



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

January 30, 2020



Our Open House was a huge success thanks to all the help from our faculty and staff, PTO, OLGAA, and all our parents who stepped up to volunteer.

Everyone showed great HARD WORK and STRONG CHARACTER! Thank you!



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**Re-Enrollment (Current Families) –
Deadline February 17, 2020.**

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per family. The deposit will be processed through FACTS Management within two business days of re-enrollment. Please do not send

re-enrollment deposits to the school. Students are not registered until the deposit for 2020-21 is paid and the tuition for the 2019-20 school year is current. Families not current with tuition may re-enroll when they bring their account to current status. **Since open enrollment commences on February 18, 2020 there is no guarantee that there will be space available in the classroom for current students who re-enroll after the February 17, 2020 deadline.**

Please contact Mr. Desmier at mdesmier@olgcs.org with account questions.

Religious Education

Today's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear." - Mark 4: 21

At our home we've put in energy efficient light bulbs almost everywhere we can. The new bulbs use a lot less electricity compared to the old incandescent bulbs. However, with some of the new bulbs because it takes them longer to get to full brightness compared to the old ones which were as bright as they'd get the moment you turned them on. Part of the frustration is when you need light you want it as soon as possible. In today's Gospel while teaching his disciples Jesus asked a question about light and a lamp.

Back in the first century, a few centuries before the invention of the electric light, lamps were usually small clay containers that held oil and a small wick that burned and gave light. It's important to remember that when we hear the question Jesus asks: *"Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand?"* You'd never put an oil lamp under a basket where its light would be useless. The word "bed" refers to the reclining couch placed at the side of the dining table. The people then did not sit on straight-backed chairs when eating at the table, but reclined on couches. You really wouldn't put a lamp with an open flame under a couch made of highly combustible materials; that wouldn't just be useless it'd be dangerous. So Jesus' question is rhetorical; everyone who heard him ask this question then or now is supposed to answer:

"Of course not. You don't bring in a lamp when you need light and hide it under a basket and you certainly don't take an open flame and stick it under your couch! That would be stupid and no help at all. When you need light, you want it as soon as possible.

The whole idea of bringing in or turning on a light is to let it shine." If you're bringing in a lamp it's because you need light and light needs to be placed where it's visible and where it will do the most good; where it will fulfill its purpose of illuminating the darkness and making it easier to see. In this Gospel passage I am struck by this image of light. We all have a light within us and this light is a gift from God. The lights within us are wonderful and unique, and it is our job to let these lights within us shine for others to see. Our lights can be anything from having compassion or the gift of humor or even just having the ability to be a good friend and listener to others in need. The lights within us should not be covered or placed "under a bushel basket"; instead we should let these gifts that God gave us shine so brightly that all those we come in contact with feel the worth of our love and the love of God.

I also think that Jesus was referring to the light as the Word of God: just by hearing God's Word we have a light within us. We have all heard that we are loved and saved by Jesus and we are called to spread this message to everyone we meet, especially those who are stuck in a dark time. We need to be the light in their lives giving them the courage and strength to let their own lights shine bright. Even though we are all faced with dark times and obstacles we need to make sure that our lights are still shining brightly. Jesus' words turn the darkness to light and fill our lives and the world with light and hope. We cannot just take God's love and mercy for granted; we need to make sure that we are spreading his love to everyone. I remember the words of an old church song:

*If you pour out your bread for the hungry - If you bind up the wounds of the soul
Then will your true light shine - Then will your true light shine
For all the world to see - Like a city on a hill
Like a candle raging quiet in the night!*

It doesn't need to be a huge, bright spotlight – maybe just a small candle – but can we cause that little candle to rage with love by our actions and our caring for others? Today, let us be challenged to let our light shine and help all those we encounter find theirs.

Mark Friedman, CRE

Try role modeling the strength of forgiveness with your child(ren). Raised your voice this week? Didn't fully listen to a lengthy story about recess squabbles? That's ok! Apologize to your child and use it as a teaching moment.



Mount Notre Dame Dance Program

Varsity, JV & Junior High Team Tryouts 2020 - 2021



Parent & Dancer Information Meeting

Junior High: Tuesday, February 11 @ 7:00 PM

JV/Varsity: Tuesday, March 3 @ 7:00 PM

Tryout Prep Classes

Tuesday, March 10, Wednesday March 18 & Tuesday, March 24

JV/Varsity: 4:00—6:00 PM

Junior High: 6:15—8:15 PM

Mount Notre Dame Dance Studio

Prep Classes are not required but STRONGLY encouraged. We will review the technique required for all three teams, review the tryout process & learn short combos in pom and jazz.

Tryouts

Wednesday, April 1

JV/Varsity Tryout Prep Clinic: 4:00—6:00 PM

Junior High Tryout Prep Clinic: 6:15—8:15 PM

Thursday, April 2

JV/Varsity Tryout Prep Clinic: 4:00—6:00 PM

Junior High Tryout Prep Clinic: 6:15—8:15 PM

Saturday, April 4

Junior High Final Tryout: 9:00 AM (Doors Open at 8:30 AM)

JV/Varsity Final Tryout: 12:00 PM (Doors Open at 11:30 AM)

All days of the tryout process are mandatory unless previous arrangements are made with the coaching staff.

Questions?

Please contact the coaching staff at: mnddance@gmail.com



Deadline extended to February 7

For What Matters Most

2020-2021 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2020-2021 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance between now and January 31, 2020.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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Fitness, Empowerment, & Fun?

Join Girls on the Run!

WHAT is Girls on the Run?

Girls on the Run is a program that gives girls the opportunity to build confidence and healthy habits. You'll learn how to make great friendships, how to celebrate all that makes you unique, and so much more! Each week, you will also take part in training and activities that will help build endurance for a celebratory 5k running event.

WHO can join?

3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls like YOU!

WHEN do we meet?

Twice a week after school for 75-90 minutes with your team. The program is held at the school and is led by trained, volunteer coaches.

Registration for Girls on the Run begins next week on January 27th and runs from January 27th through Wednesday February 5th. To register, go to www.gotrcincinnati.org and click the "Register Now" tab at the top of the page.

There is a small fee to participate in this program (price found on website). Included in the cost is healthy snacks for every practice, two t-shirts, a new pair of running shoes, and admission to a celebratory 5K run in May!

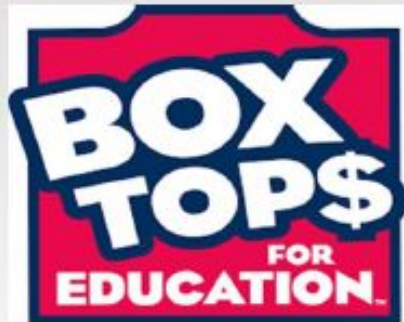
There are only 15 spots on the team. In the event of high interest, Girls on the Run will conduct a lottery drawing of names. The season begins February 17th and runs until May. Practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Spegal, or Ms. Kist.

OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday January 23, 2020



Upcoming Events

Save the Date: Tuesday 2/4 - Larosa's Dine & Donate at the White Oak location on Cheviot Road. Please show the attached flyer and OLG will get 20% of each bill.

Box Tops/Coke Rewards

We have collected \$602.20 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. We are over half way to our goal!!

The next turn in deadline is March 1st – so please send in your Box Tops before then!

We are still collecting Coke Rewards as well so keep sending them in! If anyone would like to enter in the codes, please email PTO and we will get some caps to you!

Open PTO Board Positions

If you are interested in joining the PTO board, we have 2 positions opening for the 2020-2021 school year. President and Vice President are both becoming open next year. If you would like to run for these positions or nominate someone, please email pto@olgcs.org.

We will be announcing the candidates at the March meeting and voting will be at the April meeting.

PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is **Monday February 10th** at 630pm in the Teacher's lounge. Please join us!



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Track & Field registration for the 2020 season is now open!

Our Track & Field program is offered to boys and girls in all grades (k-8). This sport is a great opportunity for students to compete with their own skill level and still be part of a team. There are various events and races that each student can try.

Practices will be held **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at Mt. Healthy High School (times TBD)

Follow the link below TODAY to register!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958701>

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st!!!!

Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted due to CYO registration deadlines.

Questions please contact Amanda Hood at olgtrackandfield@gmail.com





This Saturday, Feb 1st, we will be recognizing our 8th grade Boys Basketball student athletes in a short ceremony after the 1pm game at Assumption gym. Join us if you can, help cheer on our Eagles to victory & celebrate these young men!



Opening weekend for Girls Basketball brought OLG a total of 4 wins! Congratulations ladies and coaches on a fantastic start to the season!

7/8 Team Coached by Brian Seng won their season opener again St. Bernard
 5/6 Team Coached by Steve Maddox won 2 games this weekend - their season opener & their first game in the St. Ignatius tournament
 5/6 Team Coached by Jarrad White got their first win in the St. Ignatius tournament.



K-2 Instructional Basketball kicked off its season with an energetic, fun start! Every week the Lil' Eagles teams practices their skills (dribbling, passing, shooting, etc.) and then scrimmages against one of the other teams to begin learning how to work together as a team. Good job Eagles!



Slice of the Pie.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

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Thank you for supporting
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Please join us.



WHITE OAK

Dine In . Delivery . Carry Out

We will donate

20%

of our proceeds to

OLG PTO

February 4, 2020

10:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Please present your flyer to a Team Member to participate.

We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!