



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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2/21 End of Trimester
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Weekly Bulletin

February 21, 2020



EdChoice Scholarship- (This message is for families who currently have the EdChoice Scholarship.)

EdChoice Scholarship applications were sent out last week via the email we have on file through Option C.

Instructions on renewing your scholarship were also sent with the application. After reading these instructions carefully, please call the office if you have questions.

Thank you to families who have already turned in your applications. This will enable us to efficiently submit all information to ODE.

Checks are available in the office. Please stop in to sign yours soon!

Ash  Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday and opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

[CLICK HERE for more information on Ash Wednesday](#)

Please join us next Wednesday in St. Ann Church at 10:30 am for our Ash Wednesday Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Religious Education

Cooking Lent!

Lent starts next week – and for those of us who are able to prepare our own meals, Lent can be a wonderful time to bring together our meal preparation and our spirituality. Food is so rich in symbolism. Because it involves preparation, each step of doing it can be open to meaning. And if we are cooking for our family, sharing the meal can become part of our Lenten prayer and ritual.

The Fridays of Lent

Each of the Fridays of Lent are days we abstain from meat together. This is intended to be a religious experience and so we need to explore it and prepare for it. Of course, many of us can't afford to eat meat every day, so avoiding meat is itself not a sacrifice. Some of us are vegetarians, and don't have meat in our diet at all. Others of us might really enjoy seafood or a fish fry on Fridays. For all of us, not eating meat on Friday, for whatever reason, allows us to have some taste of a religious experience, that places us together with our sisters and brothers around the world. How meaningful and powerful the experience is, depends upon how reflective we are about it, and the kind of choices we make, to ensure that there is some sacrifice and some experience of solidarity in our Lenten Fridays.

Meat-less in Penance and Solidarity

Our desire is that Friday be a day of Penance and that we have in it some experience of solidarity with the truly hungry of the earth. First of all, we want to remember that we are keeping these Fridays special because this is that day our Lord gave himself for us on the cross - selflessly and completely. This is the day that commemorates the Friday that approaches, which we call "Good." This commemoration is not intended to be sad or artificially gloomy. These Fridays are to be days that touch us deeply, because we remember that we are incredibly loved and we have been redeemed from the victory sin and death might have had over our lives. These are days to look upon a crucifix and feel the gratitude in our hearts, but also to feel the freedom - freedom from our sin and death, and freed to love and give of ourselves more generously. All of our experience tells us that we can't or won't be self-sacrificing without this experience of gratitude and without spiritual freedom. The Fridays of Lent are a spiritual exercise to offer us both of these graces.

Secondly, we desire to make our Lenten journey one that places us not only with Jesus, but with the poor of the world. What does gratitude do, if not help us to be mindful of and assist us in having affection for our sisters and brothers who have so much less than we do? One way we can intentionally place ourselves with the poor of the earth is to prepare our meals on these Fridays in ways that lets us share a communion with them. Then, our penance and solidarity come together - and that can be a very wonderful religious experience.

Cooking as Prayer

If prayer is "raising our minds and hearts to God," and being in a relationship with God, then anything can be prayer. And preparing a meal can certainly be a wonderful prayer. And, if our cooking is for our family or others with whom we live, then it can be a great act of love. It starts, as always, with desire. While I'm putting on my apron, or getting out my equipment, I can begin by naming my desire for this time.

"Dear Lord, as you nourish us with your love, let me prepare this nourishment with you at my side. Give me the joy of being creative and loving, self-sacrificing and generous. As part of my baptism and my priesthood, let me offer this meal as a religious experience for me and for my family. As I prepare, help me to contemplate the women and men of the poor villages around the world who are preparing meals today for their families - with great love, and with what little they have. Thank you for your love. I now prepare to share it. Amen."

Of course, we could add many words that are special to our circumstances.

"Let this meal nourish (insert a name) with your love. He is so full of tension and worry. I love him and deeply desire to offer him this meal as something different, and a sign of my care and our faith." "Oh, Lord, (insert a name) needs you so much these days. She seems so distracted and not herself. Through our prayer and the sharing of this meal, give her the security of your love. And through our faith in your dying and rising for us, help her place the difficulties she is experiencing at school into her relationship with you."

Just imagine how different our "getting dinner together" can be, if – during Lent - we fill those early busy moments of meal preparation with prayer, naming our desires so explicitly. Praying for our family and friends.

Mark Friedman, CRE



Iowa Assessments™

Dear Family,

From March 2 to March 12, your student will take the *Iowa Assessments*™. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the tests so that—with your support and encouragement—your student will do his or her best on the tests.

About the *Iowa Assessments*

The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes will depend on his or her grade level. Third grade students may also take Word Analysis and Listening subtests.

The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

Each test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Samples help students understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question.

For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice, and the tests last about 10 to 35 minutes.

How your student can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on nontesting days.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only one measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing. Encourage your student to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.

Score reporting and how we use test results

The school will receive test scores in about 10 weeks. Results will go home with report cards. These scores will indicate how your student performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade.

Our Lady of Grace and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati uses test results to measure individual student growth from year to year and to monitor the progress of class groups to ensure that our school is meeting or exceeding learning targets.

Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your student during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mandy Kirk
Principal

[CLICK HERE for the English and Spanish Version of IOWA Letter](#)

Humor is a character strength that brings laughter to your home. Plan a Family Joke Night, where each family member takes a turn sharing a funny joke.



School Lunch



Cafeteria News

We need to make some menu changes to accommodate the Junior High field trip and Ash Wednesday (meatless entree). The alternative entrees for each day will not change.

Mon. Feb 24th- Popcorn Chicken, Mac & Cheese

Tues. Feb 25th- Hamburger/Cheeseburger

Wed. Feb 26th (Ash Wednesday)- French Toast Stix and Cheese Omelet

Thurs. Feb 27th- Cincy 3-Way Spaghetti

Friday, Feb 28th- Marco's Cheese Pizza (change from 21st)

Unpaid Meals at the End of the Trimester: Please ensure that your student's meal account is paid. If a balance is not paid in full at the end of each trimester (Feb 21st), the student's report card may be withheld.

OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday February 20, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

- Thursday 3/12 – OLG Night at Rockin Jump! 6p-8p
See flyer for more info!

BOX TOPS/COKE REWARDS

We have collected \$620.80 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. Please send in your box tops!! If we meet our goal, the whole school will get a special out of uniform day and a little surprise from the PTO! See the attached flyer for more info on how you can help earn money through Box Tops for OLG!

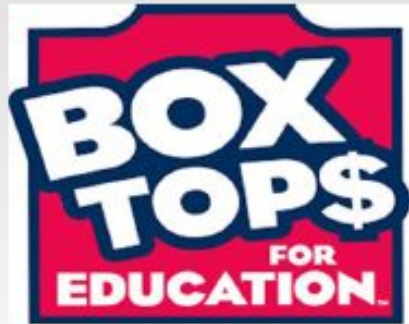
PTO is looking for people to help enter Coke Reward codes – if you are interested in helping, please reach out to Susan Wells via email smwells1122@gmail.com

OPEN PTO BOARD POSITIONS

President and Vice President are both becoming open for the 2020-2021 school 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 March 9th 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



Amanda Hood, Track Coordinator, will be at OLG on Monday, 2/24 from 6:30-7:30 outside the teachers lounge during the OLGAA meeting to assist anyone who needs help signing up for track. Please bring a form of payment (credit card or check) to give to OLGAA.



This Friday, Feb. 21st, 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Victory, the 5th grade boys basketball team plays for the tournament championship.

Following, the 6th grade Eagles team faces their division rival, St. Antoninus, for the third time this season. They've split the first two games at 1-1. Come out and cheer on the boys to victory! #LetsGoEagles



Last Saturday we honored our 8th grade girls and their families as they played in their last home game for the season. We are so proud to have them as great role models and student athletes for our school. We wish them the best of luck during the rest of the season and in their final year at OLG.



It's almost 🐟 Fish Fry 🐟 time!!! (see below for details) 🐟 OLGAA and St. Ann Catholic Church have partnered to bring back the fish fry to our community! To maximize our profits from the Fish Fry for OLGAA, we need 🙋 YOU!! The number of OLG volunteers that sign up to work the event will determine how much our profit split will be. AND GUESS WHAT... YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE VIRITUS trained! 🏰 Look for more updates, but PLEASE 🙏🙏🙏 sign up today!

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)



Saint Ann Parish and
Our Lady of Grace School
are partnering together
to bring back the
Best Fish Fry Ever!

Doors Open at 4:30

Carry Out Available

Volunteers still needed
Go to bit.ly/stannolgfishfry
or email:
bestfishfryever@gmail.com
or call 513-521-8440

**Desserts
available for
sale by various
OLG groups**

**Come early for food, fellowship and fun.
Stay late for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 in
the Church followed by video Lenten series.**

Fish Dinner (2 sides)	\$7 (\$6 for seniors)
Shrimp Dinner (2 sides)	\$7 (\$6 for seniors)
Fish Sandwich Only	\$5 (\$4 for seniors)
Shrimp Basket	\$5
Cheese Pizza Slice	\$2 (\$14 whole pizza)
Hot Pretzel	\$2
Weekly SPECIAL - Feb 28 - Seafood Bisque	

Sides (available a-la-cart)	
Potato Wedges	\$2
Hush Puppies	\$2
Mac-n-Cheese	\$2
Green Beans	\$1
Cole Slaw	\$1
Applesauce	\$1

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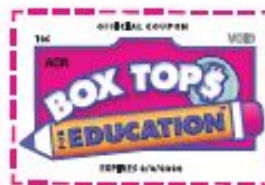


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Hey Eagles – Come FLY with us at Rockin' Jump!

When: Thursday March 12th, 2020

Where: Rockin Jump – Colerain Avenue

Time: 6pm-8pm

Cost: \$18 per person for 2 hours of jump time (socks included)

Show this flyer to the cashier and a portion of your admission price will go to OLG

