

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School
Middle School Buzz



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ITBS/CogAT Testing

ITBS and CogAT standardized testing will take place each day during the weeks of March 15 and March 22. There are two major considerations during these two testing weeks:

- Please do not make appointments for your child during school hours.
- Please make every effort to arrive on time each day. Students must be seated in the classroom by 7:50 am each day.

Look for information and a sample test booklet in today's Thursday folder.

Buzz Briefs...

CONFERENCE REQUESTS —

Parent-Teacher conference days are Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26. Requests for conferences should be made through Middle School Coordinator Lisa Cordell: lcordell@olaschool.org.

PICNIC TABLE — An 8-foot picnic table has been ordered so that 8th grade students may eat lunch there in the spring. This purchase was sponsored by Student Council.

SEVENTH GRADE RETREAT — The 7th grade retreat will be at Rock Eagle April 22-23. A parent meeting will be held in late March/early April. Watch the *Buzz* for more information.

ICE CREAM SALES — Ice cream continues to be available each Friday at lunch. Please support the ice cream sales, as all funds raised pay for the middle school retreats.

ORATORICAL CONTEST — Students will begin working on the oratorical contest essays soon. This year's topic: If I Were President. The contest is sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America. Classroom contests will begin upon returning from spring break, and the winners will advance to the school-wide competition April 20.

Out of Uniform Day to benefit

Chilean Earthquake Victims

Thursday, March 25
\$1.00 minimum donation

Donations should be given to the home-room teacher beginning Monday, March 5. All money raised will go to Catholic Relief Services to be sent to Chile.

New Media Center Books

Witch & Wizard by James Patterson and Gabrielle Charbonnet — A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped and either thrown in prison or turned up missing after accusations of witchcraft were made against them. The ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life and liberty, music, and books.

Clone codes by Patricia C. McKissack, Fredrick L. McKissack, and John McKissack — On the run from a bounty hunter who arrested her mother for being part of a secret society devoted to freeing clones, thirteen-year-old Leanna learns amazing truths about herself and her family as she is forced to consider the value of freedom and what it really means to be human in 2170 America.

**Look for a new, expanded
Middle School selection at
the Book Fair!**

Upcoming

Friday, 3/5 — SVdP Food Drive Ends

Monday, 3/8 — Hearty Meals Bags Distributed

Tuesday, 3/9 — Hearty Meals Bags Due
Spring Play Info Meeting (3:00-4:00 pm) Music Room

Friday, 3/12 — Spring Book Fair Begins

Monday, 3/15 — ITBS/CogAT Testing Begins
Reconciliation (1:15 pm) 3-8

Tuesday, 3/16 — Play Auditions (3:15 pm) Music Rm.

Thursday, 3/18 — **THIRD QUARTER ENDS**

Friday, 3/19 — Book Fair Ends

Monday, 3/22 — CogAT Testing Continues
6th Grade Field Trip

Tuesday, 3/23 — 7th Grade Field Trip

Wednesday, 3/24 — **Mass PK-8 (9 am) Living Stations**

Thursday, 3/25 & Friday, 3/26
NOON DISMISSAL Parent-Teacher Conferences (by Request)

SVdP Food Drive ENDS TOMORROW

Please contribute according to your child's grade. For the full listing, see the *Good News* newsletter.

8th Grade — Pancake Mix and Syrup

7th Grade — Mac-and-Cheese

6th Grade — Side dishes, boxed potatoes, etc...