



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

October 15, 2020

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Oct. 16 No School
~Teacher Inservice
Day

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Our Lady of Grace Pumpkin Decorating Contest

- Make it a Family Affair: you may work with a sibling, parent, grandparent, or even with a fellow classmate.
- You may use any materials...just **no carving**
- This is very important!!!! The student must carry the pumpkin into school by themselves, so chose a pumpkin that is smaller.
- Entry must be accompanied by an index card with name of student(s) and grade.
- When you arrive to school, take your pumpkin to your classroom...you will be called later to the display area outside the main office.
- Pumpkins are due Friday, October 30th and will go home the following Friday, November 6th.
- There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners along with honorable mentions of course.
- And, above all, have fun!

Religious Education

A New Letter from the Pope

Recently I was asked by the *National Catholic Education Association* to speak at their virtual leadership meeting on the topic of Pope Francis' third Encyclical (Letter) to the Church called *Fratelli Tutti*. This is a recently new document, signed on October 3 at the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi, and is a marvelous statement calling for the world to work together during the COVID crisis for more human fraternity and solidarity and is a plea to reject violence, discrimination, hatred, and war. As you can imagine, being asked to speak about it, I really began diving into the letter and wanted to share some of its contents with you.

Focusing on contemporary social and economic problems, Pope Francis proposes an ideal world in which all countries must be part of a "larger human family." Inspired by the great Saint Francis the Pope states: "St. Francis of Assisi used to say: "All brothers and sisters". And so, all men and women of every religion and faith must unite themselves in prayer and penance to ask for the grace of healing from this pandemic."

In the letter, the Pope criticizes racism, calling it "a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting." He condemns those who continue to support violent nationalism and the mistreatment of those who are different, saying: "If every human being possesses dignity, if all people are my brothers and sisters, and if the world truly belongs to everyone, then it matters little whether my neighbor was born in my country or anywhere else. On the subject of immigrants, the Pope says: "No one should be excluded from society because of his or her place of birth, that they should be treated with love, saying that there are rights which "precede any society because they flow from the dignity granted to each person created by God."

Pope Francis uses - as the heart of the letter - the parable of the Good Samaritan, saying this parable is an "ever new" call from Jesus to "rediscover our vocation as citizens of nations and of the entire world, to be builders of a new social bond." The message of Jesus in that Gospel story "speaks to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: that we were created for a fulfillment that can only be found in love." Pope Francis states that all of us have a responsibility for the wounded and urges people to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than encouraging greater hatred and resentment. He also emphasizes the importance of recognizing Jesus Christ in those who are abandoned or excluded.

Throughout the letter, the Pope criticizes wastefulness, the dangers of a throwaway culture, the lack of concern for the environment, abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty. He condemns the neglect of the elderly, discrimination against women, and slavery – underscoring the importance of human life. He says that social friendship calls for recognizing the worth of every human person everywhere - emphasizing the human dignity of disabled persons, the poor, and those who do not have access to education. Francis states that individualism "does not make us more free, more equal, or more fraternal," and that what is needed is a "universal love" which promotes the dignity of every human being. He also notes that a culture based totally on consumerism can "rapidly degenerate into a kind of free-for-all" in society which would be "worse than any pandemic."

In addition, Pope Francis strives to ensure the dignity of women globally is taken more into account around the world. The encyclical states: "The organization of societies worldwide is still far from reflecting clearly that women possess the same dignity and identical rights as men."

Much deeper than an argument or catechesis, "Fratelli Tutti" is a work of spiritual discernment – speaking to the chaos, fear, and loss that seem to be prevalent in 2020, while sounding a timeless call to become better citizens of our communities, nations, and the globe. He says that loving your enemies does not mean allowing them to keep oppressing us or letting them think that what they do is acceptable. Francis believes we need to have discussions in which we not only appreciate our own point of view but recognize other people's right to be themselves and that it's okay to be different. There is a lot to think about and to learn from this very new letter.

Have a Blessed Day.

Mark Friedman, CRE





28% of U.S. students in grades 6-12 experience bullying. Listening to your child is an important step in addressing and possibly preventing bullying. Listen with empathy and give your child your undivided attention. Offer reassurance, acknowledge the situation, and assure them you are taking them seriously. Ask your child how they see you helping the situation. This gives them some control over something they feel they have no control over.

Try saying something like this:

"I cannot imagine how difficult it is to worry about what they might say or do next. I have an idea about how I will take action, but I'd like to hear from you about what you would like for me to do".

By taking this approach you are modeling how to stand up for yourself in a proactive and confident way. Dealing with a bully is a delicate and difficult situation for your daughter or son. Simply listening to them is a great way to begin to empower them to address the problem.

Although 25% of teens report being bullied, there are more that will not disclose out of fear or shame. Younger children do not always recognize this dominating behavior as bullying and may not report it as such. If your child tells you they are being bullied, start by letting them know you are glad they came to you. Then assure them that you take it seriously. You can start by actively listening to their concerns. Ask lots of questions, but without judgment. It is important to make them feel safe talking to you. Finally, offer reassurance that you have heard their concerns and that you take it seriously.

Thursday October 15, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat is Friday October 30th!

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

OUT OF UNIFORM PASS SALE

PTO is selling Out of Uniform passes!! Get yours today! There is a few different options. Use the link below to order!

<https://out-of-uniform-pass.cheddarup.com>

Proceeds go to support PTO activities for students and teachers.

BOX TOP / COKE REWARDS

We are still collecting any clipped box tops and coke rewards, so please send them in with your child.

Remember to scan your receipts on the Box Tops App!

Any questions regarding either of these programs, please contact Susan Wells smwells1122@gmail.com



PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is

Monday, November 9th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The zoom link will be posted on the Family Facebook page.





Join us for the 2nd Annual OLG PTO

TRUNK or TREAT

October 30th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

COVID Guidelines will be followed and masks are required

Family Friendly | DJ music | Food Trucks | Hot Chocolate
Ghoulish Scavenger Hunt | Prizes for 'Favorite Trunk' & 'Spookiest Trunk'

Do you want to be a trunk to treat?

Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-olgtrunk>



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL





Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



We are missing several basketball uniforms from last season. If you didn't drop off your uniform at the athletic drop off last spring, please return your child's uniform to the school office in a bag with their name on it. Thanks so much!

3rd-8th Grade Boys Basketball registration is now open and will run until October 23rd! We have a short sign-up window this year, so be sure to sign up early! Click the link below to register!

<https://boys-basketball-2020-copy.cheddarup.com>

OLG Boys Basketball is offered in grades 3rd-8th grade who are enrolled students or who are members of one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann).

3rd/4th grade teams play in an instructional league where emphasis is placed on skill development and learning the game of basketball. 5th-8th grade teams play in the competitive league. Stay tuned for details!! #olgathletics #letsgoeagles



Parents,

We need your help! Do you have any pictures of your children, or their sports teams, involved in athletics that you'd like to share? OLG Athletics is trying to build up it's media gallery and we are in need of pictures from all of the sports we've offered throughout the years. If you have any pictures you'd feel comfortable sharing, click on the corresponding sport link below where you can upload any photos. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Melinda Miller at

olgaasecretary@gmail.com. Thank you for playing such a big part in OLG Athletics!

OLG Soccer

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/jBRosfVTmm2USySZA>

OLG Boys Basketball

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/HepAEyAPZcqojqND9>

OLG Girls Volleyball

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/A5mhFggCMxCKBSFU6>

OLG Girls Basketball

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1BHTEAZtwed4njx47>

Football

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/keFqbhzgwyQyPf8B6>

Cross Country

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/1GSMvSm1bK7ueCv87>

Track & Field

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Qqa77vo9JNLQS8xa8>



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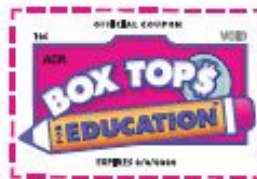
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High School Information Section
(High schools are listed in the order the information is received.)



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High School

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X-Perience Days: Because of our desire to maintain a safe environment for our community and our guests, shadowing will take a different look this year. X-Perience Days will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude by 10:30 a.m. Our prospective students will be given a presentation by our Admissions team and then tour the school with a member of our Ambassadors of Xcellence. Parents are welcome to stay that morning as well. They, too, will be given a presentation by our staff and have the opportunity to tour the school. Please limit one parent per student.

X-Perience Nights: Designed especially for those families who have difficulty attending an X-perience Day, X-Perience Nights are similar to the day sessions and will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Families can attend any of the following evenings: October 6, 22, and 27; November 5, 10, and 19; and December 1 and 10. Seventh and eighth grade families are welcome!

Individual Tours: On select Saturdays in October, November, and December, families can register for a personal tour of St. Xavier. Led by one of our current students or a recent St. Xavier graduate, grade school students and their parents can see and hear what makes a St. Xavier education a special one. Seventh and eighth grade families are encouraged to register on our website!

Wednesday Information Nights: From 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, starting September 23 through December 9, families can join a virtual session to learn more about St. Xavier and its programs. Our first session will focus on a general overview of St. Xavier's mission, including the charisms that make a St. Xavier education unique. Families will need to look for a link in our weekly email to join our sessions. Our schedule is as follows:

September 23 Mission
September 30 Academics
October 7 Athletics
October 14 Tuition Assistance
October 21 Parent and Student Panel
October 28 Fine Arts
November 4 Co-curriculars
November 11 Diversity and Inclusion
November 18 Student Services
December 2 Alumni Panel
December 9 Spanish language presentation

Zoom Meetings: For those students or parents who have a quick question or who need a way to get more information, please join a Zoom session from 7 to 8 p.m. every Monday evening, starting October 5 through November 30. Staffed by our outstanding student admissions team, our meeting is designed for families to learn more about the St. Xavier X-Perience from a student perspective. Parents and students can enter and exit as they please. Families can find the Zoom link in our weekly email.



La Salle High School

Class of 2025 Important Information

Shadow Visits

8th graders can sign up now to experience our academics, meet our staff, tour our facilities and interact with our students in a safe, meaningful way!

Sign up to shadow at lasallehs.net/admissions/shadowing

Application Deadline

Class of 2025 Admissions Applications are due by Friday, December 18 and consist of:

- Application for Admission
- Math Teacher Recommendation
- English Teacher Recommendation
- Request of School Records Form

FACTS Financial Aid Applications are also due by Friday, December 18.

Information Nights

Want to learn more about La Salle? Prospective families are invited to attend one of four information nights. Select the date that works for you!

- October 7 (In Person)
- October 14 (Virtual)
- October 20 (In Person)
- November 11 (In Person)

Registration is required. RSVP at lasallehs.net/admissions/information-night

Questions?



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For more class of 2025 information visit lasallehs.net/admissions/classof2025

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News FOR GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES

October 5, 2020

8th Grade Girls Invited to Mercy McAuley's Wolves Experience Night Oct. 23

Eighth grade girls are invited to Mercy McAuley's Wolves Experience Night on October 23 from 6-9 p.m. This is a great option for any 8th graders who are unable to visit on a Shadow Day, or for those who would like to experience Mercy McAuley outside of the normal school day.

Through hands-on activities, guests will experience Mercy McAuley's innovative academics, arts, extracurriculars, and the Wolves' Pack Pride! Pizza will be provided, along with treats and giveaways. Capacity is limited. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/ExperienceNight.

Mercy McAuley High School Open House is November 8

All prospective students and parents are invited to Mercy McAuley's Open House on Sunday, November 8, from 1-5 p.m. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/OpenHouse.

When you register, you will be asked to select a specific arrival time.

Mercy McAuley High School Offers 8th Grade Shadow Days

It's not too late to register to shadow at Mercy McAuley! On Shadow Days, 8th grade guests will be placed into a small group of three or four 8th graders, and they will remain with this small "Pack" throughout the day. Unlike in years past, they will not follow one Mercy McAuley student the entire day. Instead, they will travel with their small 8th grade Pack, visiting several classes together throughout the day. They'll eat lunch with our Student Ambassadors, participate in a service project, learn cheers, and hear about clubs and extracurriculars from students. Full-day and half-day options are available. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/Shadow.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Coffee Sessions

Eighth grade parents are invited to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders in a small conversational setting at its Parent Coffee Sessions. Join Mercy McAuley's school leaders for coffee and discussion about Mercy McAuley's values, academic and extracurricular offerings, and get answers to all your questions. Optional tours are available following the conversation. Parent coffee sessions will take place at 8 a.m. on every full-day Shadow Day, which makes it convenient for parents who are dropping their 8th grader off to shadow. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/CoffeeSessions.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Information Nights

Mercy McAuley High School will hold two more Parent Information Nights for 7th & 8th grade families. These evening sessions are designed for parents who would like to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders, teachers and students. The sessions will cover topics including: Faith, Service and Campus Ministry; Academics, Schedule and Technology; Counseling and Student Services; Athletics and Extracurriculars; Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships. Optional tours will be available at the in-person session.

- Tuesday, October 13 (Virtual Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 (In-Person Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/InfoNights.

OPEN HOUSE



Sunday,
NOVEMBER 1
2020

11AM to 4PM

**A PLACE
TO BE
you**

Please join us for our Open House on Sunday, Nov. 1 from 11am - 4pm. You will have an opportunity to:

- * tour the building with an MND Ambassador
- * get a first-hand look at our programs
- * individually meet our administrators, teachers and coaches

In order to socially distance during Open House, MND will be requiring registration with assigned tour times. There is a limit of three individuals per family tour, with an exception for parents who have more than one daughter in grades 6-8. Register at: <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/open-house/>



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Prospective members of the Mount Notre Dame Class of 2025 may now submit their Application for Admission. MND will request school records from each applicant's current school to be received no later than December 1, 2020. Please complete the application via our website at: <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/admission-information-class-of-2025/>

8TH GRADER VISITS/SHADOWING

Mindful of our priority to safely host visitors on our campus and support the health and wellness of our community, MND is offering alternative programs to traditional shadowing for 8th graders. Learn more about each program and register at: <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/shadowing-at-mnd/>

Admissions Check List

what every 8th grader needs to know



Go to: www.BadinHS.org under Admissions *Create an Admission Profile to complete the 9th grade application form and request a personal tour.*



Request a Shadow Day!

Modified Shadow Days will be offered to 8th grade students on select dates. Register online or schedule a PERSONAL TOUR by contacting the Badin Admissions Office - info@BadinHS.org or 513.863.3993 x120.



Ramformation Nights for 7th & 8th grade students and parents

In-Person dates, held at Badin High School: Sept 30, Nov 2 & 17, 7:00 PM

Oct 19 - Hispanic Night (Interpreters will be available)

Have your questions answered in a smaller setting with administration, faculty and students. Reservations required and space is limited. Reserve your spot online - BadinHS.org under admissions or scan this QR code.



Virtual Ramformation Nights

Oct 15 & Nov 11, 7:00 PM

Virtual Ramformation Nights are available for anyone who prefers not to come to Badin, but join a group on Zoom. Register for all Ramformation Nights online - BadinHS.org under Admissions or scan this QR code.

Ramformation Night QR
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Open House- A Don't Miss Event!

Discover the many ways you can find your place at Badin High School!

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1-7:00 PM

Reservations are required. Register online - BadinHS.org under Admissions or scan this QR Code.

- Visit classrooms and meet our faculty
- Talk to students and moderators about extracurricular offerings
- Talk to coaches about our athletic programs
- Learn more about our 1:1 Personal Computer Program, STEM Program, new art classes and more.

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High School Placement Test Waived for the Class of 2025

Due to COVID19, Archdiocesan high schools will not require the High School Placement Test for enrollment, instead using grade school standardized test scores and grades from 7th grade. Please make sure that interested students have signed the Records Release form and turned it into your current school office. Apply to Badin by December 1 to be eligible for scholarships.



Q&A Session – Have last minute questions? We can help!

Monday, November 30, 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM at Badin High School

Reservations required - Register online: BadinHS.org under Admissions.

Overwhelmed with choosing a high school for your son/daughter? Attend Badin's Q&A Night. This small, informal gathering at Badin is designed for 8th grade students and parents to get your questions answered.



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Application & Financial Assistance Forms

Due on December 1, 2020

Both forms are online at www.BadinHS.org under Admissions. To be eligible for academic scholarships, students must apply to Badin via the online application form.



Registration Night for Class of 2025

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Say YES! I want to be a RAM! #WannaBeARam Open Registration begins January 27.





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Ursuline Virtual Information Night

October 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Students in grades 5-8, along with their parents, are invited to join us for a virtual information event to learn about all that Ursuline has to offer.

You'll hear from school leadership, admissions staff, faculty and students on topics including:

- academics and curriculum
- the benefit of surrounding your daughter with girls who love to learn
- our counseling department
- clubs and student life
- athletics
- performing arts
- the admissions process

Details and Registration on this virtual event at ursulineacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events