



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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April 27 8th Grade  
Graduation Pictures (see  
packet)



## Weekly Bulletin

April 22, 2021



**UPDATE: Students last day will be Tuesday, May 25. This will NOT be an early dismissal.**

On August 20, 2020, our community embarked on an adventure which none of us saw coming. Like other famous explorers, we went in search of a new way of thinking. We had moments of fear and uncertainty, but we were resilient and never lost focus on our purpose: Providing the best education for our students!

Every day on the announcements, I remind the students that **HARD WORK** and **STRONG CHARACTER MATTER** at Our Lady of Grace. I am so proud of our community for truly embracing this and helping to keep everyone physically and emotionally safe this year! Our school community was prepared for whatever came our way, and I am so proud to say we have only had 13 cases of COVID in our building since the start of the school year. While other schools were staying closed or shutting down, we were working hard to stay open safely. This is cause for a great celebration and a great **REWARD!**

**In honor of all our hard work, I am happy to share with you that faculty, staff, and students will all have the last day of school, May 26, OFF this year!** The building will be closed, so everyone can enjoy their day off celebrating our **HUGE** successes this year! You have all earned it! Now let's finish this year strong!

Grace and Blessings,  
Mrs. Kirk



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# Religious Education

## Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God, so have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places - and I am going soon to prepare a place for you. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him: "Master, we don't know where you are going - how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. Then Philip said to Jesus: "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him: "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father."*

I love that passage from the Gospel of John. Whenever I read it, I recall a young boy that I met many years ago when I was working as a Pastoral Minister. He was a leukemia patient back in the days when that disease was a death sentence. But his parents would not allow any talk of death around their son. They hushed him whenever he raised the subject. Perhaps they thought that if they didn't talk about death, they could keep death away. His parents told me that he came down to breakfast one morning while he was at home from the hospital, and spoke to his mother about a dream he had had the night before. "Jesus came to me and talked to me in my sleep last night," the boy said. "Really?" his mother said. "What did he say to you?" "Jesus told me he is building me a house and it is nearly finished." The boy died two weeks later. His mother told the story at the vigil service, the night before his funeral.

We are one with Christ. Christ lives in us as we live in Him. I have even heard it said that God has the same love for us that God has for Christ. If that is so, then think about the implications. Have you ever thought that you might be the only Christ some people will ever meet? If Jesus says to Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father," doesn't Jesus want us, as his followers today, to live the reality of our Christianity and be able to say, "Those who have seen me have seen Jesus?" By their works you shall know them.

The letters on the plastic bracelets that say WWJD may have become a cliché, but the fact is, asking yourself regularly "what would Jesus do" is not such a bad idea. *Why?* Because the answer to that question will always be the same - *whatever love demands*.

Thomas says to the Lord in the Gospel, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" And what is Jesus' answer? "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the answer - and what Jesus would do ought to be what those who believe in Jesus should choose to do.

As daunting as the task must seem, the challenge Jesus gives is for those who believe in him to be able to say, as a result of the works they do, that *those who see me, see Jesus*. Of course, doing those works may make you vulnerable. It's risky - you just might wind up the way Jesus did - misunderstood, on the cross, with God as your sole support. All this, and union with God here and here after.

The late theologian Father Gene Walsh once said: "Jesus promises us two things - Your life has meaning, and you're going to live forever." Then with a smile he adds: "And if you get a better offer - take it!"

That brave young boy with leukemia told his mother that Jesus was building him a house that was nearly finished. I believe that when that boy finally entered that house, he came to realize that *he, himself, had built the house* in union with Jesus through his acceptance of the Cross of his cancer and suffering - and through his firm confidence in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life. May we all have that same kind of courage, commitment, and faith!

Blessings,  
Mark Friedman, CRE





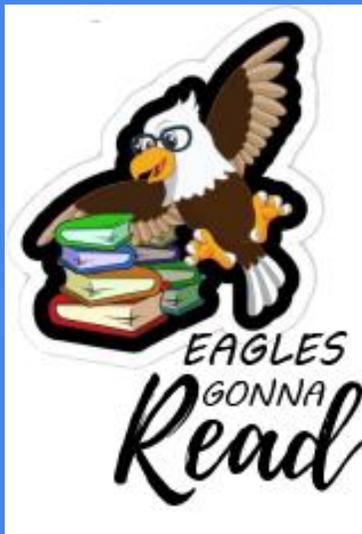
# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Fall Soccer Registration is now open! Girls and boys who attend the school or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and were born between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2015, can register to play soccer for the Fall 2021 season. Visit the link below to sign up. Registration will close at the end of June, so grab your spot today!  
<https://soccer-fall-2021.cheddarup.com>



3rd-8th Grade Girls Volleyball Registration for the 2021-2022 season is now open! Visit the link below to register. Registration closes at the beginning of August - sign up early & get a jump on next year!  
<https://girls-volleyball-2021.cheddarup.com>



## **Our Lady of Grace PTO has decided to hold a Read-a-thon this year!**

Due to Covid restrations the PTO was not able to host the normal walk-a-thon this year. However, we are still incurring expenses and need to raise funds for the work we do for students and teachers and for you!

Read-a-thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-a-thon starts Monday May 3rd 2021.

About a week or 2 before our Read-a-thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We've chosen Read-a-thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading

skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Thanks so much,

Our Lady of Grace PTO

**FUN PRIZES!**



Activate your Read-a-thon page  
Book Mark



Send out 10 emails  
Snack Time



Make a post on facebook  
Treasure Chest Item



Read 250 Minutes  
Free Prize



Read 500 Minutes  
Lunch with the Librarian



Read 3000 Minutes  
**per classroom**  
Extra Recess Time



Raise **\$75** in donations per student or **\$125** per family  
Free Dress Day - Out of Uniform every day from first turn-in until last day of read-a-thon day of Read-a-thon (May 3-14)



Raise **\$100** in donations per student or **\$150** per family  
Free Homework Pass or Free Prize



Raise **\$150** in donations per student or **\$200** per family  
Free Ice Cream



Top 3 Student or family in Donations  
Lunch with the Principal



Classroom with most Donations (per student average)  
Cupcake Party

### All School Goals

50,000 Minutes Read  
*Learn a tik tok dance as a class  
or movie time in library*

**\$15,000 Raised**  
*Chalk the Walk - decorate the lower lot*

**\$20,000 Raised**  
*Kona Ice for  
Everyone!*



Classroom with most Minutes Read  
Popcorn & Movie Time



3 Students with most Minutes Read  
Free Book of their Choice

**The prize program is cumulative**

Readers will receive 1 reward for each reward level they reach during the Read-a-thon  
[www.read-a-thon.com](http://www.read-a-thon.com)

**EdChoice**  
Scholarship Program

**Ohio** | Department of Education

**URGENT!!** The deadline is **TOMORROW** for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. If you have not already done so, we need your application and documentation by tomorrow. Applications after tomorrow are not guaranteed to receive the scholarship.

Instructions on renewing your scholarship were also sent with the application. After reading these instructions carefully, please email questions and/or paperwork to [edchoice@olgcs.org](mailto:edchoice@olgcs.org).