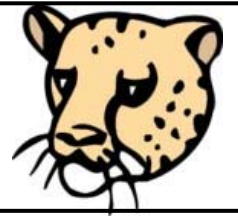


Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School  
**Middle School Buzz**



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Dear Parents,

My name is Erin McBride, and I am absolutely thrilled to become a member of the OLACS faculty and staff. I am even more excited to have the opportunity to spend the year with your wonderful children! I am actually an OLACS alumnus, class of 1997.

For my first two years of college, I attended Auburn University. In 2006, I graduated from Kennesaw State University with a Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education. I am also working towards a Master's degree in Exercise and Health Science at Kennesaw State University, and I expect to graduate in December 2011. I am currently certified to teach all subjects in grades four through eight as well as health and physical education for kindergarten through grade twelve.

I have been teaching middle school math for the past four years. I taught eighth grade math for three years and seventh grade math for one year. I am very familiar with the math content, and I always have a great time teaching middle school mathematics.

It is wonderful to finally be back in the classroom of my alma mater, and I am looking forward to a great year with this group of students. Please do not hesitate to contact me. My door is always open to you and your child. I am looking forward to meeting you and to having a most successful year.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Erin McBride

## UPCOMING

Friday, October 8

- **NO SCHOOL**  
(Teacher Workday)

Monday, October 11

- **NO SCHOOL**  
(Teacher Workday)

Tuesday, October 12

- School Picture Make-Up Day
- H&S Board Mtg. (1:30 pm)  
Scout Room

Thursday, October 14

- Book Fair Opens

Monday, October 18

- Talent Show auditions (3:15 pm)  
Music Room

Wednesday, October 20

- **FIRST QUARTER ENDS**

Thursday, October 21

- **NOON DISMISSAL**
- Conferences Begin

Friday, October 22

- **NO SCHOOL**
- Conferences Continue

## Buzz Briefs...

### NEW BOOKS

See page two for a list and description of new middle school books in the Media Center.

### CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

**Conference times were sent home today with the students.** Please email your child(ren)'s homeroom teacher(s) to confirm your attendance.

### STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Again this year, the Middle School will be hosting carnival type booths at the Family Fun Run. Student volunteers will be needed to staff the booths; volunteer sign ups will begin next week. Please encourage your child to participate in this opportunity. **NEEDED:** Baby food jars for the sand art booth.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fall Book Fair will run Thursday, October 14, through Thursday, October 21. Volunteers are needed for the Book Fair from 8:00 am to 3:15 pm each day. If you would like to volunteer, email Katie Cordell (kcordell@olaschool.org) the specific dates and times that you are available.

## Retreat "Sneak Peek"



**"You spy. I draw."**

## New Media Center Books (10/1/2010)



- ***As Simple as it Seems* by Sarah Week.** Eleven-year-old Verbena Polter gets through a difficult summer of turbulent emotions and the revelation of a disturbing family secret with an odd new friend who believes she is the ghost of a girl who drowned many years before.
- ***Sabotaged* by Margaret Peterson Haddix.** Book Three of the *Missing* series. Thirteen-year-old Jonah, stolen from the past as an infant, teams up with his sister Katherine to help Virginia Dare, the first child born in America to English parents.
- ***Wolven* by Di Toft.** Twelve-year-old Nat, with help from family, friends, and his "pet" Woody, a wolf that turns into a boy, must face werewolves that have been altered as part of a dastardly plan.
- ***Jerk California* by Jonathan Friesen.** Plagued by Tourette's syndrome and a stepfather who despises him, Sam meets an old man in his small Minnesota town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.
- ***The Short Second Life of Bree Tanner* by Stephenie Meyer.** Bree, a newborn vampire and part of the army preparing to close in on Bella Swan and the Cullens, does not recall much about her life as a human, but knows enough to realize she is a pawn in a dangerous game that could end in her death — for the last time.