



# Our Lady of Lourdes School Parent Newsletter

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**Student of the Month**  
**November**

**PreK-3**  
Florenca Schumake  
Julia Lerouge

**PreK-4**  
Dylan Cruet-Ghosh  
Sky Rawlison

**K-1**  
James Sanchez  
Gianca Gomez

**K-2**  
Sophia Folks  
Ethan Serrano

**Grade 1**  
Saige Barret  
Michael Mateo

**Grade 2**  
Steven Dang  
Samantha Mendez

## NOTABLE AND NEWSWORTHY!



- December is the month in which we observe the Season of Advent! November 30th commemorates the start of the four week period for the preparation of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas day, for the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and finally to his Second Coming at the end of time.
- OLL had much success once again during our annual Thanksgiving Food drive in November. Our generous students from all grades donated 1,138 assorted food items for needy, hungry families in the New York City area. City Harvest collected the boxes of food that Ms. Pablo and the Student Council prepped and packaged during the 2-week drive. Thank you for all your help and to everyone who donated food!
- On Sunday, November 16th, OLL students 7th graders Karlene Garcia and Joley Torres spoke to the parish at Blessed Sacrament Church about the Inner-City Scholarship Fund which supports 61 Catholic schools, including OLL, in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. Karlene and Joley spoke about the importance of ICSF and how, for the past 42 years, it has sought to change one life at a time through education, by investing in the future of hundreds of thousands of inner-city Catholic school students. Thank you Karlene and Jolie for your amazing speeches and to the ICSF for all your support.

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**November**

**Grade 3**  
Alisha Harris  
Michael Guan

**Grade 4**  
Anelisse Mendez  
Satnam Chaudhary

**Grade 5**  
Jaylene Galva  
Rico Pan-toja

**Grade 6**  
Johanna Guan  
Darwin Mendoza

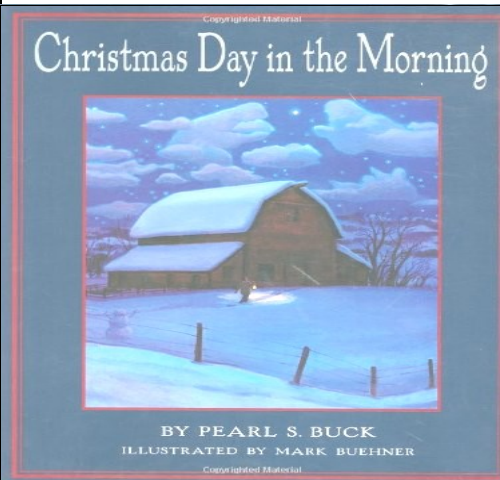
**Grade 7**  
Mia Brito  
Alejandro Lopez

**Grade 8**  
Diomarys Pichardo  
Dilson Rodriguez

### **December's Book of The Month: Christmas Day in the Morning**

**By Pearl Buck**

Rob wants to get his father something special for Christmas this year -- something that shows how much he really loves him. But it's Christmas Eve, and he doesn't have much money to spend. What could he possibly get? Suddenly, Rob thinks of the best gift of all...



### **5th Grade Trip to the American Museum of Natural History**

Grade 5 went on a fun-filled educational field trip in November to the American Museum of Natural History. In Social Studies class students were learning about Mayan, Aztec, and Incan Culture and Civilization as well as the culture of the Native Americans of the Southwest and the Southeast. Their visit allowed for the knowledge to come full circle as the students were exposed to artifacts and scenarios straight from these ancient civilizations. Many of the pictures of statues and artifacts came to life as the actual relics were on display at the museum. Such an amazing day for all!

Grade 5 would like to thank Ms. Lucas (Cheyenne's mom), Ms. Fernandez (Alejandro & Emilio's mom), Ms. Bernard (Nigel's mom) and Ms. Martinez (Darlenis' mom) for taking the time out of their busy day to help chaperone the trip.



- To the family of Parker Young (PreK-3) for donating paper to the Main Office. To the family of Christopher Harris (grade 3) for donating box tops.
- To our wonderful alumnae Peggy Pena, Class of '10, Isabel Cespedes, Class of '10, and Idalexia Dilone, Class of '11, for participating in OLL's Alumni Telethon and spreading the love of OLL.

**In The Kitchen - Christmas Recipe!**  
Remember that in the kitchen safety comes first.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 confectioner's sugar
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

**Christmas Tree Cookies**



Directions

1. Mix confectioners' sugar, butter or margarine, egg, vanilla, and almond extract. Stir in flour, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours.
2. Heat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Divide dough into halves. On lightly floured cloth-covered board, roll each half out to 3/16 inch thick. on lightly floured cloth-covered board. Cut into Christmas shapes.
3. Bake on parchment lined baking sheets for 7 to 8 minutes. Let cool on wire racks and decorate as desired.

**Classroom Corner!**

- Exciting news from Second Grade: In our science unit we are learning about animal habitats. Students modeled an animal habitat and explained how this habitat helps an animal to survive( for example what the animals eat). Students used construction paper, model magic or clayto bring their animal habitat to life. The 2nd grade dioramas are on display on the third floor for all to see their hard work.
- The After-school program made special trip the American Girl Store in NYC on Nov. 13th. Our lucky 16 students had a 90 minute tour of the store where representatives presented specific historical periods for each doll while showing the kids different doll exhibits, and giving them goodie bags containing books. Thank you to our chaperones Ms. Wyatt, Ms. Angeles, and Ms. Gloven for being supervising this memorable experience.

**IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER**

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| 11/30 | First Sunday of Advent  |
| 12/05 | 12:00 Dismissal—Optional Afterschool  |
| 12/8  | Feast of the Immaculate Conception<br>School Mass 8:45 am   |
| 12/19 | 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Mailed Home  |
| 12/19 | 12:00 Dismissal— <b>No Afterschool today</b>  |
| 12/22 | OLL Christmas Concert 9:00 am (Parents of PreK-3, K-1, and Grades 1,3,5,7); PM Picture with Santa Grades PreK—3 |
| 12/23 | OLL Christmas Concert 9:00 am (Parents of PreK-4, K-2, and Grades 2,4,6,8)                                      |
| 12/23 | <b>12:00 Dismissal— No Afterschool today</b>  |



**12/24 — 01/04/14 Christmas Break!**  
**01/5/15 CLASSES RESUME**

**Wishing you a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season!!**

**Christmas Blessings**

May all my family members and friends who need a miracle be blessed.

May whoever is feeling unwell and weak be given strength.

May all of those who have heavy burdens have their load lightened.

May your Christmas be filled with happiness, peace and joy.

