



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Oct. 2 Spiritwear Day
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Weekly Bulletin

October 1, 2020



Welcome Back OLG~HOME Students

Today we welcomed back some of our OLG~HOME students. We are excited to have them back, but this could create some delays in the upper lot as they learn the dismissal routine. Here is the Upper Lot Dismissal plan with the map:

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:2f580b02-709b-4e10-8158-77a1756bf180>

Reminders:

1. Please pull up as far as possible between cars.
2. When you see your child, please exit your vehicle so they can find you.
3. When entering off of Galbraith Rd, please fill in all spots in all 4 lanes. When they are filled, please continue to fill in lane one and lane two creating an overflow to Galbraith.
4. DO NOT block lane 1 or 2 if you are parked in lane 3 or 4.

New this week: We had a lot of rain one day this week. If we have questionable weather, we would like parents to park in the car lanes and walk to the front of the lane to get their students. Once you have your child, please be careful to walk back to your vehicle. We will still get the names of the students and dismiss any to the cars whose parents do not walk up to get them. We will dismiss the rows when everyone is in the cars.

We are adding a fifth lane closest to Galbraith Rd. Please look for an additional cone and fill in that lane before 1 and 2 overflow.

We are learning as we go, and we appreciate all your help as we improve our process.

All buses are transporting our students, even if their school has chosen remote learning. If you have questions about your child's bus transportation, please contact your public school transportation office.

Religious Education

My Favorite Saint!



A girl at home

Today is the feast day of my favorite saint – Saint Thérèse, who we call *The Little Flower*. On January 2, 1873, Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, France to two devout Catholic parents, and the couple's intense love for Catholicism and for religious life was passed on to their children. When Thérèse was four, her mother died. Shortly afterwards, the family moved to the town of Lisieux. As a young girl Thérèse led a sheltered life, living under the loving care of her devoted father and being treated with great tenderness by her four older sisters. Thérèse was a sunny child and a naturally religious one as well. "I loved God very much," she would later write about this period, "and offered my heart to him very often."

Her two sisters' entrance to the Carmelite monastery in Lisieux intensified Thérèse's desire to enter the religious order, as well. Not wanting to wait until the age of 16, she traveled to Rome with her father to ask the Pope for a special exemption to enter earlier. Her request is granted a few months later by the local bishop, and Thérèse enters the convent on April 9, 1888, at age 15. Within a year she receives her habit, and is assigned to care for the dining hall and sweep the corridors. In 1890 she takes her vows. Thérèse devotes herself to prayer and to the service of God in the monastery, striving to be as generous as possible, always offering all of her "little" efforts to God. In 1894, on the morning of Good Friday, Thérèse is diagnosed with tuberculosis which was the start of a painful three years of intense suffering.



At the convent at age 15

During this same year, her father dies, and she was asked by her superior to write what would become her spiritual testimony. She titles it *Springtime Story of a Little White Flower Written by Herself*. Her book is what gives her the name *Little Flower*, and reveals both the pain and joy that accompany a life of faith. It is this book about how she devoted herself to prayer, to the service of God in the monastery, striving to be as generous as possible even during her illness, that will ultimately draw millions of believers to Jesus, through Thérèse. As she continues writing, her physical condition deteriorates. The last few chapters are written during a period of extreme suffering.



In the center – scrubbing floors

But as she faced death, she considered her work unfinished. She said that if people prayed to her, she would intercede to God for those she leaves behind: "After my death I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven in doing good on earth." On September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, Thérèse died. Her last words are "Oh, I love Him...My God...I love you." Two years after her death, her spiritual autobiography is published as *Story of a Soul*. At first, it's passed privately among Carmelite convents but it eventually reaches the outside world, where its success surprised almost everyone. As a result of her story, Thérèse became one of the most popular saints in the church. Her story is captivating, her example inspiring, and her "Little Way" is accessible to millions of believers. In 1925, only twenty-eight years after her death, she is declared a saint, and in 1997, Pope John Paul II declared her to be a "Doctor of the Church," that is, an eminent teacher of the faith. She is one of only three women to have been so named. Thérèse is someone that one can speak with and pray to. People feel comfortable praying to the "Little Flower."

During her fight with tuberculosis, Thérèse struggled, wept, and raged, as any of us would, but during it all she continued to *believe*, drawing from a deep trust and a lifelong love of God. It is her deep humility that has made her such a strong model for Christians worldwide. Her life speaks to millions of people. After all, who hasn't been humbled by life's burdens? Some days when I pray to Thérèse the Little Flower, I think of those people out there who say she was too naïve, too childlike, too simplistic – maybe even too devout. But Thérèse had heard similar harsh comments in the monastery, from sisters jealous of her youth, confused by her sanctity, and baffled by her charity. That was her life – and she offered all of that up to God! And I imagine Thérèse up in heaven, smiling down at those who don't understand the power of humility - smiling, and praying for them. And she can be found in the hearts of those who feel that she, above almost all the saints, understands what it means to be a human being who suffers *and* rejoices in everyday life.

Have a Blessed Day!

Mark Friedman, CRE



Exciting Cafeteria News

Free Meals for All OLG Students through Dec 31st, 2020!

Our Lady of Grace School was just approved this morning for inclusion in the Seamless Summer Meal extension of the USDA. This allows us to offer free lunch to students as of tomorrow, Thursday, Oct 1st.

Lunch Price: \$0.00 (Oct 1st, 2020 through Dec 31st, 2020)

Breakfast Price: \$0.00 (universal free through 2020-21 academic year)

Lunch price will return to regular lunch pricing on Jan 1, 2020;
full pay (\$2.85), reduced (\$0.40) or free status (\$0.00).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will extend several flexibilities through as late as December 31, 2020. This unprecedented move will help ensure – no matter what the situation is on-the-ground – children have access to nutritious food as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. USDA has been and continues to be committed to using the Congressionally appropriated funding that has been made available.

Applications for meal benefits will still be accepted during this time as this will affect student lunch pricing as of Jan 1st. Remote learners who are approved for free or reduced meal benefits may be eligible for government pandemic benefits if they become available. Therefore, it is still beneficial to apply if your household may qualify for meal benefits.

Money currently on meal accounts will remain on student accounts for use after Jan 1st. Meal account funds even carry over to future school years. It can be used to purchase a la carte beverages and snacks. Please contact the cafeteria if you would like your student's meal account prohibited from these purchases. Payments will still be owed for meals purchased prior to Oct 1st, 2020.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday October 1, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **This Friday 10/2 is Spiritwear Day!** Wear your favorite spiritwear top with uniform bottoms!
- Chipotle Dine & Donate will be on **Monday October 5th** at the Colerain location 5p-9p. There is a new online ordering option too! Please see the attached flyers for more info.
- **Trunk or Treat is Friday October 30th!** Look for more information in the coming weeks.

BOX TOPS/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 October 12th at 630pm** via Zoom. The zoom link will be posted on the Family Facebook page.

OLG FAMILY FACEBOOK PAGE

Here is a friendly reminder of the group rules for our family Facebook page.

- Be kind and Courteous
- No hate speech or bullying
- No promotions, selling or spam
- Be supportive



Like us on Facebook – "Our Lady of Grace Family Page"

Check out the Zones of Regulation wall in the Beech Acres office used to teach students self-regulation and emotional control.



Students state the zone they are in when they walk in the office and the zone they are in when they are ready to return to class. Discussion is had on how to move through each zone.



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!

Look for Boys Basketball registration information to be posted soon. All current indications are that the league will be moving forward with the season this winter.

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

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OLG Girls Volleyball

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OLG Girls Basketball

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Football

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Cross Country

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Track & Field

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SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Our Lady Of Grace Catholic School PTO. Come in to the Chipotle at **9430C Colerain Ave** in Cincinnati on **Monday, October 5th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Our Lady Of Grace Catholic School PTO.

NEW! ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code KFD9QLV before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



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All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

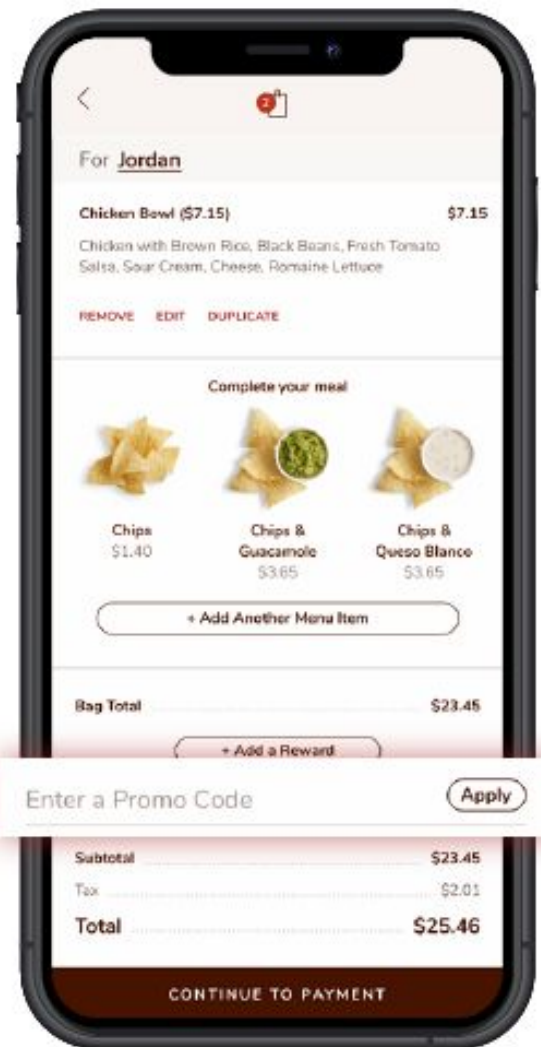
ONLINE FUNDRAISERS



Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the [Chipotle App](#) or [Chipotle.com](#).

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1** Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2** Choose **“Pickup”** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3** Build your order with all your faves.
- 4** Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **“Enter a Promo Code”** section. Don't forget to click **“Apply.”**
- 5** Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery). **Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.**



Fundraiser x

- \$0.01

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show “Fundraiser” and an amount of -\$0.01. Don't panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



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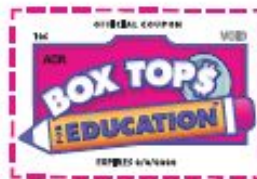
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High School

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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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