



Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekly School News

*From the desk of
Principal Chris Uptmor*

The OLOL Dinner-Auction is April 1, and each year this fun event helps raise money to keep tuition affordable for our families.

We also have a “fund-an-item” each year, and we hope to upgrade our security system this year.

We want to ensure our children are in a safe, secure learning environment and that our property is properly monitored.

We hope you can join us April 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. See today’s bulletin for ticket details.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 17, end of the third quarter**
- **March 17, Fish Fry, 4:30 p.m., school gym**
- **March 23 and 24, kindergarten screenings, call school at 877-4408 for an appointment**



GO LANCERS!
The OLOL cheering section was in full force at the 8th-grade state championship game in February.

Sports part of OLOL playbook

When it comes to athletics at Our Lady of Lourdes, the students, staff and parents always go the extra mile.

School Principal Chris Uptmor believes athletics are part of the well-rounded education offered at OLOL, and it takes everyone pulling in the same direction to field teams in cross country, basketball, volleyball and track and field.

In cross country and track and field, OLOL partners with St. Patrick and Holy Family schools.

“Getting involved helps build character and friendships for a long time,” Mr. Uptmor said. “Playing sports at this age helps them with the fundamentals for high school careers

and beyond.”

Just this year, the 7th-grade boys basketball team was third in state and the 8th-grade was runner-up.

Beyond scores, Mr. Uptmor said the younger students definitely look up to the older kids as role models, and they have proven themselves time and again as ambassadors in school and on the court.

“We have been lucky at Our Lady of Lourdes to have very competitive teams with our student-athletes,” Mr. Uptmor said.

“They may not always know it, but the little ones emulate them, and many look forward to continuing that tradition that we have here.”

Athletics director Bryan Kenney said volunteers

make it all possible, from coaches to the concession stand.

“They’re vital. We couldn’t do this without volunteers” Mr. Kenney said. “They need to have the ability to be there, have the time and general knowledge of the sport and a willingness to help.”

Sarah Gillespey has been a volunteer girls basketball, and both of her children have been active athletes.

“I offered my limited experience and just kept going,” she said with a grin. “There was a need and I wanted to help.

“It keeps the kids motivated for school. It teaches hard work, setting goals and realizing goals, which follows into all parts of life.”