

# The Grotto News

June 3, 2011

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School

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## From the Principal

**D**ear Parents,

This is the final Grotto of this school year; I hope it finds you well. This past year has been a very successful year one for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School. We look forward to seeing everyone back next year along with our new families.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support over the past year; we are truly blessed to be a part of such a special place. Enjoy this summer and enjoy one another, until next Fall; God is good all the time....All the time,

God is good,

Mr. Thomas E. Halfaker

## Pray the Rosary

### Yet to Come

- 6/7 **Miami Heat Day! Students can wear Jeans and a Miami Heat jersey with a t-shirt underneath, or a school t-shirt**
- 6/9 **1<sup>st</sup> grade PJ Party**  
**2B Mass at 9:00 a.m.**
- 6/10 **Awards Convocation 9:00 a.m.**  
**Students receiving an award will receive an invitation**  
**End of third trimester**  
**Cafeteria is closed**  
**Report cards go home**  
**Last day of School**
- 6/13 **Teacher Workday**
- 6/14 **Teacher Workday**  
**End of Year Luncheon**  
**Last Day for Teachers**
- 6/15 **Summer Camp begins 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Extended care available until 6:00 p.m.**  
**Summer School begins from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**
- 6/24 **School office closes**
- 7/8 **Summer School ends**
- 7/22 **Summer Camp ends**

## From the Assistant Principal

**D**ear Parents,

It is hard to believe that this is the last edition of our Grotto News for 2011. This has been a wonderful school year with many great accomplishments. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School has been blessed with a network of supportive families, which is the root of our success. I am proud to have been a part of your child's experience here, and I look forward to next school year.

Congratulations to our 2011 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates, as they move on to high school, to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, who will join our middle school, and to our PK4 students who will enter Kindergarten! Please keep them in your prayers, so that they may all have a smooth transition.

I pray that you all have a safe and blessed summer vacation.

God Bless,

Laura G. Sanchez

## General Information

### **Go Heat!**

**O**n Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Miami Heat Day at school. Students can wear jeans and a Miami Heat jersey, Miami Heat t-shirt, or school t-shirt. Students wearing jerseys must wear a t-shirt underneath the. Go Heat!

### **Uniform Store**

**W**e are collecting uniforms for our annual used uniform store. If you want to donate uniforms, please drop them off at the old reception in the mornings when you bring your children to school. Starting on June 13<sup>th</sup> everyone is welcome to come to school, room #115 to get donated uniforms for your children. There is no cost involved.

## *End of the Year Packet*

This year you will receive all the information you will need for the summer and beginning of next school year online. These will be posted on our website. We will send you an e-mail with a link to these documents for easy access. They will be on our website at [www.ololjaguars.org](http://www.ololjaguars.org) (about us, documents). There you will find:

- The list of supplies needed for next year.
- The list of recommended/required reading and summer enrichment.
- First trimester calendar (preliminary draft, dates are subject to change).
- Information about uniforms.
- Drop off and pick-up information.
- Volunteer packet (for new volunteers).
- After School Care Program registration form, policies and procedures handbook and fee schedule.
- Athletic and Performing Arts Programs fee notice.
- Athletic Pre-participation Physical Evaluation and Consent and Release of Liability Certificate form.
- Student absence letter.
- Authorization for medication (required for all prescription and any over the counter medications, ointments, creams, etc.)

## *Medications*

If your child has medications at school, please pick them up by June 10<sup>th</sup>. Any medications not picked up by this date will be discarded. Thank you.

## *Finances*

Please remember to bring accounts up to date. Report cards and transcripts may be withheld for a pending a financial obligation.

## *Student Council*

On behalf of everyone at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish School, we would like to congratulate next year's newly elected Student Council Board members.

### 2011-2012 Student Council Board

**President**-Nicole Recuset

**Vice President**-Bailey Reidy

**Social Secretary**-Jean Pierre Certain

**Corresponding Secretary**-Gabriella Rodriguez

**Treasurer**-Ayda Rajab



We look forward to a very successful and joyful 8th grade year.

Ms. Guilly, Ms. Manley, and Ms. Miniet

## *Pre-School and Elementary*

### *PK3*

I'm glad I was your teacher.  
I've come to love you so.  
I can't believe the end is here.  
I hate to see you go!  
Remember all the fun we had  
In all the things we did.  
But most of all remember  
You're all very special kids!



Thank you for a wonderful year. God bless all of you and have a great summer!  
Ms. Lopez and Ms. Becky

## ***PK4***

**D**ear Parents,

Thank you for a terrific school year! We can't thank you enough for all the support you have given us throughout the school year. We are very proud of our classes and their individual accomplishments. They have each come such a long way since August. Please continue to pray as a family and go to church on Sundays.

We would like to give a special thank you to our homeroom mothers Mrs. Camargo and Mrs. Dominguez! Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez for the very special slide show presentation at Graduation!

Happy summer birthdays to: Nicholas Suarez, Dominic Basilio, Camilo Martinez, Gabriel Palacios, Lucas Lovio Rodriguez, Duly Blanchard, Mia Rivero, Mia Esparza, and Ariana Lopez!!!

Have a wonderful Summer!

Mrs. Laughlin, Mrs. de Atienza, Mrs. Remior and Mrs. Araque

## ***Kindergarten***

**W**e have come to the end of the school year and your children are excited about going to first grade. We thank the Lord for the beautiful and interesting year He gave to all of us! It is now time for your child to fly away from our nest and grow a lot more next year.

They have learned so much academically, socially, and spiritually. A big challenge is waiting for them! We would like to recommend a lot of reading this summer. Take your child to the library to choose books she/he likes so he/she can enjoy the activity. Ask questions about it. Let your child write a short paragraph about the story. They can also have a summer journal and write all experiences happening to them on a daily basis. You can also review math counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's, adding and subtracting. Review value of money and time.

Please remember to thank the Lord for each day He gives you as a gift and to pray the rosary with your child.

Thank you for a wonderful year! Thank you to all our parents for your dedication, patience and support and to our volunteers who have been a great help and a pleasure to be with. A big thank you to Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Cintado who did an extraordinary job!

Happy Birthday to: Adrian Morgade, Samantha Rivera, Carolina Espinosa, Gianfranco Encalada, Carolina Rodriguez, Amanda Rodriguez, Juan Carlos Bird, Christian Ordoñez, Juan Manrique, Mariella Ramirez, Andrea Jinesta, Cassandra Ambut, Robert Romeo.

## ***1<sup>st</sup> Grade***

**H**appy Birthday to: Sarah Arredondo, Juan Jose Cabrera, Nicole Cobiella, Zachary DePass, Isabella Garayzar, Christine Garcia, Armando Lopez, Jonah Quelix, Miguel Ramirez, Eduardo Rodriguez, Henry Rodriguez, Chidiogo Udechukwu, Giselle Brito, Sofia Valega, Ryan Anderson, David Reveron

Congratulations to our Star Students: Lin Muniz, Amanda Lopez, Luke Jones

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is here. Your children have learned so much this year. We have enjoyed teaching them and we will miss them. We know they will do great in Second grade! We would also like to thank our parents and especially our room parents for all the support you have shown us throughout the year. Thank you!

Math: Practice math skills during the summer, especially double digit adding and subtraction with re-grouping.

Reading: Summer reading for second grade is Freckle Juice. Your children should be reading daily in the summer to reinforce comprehension, vocabulary, and fluency.

Mrs. Quintana would like to thank all the parents and students for the very thoughtful and generous birthday gifts.

Have a safe and restful summer!

The 1st grade team

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> Grade***

**H**appy Birthday to our students who will celebrate during the summer: Andres Rodriguez, Annie Lassegue, Noah Coronado, Stephanie Acosta, Sophia Hurtado, Leonce Marceau, Victoria Morera, Amanda Diez, Norma Garcia, Cristobal Rodriguez, Isabella

Solomon, Nicolas Goggi, Carolina Quintana, Sofia Diaz, Raj Khemlani, and Zakk Gilley. May you have a blessed day!

Second grade is almost over... it seems we just had the Parent Orientation! We have witnessed the growth of your children academically, physically, and most importantly spiritually. They are blossoming and maturing. They have received two very special sacraments and have gotten closer to our Lord. What a blessing! Attending Mass is important, we ask that please take your child to Mass on Sundays and visit new churches on trips! God is with you during your vacation!

While the summer can bring a lot of wonderful days in the sun, water, and outdoors, please do not forget the importance of academics during this time. Encourage your child to read a little bit everyday and practice the multiplication table. Another good idea is to have them keep a journal. They can write about a special day, a trip, etc. and illustrate it too. They have come a long way in this area, let's keep it up.

We have been privileged to be your child's teacher. Our hope is for you to have a wonderful and safe summer. We look forward to seeing your child come and visit us next year!

God bless you and your families,

Mrs. Sardiña and Mrs. Soler, Mrs. Arbucias and Mrs. Plummer

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*

**W**e want to thank our FABULOUS room moms Lilly Pavon and Cristina Martinez and volunteers for helping our class during the chocolate party. The students had a FABULOUS time during our FAMOUS 3rd grade CHOCOLATE PARTY! YUMMY! We also want to thank Lilly Pavon and Cristina Martinez for all they have done for our third graders throughout this year!

Thank you for sending all the DELICIOUS chocolate desserts and Florida receipts in this week!

Recommendations for the a summer:

Read your summer reading book, read a chapter book everyday for at least 30 minutes and continue to practice your multiplications.

Congratulations to our Star Students: Franchesca Escobar Andrea Duran and Carlos Diez

Have a wonderful and safe summer vacation!

God bless,  
Third Grade Team



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

**I**t's hard to believe that the school year is over! We've learned, laughed, and played together. We've had an awesome year!

Congratulations to our students of the week:

4A- Grace Romeu and Neil Salgado

4B- Justin De Leon, Katelyn Cespedes, Pedro Torres, Adamaris Lopez and Ryan Jackson

Mrs. Acosta, Ms. Duyos and Mrs. Del Campo would like to thank all of the fourth grade parents for their love and continued support this school year. We have been especially blessed with our room mothers. Thanks for all your hard work.

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!

God bless,  
Mrs. Acosta, Mrs. Del Campo, and Ms. Duyos

## *Middle School News*

### *6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts*

**A**s the 2010-2011 school year comes to an end, I want to take a moment to thank all of my students and their families for an amazing year. I have seen all of my students grow academically and personally and I'm very proud of each and every one of them. I wish you all the best of luck in seventh grade. Have a safe and fun filled summer!

Please remember to work on your summer enrichment packets, which will be available within the next few

weeks. The school office will be providing more information with regards to these packets.

Once again, thank you for all the support, cooperation, and kindness demonstrated from each of my students and their families throughout this year. All my love and best wishes.

Mrs. Melissa Rodriguez

### ***7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts***

Dear Parents and Students,

The students are finishing their trimester exams this week. They have worked very hard, and we should be extremely proud of their effort. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a safe and happy summer. Thank you once again for the continuous support provided throughout the year.

Thank you and God bless.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Rivero

### ***Middle School Social Studies***

It's the end of the year and everyone is excited to go on vacation. All of the exams are over and the students will be taking home their personal supplies and workbooks. All textbooks should be turned in to avoid a replacement charge.

Please make sure to keep reading during the break and to work on your summer work packet. We want to keep your minds sharp so that your 7th grade year will be successful.

Thank you to all of the parents and especially to Mrs. Ana Acle-Menendez for all your support and dedication to the 6th grade class. We had a great year thanks to all of your efforts.

Have a restful and fun vacation. Stay safe and remember to come to church on Sundays.

Blessings,  
Olga M. Miniet

## **Special Areas**

### ***Technology***

It has been a pleasure to have been able to teach your children in the technology lab this year. They were always so enthusiastic and learned a great deal. Over the summer, students should be making sure to follow Internet safety guidelines when surfing the web. They especially need to review the four "Rs."

**RECOGNIZE** techniques used by online predators to deceive. **REFUSE** requests for personal information. **RESPOND** assertively if you are ever in an uncomfortable situation online. Exit the program, log off or turn off the computer, and tell a trusted adult.

**REPORT** to a trusted adult any suspicious or dangerous contact that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Here are some tips for you with regards to your child's use of the computer:

- **Always keep your child's computer in an open area. Never allow a computer with Internet access in your child's bedroom.**
- **Communicate. There is no better tool to bridge the Digital Divide.**
- **Become a part of your child's online experience.**
- **Respect your child's privacy.**
- **Regularly review the computer's files.**
- **Teach your child the responsible use of online resources.**
- **Talk to your child about online dangers. Let them know you are there to help them get out of a bad situation.**
- **Educate yourself on the ins and outs of the Internet.**
- **Talk to other parents about your experiences. It will help everyone.**
- **Let your child know responsible adults do not pursue relationships with minors.**

Have a wonderful summer, and as always....

God bless you!  
Yvette Nieves

## *Library*

I cannot believe the year has gone so quickly. Your children have really grown physically, spiritually and academically. They have read a lot of books from various genres and I hope I have, in part, helped the students grow in their love of reading. The AR program was a great success and many points were earned throughout the year, with Mrs. Arbucias' class winning with 125.8 points for the year collectively. They will be having an ice cream party next week. All of the classes did well and hopefully will be inspired to continue reading throughout the summer. Thank you to all the families that have donated books to the library. I am still looking for more materials so ask your friends and neighbors if they are going to be cleaning out their home libraries. Please make sure the books are age appropriate. Movies are also acceptable if they are rated G. Thank you for all of your support through the year and I look forward to seeing the children next year.

God Bless you and all you hold dear, today and everyday.  
Victoria R. Truitt

## *Music*

All classes have been wrapping up their respective units this week. Have a safe and happy summer vacation and I look forward to a wonderful music experience next year!  
Mrs. Loretto R. Ewen

## *Religion*

Congratulations! Your children are finished with their trimester exams. They have worked hard and done a great job. I am proud of them. I also, would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, restful, and safe summer.

For the students coming into seventh grade next year, during the summer, they should be preparing for their Confirmation by doing two things: they should ponder about the saint's name they are going to choose and decide who will be their sponsor.

Many blessings!  
Mrs. Barbeite

## *Spanish*

I hope you all have a great summer vacation and don't forget to practice your Spanish.  
Melissa Alonso

It's been a wonderful year! Thank you for all your love and support. HABLEN ESPANOL EN EL VERANO. Have a safe summer.  
Ms. Mila

## *P. E. and After School Sports*

It is truly hard to believe that this is the last time this school year that we are writing to you! We've had an extremely successful year both in PE class and in our afterschool competitive sports program. We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded, for the fifth consecutive year, the All Catholic Conference **All Sports Award** for the Most Outstanding Sports Program in the Archdiocese of Miami. Way to go Jaguars!

If your child plans to try out for any sport during the 2011-2012 school year, please make sure to have a physical done this summer in order to avoid stress/disappointment when tryout time comes around in the fall. Cross country and basketball tryouts usually take place during the second week back to school. Students may not try out without a fully completed medical form, stamped on the back by your doctor's office. The white medical form in question can be found on the school website.

For those who have signed up for Summer Basketball Camp, we very much look forward to seeing you at the beginning of August. We guarantee two fun-filled weeks of camp! We provide water, Gatorade, and a daily snack to all campers (free of charge).

Thank you so much for your support and assistance throughout the school year. It has been our distinct privilege to teach/coach your daughters and sons. Please make sure that your children stay active during the summer! We wish all of you a wonderful summer. Enjoy your children!

Until August,

**GO JAGUARS!**

Ms. Kunkel, Ms. Catanach and Mr. Suarez

**Christian Awards 5/20,  
5/27 and 6/3**

**Ms. Lopez and Ms. Becky**

Alexa Duran  
Juan Pablo Espinosa  
Paola Jinesta  
Monica Sicilia  
Orlando Puente  
Michael Porraspita  
Jacob Montoro  
Javier Rodriguez  
Isabella Romeu

**Ms. Laughlin and Ms. Gabby**

Gabriel Palacios  
Luciana Picasso  
Hailee Quelix  
Matthew Viña  
Nicholas Suarez

**Ms. De Atienza and Ms. Remior**

Jennifer Negrin  
Nicole Sardiña  
Nicholas Garcia  
Megan Dominguez  
Kevin Rodriguez  
Frank Sanchez

**Ms. Rodriguez and Ms. Ramirez**

Gabriel Fernandez  
Ashley Pazos  
Isabella Sganga  
Claudia Alessandrini  
Gabriel Fernandez  
Luis Gabuardi

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Andres Martinez  
Angelina Kinney  
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Sophia Braceras  
Juan Carlos Bird  
Gizela Kohan  
Nicole Vieira  
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**Ms. Menendez and Ms. Mendoza**

Robert Castro  
Chidiogo Udechukwu  
Lexander Garcia  
Matthew Valdes  
Ryan Anderson  
Lauren Dominguez  
Narah Salgado  
Giselle Brito  
Luke Jones

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Rachel Fernandez  
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Jonah Quelix  
Miguel Ramirez  
Gabriela Gonzalez  
Brian Izquierdo  
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Ryan Rodriguez  
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Daniela Arguello  
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Sebastian Goggi  
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Nikki Woodby  
Sophia Gehman  
Justin De Leon  
Brian Gonzalez  
Oscar Sicilia  
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Francesca Bagala  
Samantha Gonzalez

*This is the last Grotto News of 2010-2011*

*Have safe and fun filled summer.*

*We look forward to seeing you in 2011-2012!*

*Enjoy...*

*God bless you.*

