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Dear Families of OLOF,

I am not sure where the time is going! This past Monday we celebrated our 100th Day of School! As always, the last few months of school are hectic and extremely busy. We continue to plan and finalize many up-coming events such as the Fish Fry, Two-Hundred Club and more. We appreciate your time, energies, and talents as we move forward on this school year.

Conferences/Clerical Day change for Friday, February 16th. Friday, February 16th will be changed to a half day of school with conferences scheduled for the afternoon hours. Conferences are on an "as needed" request by parent or teacher. Please see the enclosed form to reply if you wish to schedule a conference with your child's teacher or any teacher your child has for a subject. If the box is checked by a teacher (or group of teachers), please check the timeline in which you can meet. A confirmation will be sent home to you on the exact time of your conference. Please respond quickly as we are a little behind in getting this information communicated. Thank you. I encourage you to visit OptionC to view your child's progress to date so you can decide if a conference is needed and/or to prepare questions/concerns for your conference.

Registration: Please remember to send in your registration information as soon as possible. We will only build a budget with parents who have officially sent in required forms and the \$50 registration fee. Waiting too long risks losing federal monies for books and/or personnel.

Penny War: Each February local schools partner with the Adoption Connection to raise monies for their cause of assisting parents with adoption. We have asked the students to bring in loose change for the classroom collection jar. The class who raises the most money will be treated to a pizza party. I am challenging both Fatima and Peter & Paul to a "Dress Down" Day for the school who brings in the most money!

An email was sent last week informing you to begin the **application process for financial aid**. The two kinds of aid that the diocese provides are the Bishop's Fund (Catholic families only) and the Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship (EITC). The link for the application can be found via the diocesan website at <https://diopitt.org/affordable>. Please do not hesitate to meet the March 15th deadline as the monies get dispensed quickly. You must provide all required documents that includes a copy of your 2017 Income Tax Return and proof of address (Utility Bill). **Please make sure that the person(s) responsible for tuition begins the process for financial aid as soon as possible. DO NOT WAIT!**

Winter Wonderland Fundraiser: Congratulations to the Massengill family for their winning lotter ticket # 832. The Massengill's won \$1,000 in Giant Eagle gift cards and an Apple iPad. The PTG profited approximately \$2500. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket and congratulations to the Massengills.

Fish Fry: Please see the enclosed flyer for detailed information about the Fish Fry. We are sending home a brown paper bag for a more convenient way to send in your donations. These donations will greatly defray our costs. Thank you for your support and cooperation in purchasing our requests. Continue to look for emails to sign up to volunteer and to make continued donations (as we need them).

Basketball play-offs: My favorite time of the year is March Madness! Currently our Boys Varsity is tied with Saints Peter & Paul for 1st place. I like winning but just this once I would not mind sharing the section title! We will keep you up-dated.

Blessings,

Cindy Baldrige