child questions about what they are reading and provide genuine praise for their efforts.

Some students develop a love for reading early and others need more encouragement. The time and energy we spend to nurture good reading habits with our children will help them to develop their full potential.

Sincerely  
Mr. Peter Hickey

### Soccer Coaches Needed

In less than a month, we will begin our co-ed soccer season. This is a very popular sport at our school, so we have several students who participate on our JV and Varsity teams. One of our parents has volunteered to take the lead as our soccer coach, and a few other parents have volunteered to assist. However, with the large number of students who play, we are asking for additional volunteers. If you are interested please contact Mr. Hickey at the school (619) 233-8888.

## Annual Science Fair

Congratulations to all of our students for their participation in the school science fair. Thank you to the parents and teachers for providing support and guidance during this six week process leading up to the event. The following students received special recognition for their projects:

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st place: **Celeste Zepeda**; 2nd place: **Marco Nuanez**; 3rd place: **Jayline Jalate** and Honorable Mention: **Viviana Avalos**

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st place: **Andres Palma**; 2nd place: **Alexis Ulloa**; 3rd place: **Manuel Maldonado** and Honorable Mention:

**Andrew Benitez**

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st place: **Juliana Campbell** ; 2nd place: **Paola Centeno**; 3rd place: **Ramon Valdez** and Honorable Mention: **Laura Lopez**

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st place: **Joshua Lugo** ; 2nd place: **Alex Rodriguez**; 3rd place: **Victor Galeana** and Honorable Mention: **Samantha Rodriguez**

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

1st place: **Cristian Duran** ; 2nd place: **Aaron Miranda**; 3rd place: **Gabriela Maldonado** and Honorable Mention: **Angel Ulloa**

## Winter Sports

### Volleyball

Tues., March 1: Our Lady's (No JV) vs. St. Didacus (B) at St. Didacus

### Varsity Basketball

Sat., Feb. 26 vs. St. Didacus @ 1:00 p.m. at Mater Dei H.S.

### JV Basketball

Sat. Feb 26 vs. Nazareth @ 11:00 a.m.

## Last Week for Box Tops

Please turn in all Box Tops this week. The competition between N. Campus and S. Campus for the most Box Tops is very close!!!

## Important Dates:

- **Thurs., Feb. 24: South Campus Awards @ 8:15 a.m.**
- **Fri., Feb. 25: North Campus Awards at 1:30 p.m. OLA Hall**
- **Friday, Feb. 28: Student Council School dance at North Campus 3-5:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, March 4: All-school Mass 11:15 @ OLG Formal Uniforms/ Minimum Day**
- **Sunday, March 6: Educational Sunday @ OLG 9-15 a.m. Grades K and 5**