



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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## Weekly Bulletin

March 5, 2020



Parent-teacher conferences will be held on the evening of March 12. The sign up will be open in Option C from February 27- March 9.

After March 9, you will need to contact your child's teacher to sign up for a conference.



THE  
**IOWA  
TESTS**

IOWA testing will continue next week. It is extremely important that students get to school on time, so they will not miss class to make these tests up if they are late or absent.

These tests are required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and they are a great way to measure student growth. They help us to help the students. (see letter in bulletin)

## How to Wash Your Hands



1 Turn on water



2 Wet hands



3 Get soap



4 Wash hands for 20 seconds



5 Rinse hands



6 Dry hands with paper towel



7 Turn off water with towel



8 Throw towel away



PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.



# Religious Education

## Saints for the Journey

Those of you who read my column regularly know of my love for the saints. As you journey through Lent, consider inviting along these saints whose feasts we celebrate this month, taking inspiration from their lives and asking for their intercession.

### St. Katharine Drexel – March 3 - *A socialite heiress who joyfully gave everything away!*

Born into a life of great comfort as the daughter of a wealthy banker in Philadelphia, Katharine Drexel (1858–1955) devoted her life to service, and to giving away her massive inheritance. As a young woman, she realized that true happiness could not be found in money or the things of the world. “All, all, all is passing away and will pass away,” she wrote. “The question alone important, the solution of which depends upon how I have spent my life, is the state of my soul at the moment of death. Infinite misery or infinite happiness!” In 1887, she asked Pope Leo XIII to send missionaries to the Native Americans. He replied, “Why not become a missionary yourself, my child?” So she founded a new religious community, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, and established 145 missions, 12 schools for Native Americans and 50 schools for African-Americans. She died, at 97, with nothing left to give.



**St. Frances of Rome – March 9 – *A bride who found ways to serve the poor!*** Growing up, Frances (1384–1440) longed to become a nun, but her parents refused; instead, they arranged her marriage, at 14, to a wealthy nobleman. He was a loving and devoted husband for 40 years, but when her sister-in-law found her weeping, Frances explained her desire for a life devoted to God. The two became lifelong allies, and together they began caring for the most desperately poor and sick people in Rome. Frances was diligent about balancing her prayer and ministry with her responsibilities to her family. She was known to say, “Sometimes a wife must leave God at the altar to find him in her household management.” In 1424, she formed a group of women, known as the Oblates of Mary, committed to serving God and the poor. After seven years, she invited the women to live in community; after her husband died, in 1436, she spent the last years of her life living with them as their superior.



**St. Patrick – March 17 - *The young slave who converted the land of his captivity!*** As a teenager in Britain, Patrick (389–461) was kidnapped by pirates and brought as a slave to Ireland, where he was forced to work as a shepherd. Alone in the wilderness, young Patrick turned to God in earnest for the first time in his life.

“More and more the love of God increased, and my sense of awe before God,” he wrote in his *Confession*. “Faith grew, and my spirit was moved, so that in one day I would pray up to one hundred times, and at night perhaps the same.”

After six years of slavery, he made a daring escape and eventually returned to his family, who pleaded with him never to leave them again. But one night in a dream he heard the Irish people crying, “We beg you, holy boy, to come and walk again among us.” In 432, he returned to Ireland as a bishop, and he spent the rest of his life there preaching the Gospel and baptizing converts.

**St. Joseph – March 19 - *The silent man who devoted his life to Jesus and Mary!*** We know only a few details about the earthly father of the Son of God. He seems to have been a quiet man as the Gospels do not record a single word spoken by Joseph. He was certainly not a wealthy man — at Jesus’ presentation in the temple, his parents offered the sacrifice of the poor, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” (Luke 2:24) He was a humble working man — when the people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus’ teaching, they scoffed, “Is he not the carpenter’s son?” (Matthew 13:55) Most importantly, Joseph was “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19) who trusted God at all times and devoted himself to caring for the Holy Family. St. Teresa of Ávila once said, “I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to St. Joseph who did not noticeably advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him.”



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March 3, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We understand that the Novel Coronavirus, now known as COVID-19, is causing much anxiety in our community, country, and around the world. Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) is working to provide you with the most up-to-date information on this rapidly evolving situation. The following is a brief overview of the current situation. For more information, please visit [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

#### **WHAT IS KNOWN**

- The virus causing COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified and causes a respiratory illness ranging from a mild cold-like illness to severe pneumonia.
- Most (81%) of people diagnosed with COVID-19 in China have had mild illness.
- Similar to influenza (flu), the people who are most likely to develop severe illness and complications from COVID-19 are older individuals (>60 years old); those with other medical conditions (like heart and lung disease or diabetes); and individuals with weakened immune systems.
- There is no vaccine or treatment currently available for COVID-19. The National Institutes of Health has started the process of evaluating treatments and developing a vaccine already.
- Currently, there is NO confirmed community spread of COVID-19 in Hamilton County, meaning the virus is not being spread from person-to-person. However, experts predict there will eventually be community spread. HCPH is preparing for when/if this happens.

#### **HOW THE VIRUS SPREADS**

- COVID-19 is believed to spread primarily the same way the common cold or flu spreads—through respiratory droplets that are produced when someone coughs or sneezes.
- People who are most at risk of becoming infected with COVID-19 are those who have been in close contact (within about 6 feet) with someone who has the virus.
- People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).
- Some spread of the virus might be possible before a person has symptoms, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO NOW**

- Keep children home when they are sick. Students (and parents/guardians) who are ill, especially with acute respiratory symptoms (not allergies or chronic conditions), should stay home.
- Teach children to always cover their cough and sneezes with a tissue or elbow.



*Healthy choices. Healthy lives. Healthy communities.*

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- Handwashing is a very effective way to prevent sickness. Remind children to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds after using the restroom, before they eat, and after they cough, sneeze, or blow their nose. Hand sanitizer is a good option to use if soap is not available.
- Tell children to avoid touching their mouth and nose or rubbing their eyes since that is how germs get into the body.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects using everyday household disinfectants. High-touch surfaces like door knobs, toilet handles, and sink handles should be cleaned more often.
- Plan for when community spread occurs.
  - Make a plan to designate a caregiver, such as a family member or neighbor, for a sick child(ren) if you can't stay home.
  - Find out your child's school plan to communicate with you when needed, such as through call or text notification, emails, or checking their website.

Because most people with COVID-19 have mild disease, the likelihood that HCPH will recommend closing schools is very low. In the unlikely event that HCPH recommends closing your child's school, it is important to have a plan for who could take care of your child.

HCPH staff are working day and night to monitor this evolving situation and will continue to provide new information to the community as things change. Please contact your school leadership or healthcare provider should you have additional questions.

More information can be found at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Sincerely,



Greg Kesterman  
Interim Health Commissioner



[CLICK HERE](#) for some March parenting tips



# 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](#)

# OLG PTO

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday March 5, 2020

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

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

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### **BOX TOPS/COKE REWARDS**

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We have collected \$624.40 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](mailto:smwells1122@gmail.com)

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### **OPEN PTO BOARD POSITIONS**

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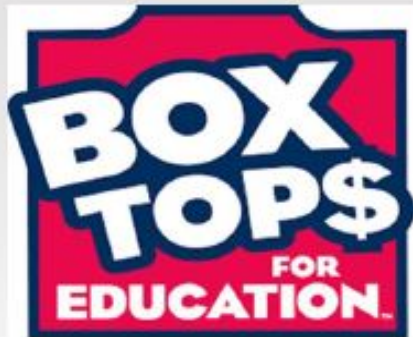
President and Vice President are both becoming open for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to run for these positions or nominate someone, please email [pto@olgcs.org](mailto:pto@olgcs.org). We will be announcing the candidates at the March meeting and voting will be at the April meeting.

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### **PTO MEETING REMINDER**

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The next PTO meeting is **Monday March 9th at 630pm** in the Teacher's lounge. Please join us!





# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



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**

**Volunteers still needed**  
Go to [bit.ly/stannolgfishfry](http://bit.ly/stannolgfishfry)  
or email:  
[bestfishfryever@gmail.com](mailto:bestfishfryever@gmail.com)  
or call 513-521-8440

**Carry Out Available**

**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)	Sides (available a-la-cart)	
Shrimp Dinner (2 sides)	\$7 (\$6 for seniors)	Potato Wedges	\$2
Fish Sandwich Only	\$5 (\$4 for seniors)	Hush Puppies	\$2
Shrimp Basket	\$5	Mac-n-Cheese	\$2
Cheese Pizza Slice	\$2 (\$14 whole pizza)	Green Beans	\$1
Hot Pretzel	\$2	Cole Slaw	\$1
Weekly SPECIAL - Feb 28 - Seafood Bisque		Applesauce	\$1

**CASH  
OR  
CREDIT  
CARDS**



# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY

#### BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN

#### YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

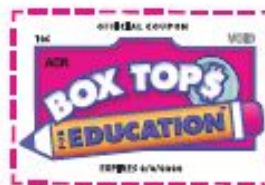


### EARN

#### CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



**BUY**  
BOX TOPS  
PRODUCTS



**CUT**  
OUT THE BOX TOP  
FROM EACH PACKAGE



**SEND**  
YOUR BOX TOPS  
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](http://BTFE.COM)

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THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!  
DOWNLOAD THE APP:







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

**When: Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 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\***

