



# OMPH School Scene

## Welcome Back, OMPH Students and Staff!

Sunshine and smiles filled the morning as the faculty and staff welcomed the children of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. James Parishes back to school on Monday, August 27. Excited to see their classmates after the summer break, the sounds of chatter and laughter filled the playground and hallways. Both new and familiar faces greeted our students when they arrived. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Patricia Foltz as our new principal. We are also very happy to welcome Mrs. Theresa Sheckler as our new fifth grade teacher.

Our school-wide theme for this year is *God's Love for Us ... Know It, Grow It, Show It!* During the first trimester the children will explore knowing and learning about God's love for us. How we grow God's love through prayer and showing compassion will be explored during the second trimester. In the third trimester the children will show God's love to others through service to others.

During the school year, our school families and parishioners are welcome to join us for our weekly school Mass and other seasonal liturgical celebrations. At our opening school liturgy, Father John held a special blessing of the faculty as they began a new year of ministering to God's children. On September 7th, Father will bless the children asking Our Lord to watch over and care for them throughout this new year of learning. At each school liturgy, the children will pray for our parishioners and the benefactors of our school. We ask that you also pray for us, that OMPH School will be a place of learning where our love for Jesus continues to grow!



## A New Face in Fifth Grade

Welcome to Mrs. Theresa Sheckler, our new fifth grade teacher at Our Mother of Perpetual Help School! Mrs. Sheckler holds a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education/Special Education from Mount St. Mary's University and a Master's Degree with a Reading Specialist certificate from Towson State University. Mrs. Sheckler previously taught fourth and fifth grade in Maryland's Harper County Public Schools where she also worked with first and second graders. Along with her family, she recently moved to Lititz. Her interests include reading, scrap-booking and spending time with her husband and son. Mrs. Sheckler shares that she is looking forward to working at OMPH where she has found the staff to be very welcoming and is excited to be part of the OMPH family. We are happy to have Mrs. Sheckler join our faculty at OMPH.



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