



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Weekly Bulletin

February 6, 2020

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the telephone number you reported to Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be changed by the parent in Option C and updated with your new information. OLG will not announce an early dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School - 2 HOUR DELAY

There will be no AM buses to OLG from any district opening on time when OLG is on a 2 hour delay. In this situation, parents will have to provide their own transportation to school to accommodate the 10:00 a.m. start time.

- There will be AM buses to OLG from any district also opening on a 2 HOUR DELAY.
- There will be PM busing from all districts who are open (regardless of their start time)
- There will be no AM or PM busing from any district that is CLOSED.

Before and After School Care will begin as close to 6:30AM as safety and good judgment allow.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School - CLOSED

- No school and no child care.

* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.



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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

We are *missioned*

Throughout scripture, we see many examples of how Jesus gave his disciples and followers a mission to spread the gospel of faith to all. It is now our turn. We are all being *missioned* into the world, and we are asked to take nothing with us except our faith and trust in God – this will be our walking stick – and courage – our sandals. We are to journey as we are and not cloaked with a second tunic of self-doubt and fear. We are to travel light as we go forward in service.

Quite often when I am about to travel for any reason, I usually have a mental checklist of things I need to remember to do, or things I need to remember to take along - the right clothes, the documents, money, and so on. Even when I pack the bare minimum, and decide on only the essentials, I am often weighed down with the baggage of worry, fears, and my need to make sure every moment is covered.

In our journey of life, we can spend so much time “packing,” that we lose sight of the graces we will receive along the way, the opportunities to experience God’s love, and the opportunities to experience fully all the gifts God has bestowed on us. Yes, we are each a child of God, and when we walk into a room, our grace can bring a smile to the face of a hurting soul. Our goodness can bring peace to a home filled with negativity. Our light can drive out the darkness. These are not just gifts the twelve disciples had way back when, this is our gift as well. We are being *missioned* out into the world to do good work – to serve for the greater glory of God – and we will not be alone. Just as the disciples were sent out two by two, we are sent to serve together. Being successful in ministry is kind of a team effort. We now live in a world that glorifies the idea of working on our own, or doing things our own way, or being independent. These are not bad ideas in and of themselves, but we are somewhat created to work together, not alone. We are members of the body of Christ, we function splendidly together.

Today is the feast day of Saint Paul Miki and his companions who were killed on a hill overlooking Nagasaki, Japan, for their own mission of spreading the faith. Nagasaki is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the Holy Mountain. Among them were priests, brothers, and laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and his Church.

Paul Miki, a Jesuit brother and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. Even while hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ’s example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.” His mission ended there on that hill – but he and his companions’ example lives on - and is one we can look to as strength for our journey.

What are the things that weigh us down as we journey through life? What are the things that get in our way of doing God’s work? We will never have to face what Brother Paul Miki and his friends had to, but do we have the courage to go where we are sent, to move on when it is time, to take rejection, to lead and to serve when it is difficult and inconvenient, to do work for the greater glory of God? *Do we have the courage?* I am often still afraid to answer these questions for myself - but one thing I do know is that it seems our options open up when we travel light through life; leaving our baggage – physical or emotional – behind as we respond to our call for *missioning* into the world. When you feel disconnected, remember, you are not traveling through this life alone – you have *companions*. Yes, travel light, but let’s travel together. Yes, brothers and sisters, let’s pick up our walking sticks, put on our sandals, and do ministry together.

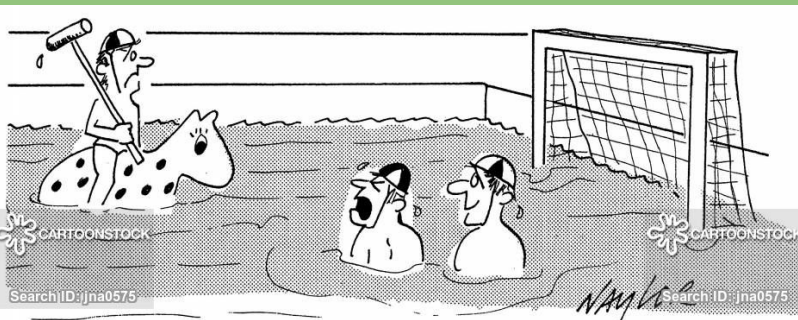
“Jesus instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals.” – From Today’s Gospel - Mark 6

Mark Friedman, CRE

February Parenting Tips

Week of February 3	Week of February 10	Week of February 17	Week of February 24
<p>Strength of the Week: Love I value my close relationships with others.</p> <p>☐ You love your child every day. This week celebrate the strength of Love by making sure they know it! Each day write them a message that reminds them how much you love them. -“I LOVE you and BELIEVE in you!” -“You are LOVED! Today will be a GREAT day!” -“Having a bad day? Don't forget. I LOVE you!”</p> <p>☐ Remember a time that you felt loved. Hold this special memory in your mind and celebrate it often!</p> <p>☐ February is Love Month. I challenge you to commit to receiving more love today and to giving and showing more love to those you meet.</p>	<p>Strength of the Week: Humor I like bringing a smile to others.</p> <p>☐ Plants come in all shapes and sizes. If you could choose to be a silly looking plant that makes you laugh, what plant would you be? Why?</p> <p>☐ Silly Word Game...How many words can you come up with as a family that makes you laugh? Create a list and post it around your house!</p> <p>☐ 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.</p>	<p>Strength of the Week: Perseverance I work hard to achieve my goals and don't give up.</p> <p>☐ Teaching your child(ren) that sticking to a task doesn't have to be an unpleasant task. Try baking a homemade apple pie or a favorite family dessert. Following directions, organizing ingredients, and preparation may take some time, but it will be fun, you're spending time together and the result...delicious!</p> <p>☐ Praise makes you feel good about yourself! Give your child(ren) praise for completing homework, earning a good grade on a test, or even accomplishing something that was very challenging for them to achieve.</p> <p>☐ Question: What's the biggest difference between people who succeed and people who fail? Answer: People who succeed keep working, even when they fail.</p>	<p>Mindfulness I am present and fully engaged in the moment.</p> <p>☐ Blowing bubbles can be a fun way to learn about mindful breathing. Instruct your child(ren) to breathe in through their nose and try to fill up their chest and belly. Then, slowly breathe out through their mouths, releasing the air in their chest and belly to fill the bubble. What kind of breaths make the biggest bubbles?</p> <p>☐ Mindful eating anyone? Have your child(ren) cover his/her eyes for a taste test. See if they can guess the food. Is it sweet, sour, or salty? Different parts of the tongue are sensitive to different tastes! Watch out for spicy and hot food!</p> <p>☐ When you or your child(ren) are feeling worried, take a moment to acknowledge these feelings. Then, take a few mindful breaths. Notice where the worry is in your body from the sensations you feel. While standing, balance yourself, and start to move and gently shake the worries off. Stretch, move, and shake. You may even want to try out some mindful dance moves!</p>

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"You SURE that you've played water polo before?"

Marlins Water Polo is open to boys and girls ages 8-18. We welcome brand new players to the national team players. Marlins Water Polo offers high level coaching from High School Varsity Coaches and former collegiate coaches to provide a positive, fun and learning atmosphere. We offer a chance to compete both locally and nationally for all levels of players.

Water Polo Practice Information:

Practices starting March 30th for 8 weeks and then again for 8 weeks in the summer for the summer session.

Location: Sycamore High School

Times: Mondays and Wednesdays at 730pm

If people would like more information they can contact Head Coach Nicholas Hellwig at nhellwig.wp@cincy-marlins.com, or call 513-497-9710 or can check out our website at marlinspolo.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.

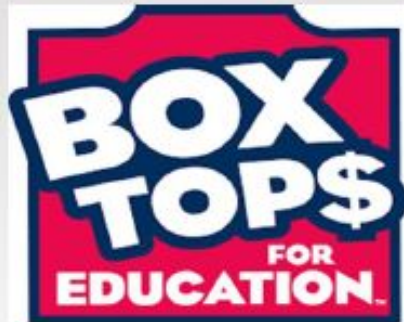


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OLG PTO

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





Last Saturday we honored our 8th grade boys & their families as their two basketball teams played on our home court together for the last time in back to back games. We are thankful 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 & their final year at OLG.

Our Lady Eagles 5th and 6th Grade team have advanced to the next round of the St. Ignatius Tournament! Congratulations!

