



## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

October 2007

“IN ALL THINGS THAT GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED”

### **Middle States Visit**

Our Middle States Evaluation is just around the corner. On October 21, 22, 23, 24 representatives from the Commission on Elementary Schools, Middle States, will be making the formal visit to Our Lady of Fatima School. This is a very important time for our school and your help and support is needed to ensure that this visit is a success. **Please plan on being part of the Middle States Opening Prayer on October 21 at 4:00 in Our Lady of Fatima Church.** I would like to see as many families and students as possible in attendance. As a Catholic School, we are choosing to open the visit in prayer and celebration. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to join us on October 21 at 4:00pm for Evening Prayer and Opening Celebration of our Middle States Review.

### **Middle States Goals and Objectives**

**Goal:** To maintain and ensure continued growth in student achievement in mathematics.

**Objective:** By the year 2010, an average of 70% of the students in each grade level will achieve a National Percentile score of 65% or higher.

**Goal:** To enhance communication with staff, parents, alumni, parish, and community.

**Objective:** To increase enrollment by 1% a year over the next five years.

**Goal:** To enhance our buildings and grounds in order to provide an optimal environment for student learning.

**Objective:** Beginning with school year 2007-2008, OLF will implement one project per 12 to 24 month time period over the next five years in order to meet the academic, physical, and social needs of each child.

**Goal:** To ensure the stability of the financial base of maintaining the school and to proactively manage its core funding needs beginning fall 2007.

**Objective:** To determine the appropriate financial model to ensure adequate funding of resources necessary to maintain a high level of quality education.

*The goals and objectives listed above are a direct result of the feedback given to the Strategic Planning Committee during the focus group sessions held last fall. The entire Middle States document is available for review. Please contact the school office if you would like to borrow a copy and read our Middle States Report.*

## Religious Education Update

October 13	90th Anniversary of Final Apparition of Our Lady at Fatima
October 14,15,16	Eucharistic Devotions
October 14	First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. #1 (Spanish) 9:00
October 20	(9th) Confirmation Retreat
October 27	Diocesan Catechetical Congress
October 28	First Reconciliation Parent Mtg. #2 (English) 9:00



### Eucharistic Devotions



Our annual celebration of Eucharistic Devotions begins on Sunday, October 14. Evening Prayer will be celebrated on October 14 and 15 at 7:00. The Celebration of the Eucharist will take place on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:00. Opportunities to visit with the Eucharist will be throughout the day on October 14, 15 and 16. The school children will be attending Mass each day and will be making class visits to spend some quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament.

We sincerely hope that you as parents will set the example and encourage your family to attend at least one evening in prayer with the Eucharist.

### Christmas Bazaar

***The Christmas Bazaar for 2007 is right around the corner!*** Sign-up sheets will be going home shortly. Please return it immediately indicating what time slots and areas you are available to work. Forms are due back by no later than Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our annual Bazaar helps us grow within the community, is a wonderful time to socialize with other parish and school families and it provides affordable holiday shopping! We thank you in advance for your generous donation of time and support. If you have any questions, please call Pat Harris at 325-2196 or Greg Scholl at 456-9573.



Please don't forget the **Snowman Booth** gifts are due by November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We need every child to return a gift so we will be able ensure gifts in the booth for the duration of the bazaar. This booth is funded totally by your donations. For every child to win, we need a gift from every child.

### Parent Access to Power Grade

Effective Monday, October 8, parents and guardians in grades 3-8 only will have access to their child's grades via the internet. A password is required. Due to the sensitivity of passwords, parents/guardians must pick-up their password and instructions directly from the school office. This information will not be sent home with students or any parent representative. This information requires a parent/guardian signature before we will release it. These passwords will be available beginning Wednesday, October 3 in the school office.



Unfortunately, grades K-2 will not be able to access grades via the internet. Grades K-1-2 use Power School which is not available via the web for parents.