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Oct. 30 Trunk or
Treat AND
Halloween Out of
Uniform Black and
Orange
(Costumes for
Kindergarten only)

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Weekly Bulletin

October 29, 2020

Possible COVID Designation of “Purple”

This is a very serious designation because this means COVID cases have increased to an alarming level across a county. At the time this bulletin was written, no county in the state of Ohio currently had this designation. There is speculation some counties may receive this designation this week.

The Ohio Catholic bishops have been in contact with Ohio governor, Mike DeWine, on all state mandates during the pandemic. The governor has consistently indicated schools are doing an outstanding job of protecting children during in-person instruction as well as following all reporting mechanisms and regulations of the local health departments. The governor has also said he will not mandate school closure if a county receives the designation of “purple.” Therefore, we will continue to follow COVID protocols by reporting cases and following the advice of the Hamilton County Health Department.

Our Lady of Grace has done an outstanding job of remaining open in order to continue educating our students. Thanks to the teachers, students and parents, OLG has only had one confirmed and one probable (with a negative test result) case of COVID since we started school in August. We will continue to follow the protocols which have been put in place until the governor indicates otherwise. We will remain open (even if Hamilton County receives a designation of “purple”) unless the Hamilton County Health Department, Archdiocese of Cincinnati or Governor Dewine’s office deems otherwise.

Thank you for helping us keep our community members safe by keeping your child home if they are sick, sending them to school with a mask, and talking to them about social distancing. As in all things, we draw guidance and strength from scripture:

Let each of us look not only to our own interests, but also to the interests of others.
-Philippians 2:4

Religious Education



Not So Ordinary Time

A few years back, while in New York City, I was asked by a Principal friend of mine to do a presentation at *Holy Name of Jesus* grade school - her inner-city Catholic school with students from a variety of faith traditions - in a very poor section of Harlem. The topic I was to speak on was the liturgical year, and in particular, the colors associated with each season of the Church calendar – with some music thrown in, of course!

During the program and discussion, one of the students asked me, “Mr. Friedman, since this is a Catholic school, wouldn’t it be great if our school uniforms could reflect the liturgical seasons.” As he pointed to his green shirt – green was the official color of the school uniform - he continued, “Right now, we’re in Advent, but we are wearing Ordinary Time. Shouldn’t we have purple uniforms right now?” Perhaps that student’s focus was really on expanding the uniform options – and although he did not understand what huge expense providing all those uniforms would be for the school - I did admire his ability to understand the nuances of the colors and seasons of the Church calendar!

The Season of Ordinary Time in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church refers to two periods of time which together make up the majority of the liturgical Church year. One begins the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. The other begins the Monday after Pentecost and ends the day before the First Sunday of Advent – right about where we are now in the calendar. The weeks in Ordinary Time are numbered, and the word, “ordinary,” comes from the Latin word, *ordo*, which refers to ordered time.

While the word, “ordinary,” can mean in life something that is commonplace and routine, the Sundays and weekdays of Ordinary Time call us to live our lives in imitation of Jesus. I like to think that these periods of liturgical Ordinary Time are here to remind us that it is in and through our ordinary days that we live out the mystery of our salvation. Most of us live ordinary lives with ordinary days in which we know our best and our worst self and everything in-between. We have days when, with a bounce in our step, we are able to bring joy, patience, and gratitude to others. We also have days when we need hope, trust, and a forgiving heart to put one foot in front of the other. It is in these ordinary days that the extraordinary mystery of God’s faithful love accomplishes great things for us. And despite the often unsettling things we hear every day on the nightly news, we need to keep remembering that each and every ordinary day is wrapped in God’s saving love. The wisdom of the liturgical year reminds us of this - that our *ordinary lives* are holy because it is often during the *ordinary times* that we experience who we are and who our God is for us.

Perhaps that student in New York City was right – we should wear the colors of the liturgical season to remind us that *all time* is sacred. Our secular seasons and holidays are defined for us by school calendars, sports seasons, tax schedules, the greeting card industry, and our national celebrations - while some days stand out as sacred because of our memories and associations - birthdays, anniversaries, or personal triumph or tragedy. And even though those “special” seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter focus primarily on the life of Christ in the gospels and can be times of special celebrations, Ordinary Time gives us thirty-something weeks left in the year to get a notion of how the truth of Christ plays out in all the categories of our thoughts and actions. The challenge of my own life is to bring this question of Ordinary Time into my ordinary days: *How does the Gospel change the way I live through the ordinary times of my life?*

Through prayer and an understanding of who we are and what God calls us to be, we are transformed by the challenges of the Gospels, and God extends to each of us an invitation to collaborate in the building up of God’s Reign. Pope Francis referred to this as “bringing about that beautiful order of things.” *And there isn’t anything ordinary about that.*

Have a Blessed Day,
Mark Friedman, CRE



OLG'S ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE



When?

November 2-November 17

Why?

To help people in need!
All items donated to our
four covenant parishes:
St. Ann's, Assumption,
Little Flower & St. Margaret Mary

Goals & Incentives?

School Goal: 2,500 Items
If Achieved = School Wide
Out-of-Uniform-Day
on Monday, November 23rd!!



Free Meals for All OLG Students Now Extended Through the 2020-21 School Year!

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is extending flexibilities to allow free meals to continue to be available to all children throughout the entire 2020-2021 school year. This unprecedented move is part of USDA's unwavering commitment to ensuring all children across America have access to nutritious food as the nation recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lunch Price: \$0.00 (universal free through 2020-21 academic year)

Breakfast Price: \$0.00 (universal free through 2020-21 academic year)

- Money currently on meal accounts will remain on student accounts and will carry over to future school years. Please contact the cafeteria if you would like money refunded.
- Money on account can be used to purchase a la carte beverage, snacks or extra entrees. Please contact the cafeteria if you would like your student's meal account prohibited from these purchases.
- Meals will be processed at the register differently during this time. Students will not be rung up on their individual accounts so K12 account history will only show a la carte purchases if applicable; not meals.
- Payments will still be owed for meals purchased prior to Oct 1st, 2020.
- **Applications for meal benefits will still be accepted.** Households that qualify for free or reduced meal benefits may be eligible for government benefits if they become available. Therefore, it is still beneficial to apply if your household may qualify.

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We could all use a little more kindness in our lives. And while it's nice when kind acts enter our lives at seemingly random moments, what if everyone approached being kind intentionally?

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Kindness can help shape and improve your world view.

We are asking you and your family to get signed to be kind! By signing this pledge, you are committing to being intentional about sharing your strength of kindness with yourself, your family, your community, and by doing so making the world a kinder and better place. Once you've signed the pledge, you will be receiving weekly text messages motivating you to be kind to yourself, your family, your community, and the WORLD! We'll also be sharing kindness on social media and via email so be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Pinterest](#) to join the kindness conversation.

Sign the pledge on our website and text kind to 69922 to get started!



Thursday October 15, 2020

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trunk or Treat is Friday October 30th!

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

OUT OF UNIFORM PASS SALE

PTO is selling Out of Uniform passes!! Get yours today! There is a few different options. Use the link below to order!

<https://out-of-uniform-pass.cheddarup.com>

Proceeds go to support PTO activities for students and teachers.

**Once a Month
OUT OF UNIFORM
PASSES
On Sale**

Single day passes also available
More details online

out-of-uniform-pass.cheddarup.com

BOX TOP / COKE REWARDS

We are still collecting any clipped box tops and coke rewards, so please send them in with your child.

Remember to scan your receipts on the Box Tops App!

Any questions regarding either of these programs, please contact Susan Wells smwells1122@gmail.com



PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is

Monday, November 9th at 6:30 pm via Zoom.

The zoom link will be posted on the Family Facebook page.



Active Link: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/out-of-uniform-pass>



Join us for the 2nd Annual OLG PTO

TRUNK or TREAT

October 30th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

COVID Guidelines will be followed and masks are required

Family Friendly | DJ music | Food Trucks | Hot Chocolate
Ghoulish Scavenger Hunt | Prizes for 'Favorite Trunk' & 'Spookiest Trunk'

Do you want to be a trunk to treat?

Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-olgtrunk>



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Active Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-olgtrunk>



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



The first year of OLG Soccer has been a great success! Our Lady Eagles soccer team made the postseason tournament - please join us in congratulating them on their accomplishment this season! We are so proud of the spirit and hard work that they, and all of the other teams, have shown during this first year of soccer!



3rd-8th grade Girls Basketball sign ups will be opening shortly, so be on the lookout for registration information. Girls basketball is offered in grades 3-8 for those enrolled at Our Lady of Grace or who are members of one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann). OLG plays in the Girls Western Athletic Conference. 3rd and 4th grade teams play in an instructional league where emphasis is placed on skill development and learning the game of basketball. 5th-8th grade teams play in the standard GWAC competitive league where all final scores are recorded. Look for registration information to be posted on OLG school and family Facebook pages in addition to the weekly bulletins.



Reminder: Parents are able to get out of the cars at dismissal in the upper lot when the weather is not cooperating. We want the students to be able to wait in their cars instead of the rain. Please make sure you are social distancing and wearing a mask while you are waiting for your child. This will help us all stay safe and keep our learning continuing at school!



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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.

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High School Information Section
(High schools are listed in the order the information is received.)



ST. XAVIER

High School

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X-Perience Days: Because of our desire to maintain a safe environment for our community and our guests, shadowing will take a different look this year. X-Perience Days will begin at 8:15 a.m. and conclude by 10:30 a.m. Our prospective students will be given a presentation by our Admissions team and then tour the school with a member of our Ambassadors of Xcellence. Parents are welcome to stay that morning as well. They, too, will be given a presentation by our staff and have the opportunity to tour the school. Please limit one parent per student.

X-Perience Nights: Designed especially for those families who have difficulty attending an X-perience Day, X-Perience Nights are similar to the day sessions and will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Families can attend any of the following evenings: October 6, 22, and 27; November 5, 10, and 19; and December 1 and 10. Seventh and eighth grade families are welcome!

Individual Tours: On select Saturdays in October, November, and December, families can register for a personal tour of St. Xavier. Led by one of our current students or a recent St. Xavier graduate, grade school students and their parents can see and hear what makes a St. Xavier education a special one. Seventh and eighth grade families are encouraged to register on our website!

Wednesday Information Nights: From 7 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday, starting September 23 through December 9, families can join a virtual session to learn more about St. Xavier and its programs. Our first session will focus on a general overview of St. Xavier's mission, including the charisms that make a St. Xavier education unique. Families will need to look for a link in our weekly email to join our sessions. Our schedule is as follows:

September 23 Mission
September 30 Academics
October 7 Athletics
October 14 Tuition Assistance
October 21 Parent and Student Panel
October 28 Fine Arts
November 4 Co-curriculars
November 11 Diversity and Inclusion
November 18 Student Services
December 2 Alumni Panel
December 9 Spanish language presentation

Zoom Meetings: For those students or parents who have a quick question or who need a way to get more information, please join a Zoom session from 7 to 8 p.m. every Monday evening, starting October 5 through November 30. Staffed by our outstanding student admissions team, our meeting is designed for families to learn more about the St. Xavier X-Perience from a student perspective. Parents and students can enter and exit as they please. Families can find the Zoom link in our weekly email.



La Salle High School

Class of 2025 Important Information

Shadow Visits

8th graders can sign up now to experience our academics, meet our staff, tour our facilities and interact with our students in a safe, meaningful way!

Sign up to shadow at lasallehs.net/admissions/shadowing

Application Deadline

Class of 2025 Admissions Applications are due by Friday, December 18 and consist of:

- Application for Admission
- Math Teacher Recommendation
- English Teacher Recommendation
- Request of School Records Form

FACTS Financial Aid Applications are also due by Friday, December 18.

Information Nights

Want to learn more about La Salle? Prospective families are invited to attend one of four information nights. Select the date that works for you!

- October 7 (In Person)
- October 14 (Virtual)
- October 20 (In Person)
- November 11 (In Person)

Registration is required. RSVP at lasallehs.net/admissions/information-night

Questions?



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For more class of 2025 information visit lasallehs.net/admissions/classof2025

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News FOR GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES

October 5, 2020

8th Grade Girls Invited to Mercy McAuley's Wolves Experience Night Oct. 23

Eighth grade girls are invited to Mercy McAuley's Wolves Experience Night on October 23 from 6-9 p.m. This is a great option for any 8th graders who are unable to visit on a Shadow Day, or for those who would like to experience Mercy McAuley outside of the normal school day.

Through hands-on activities, guests will experience Mercy McAuley's innovative academics, arts, extracurriculars, and the Wolves' Pack Pride! Pizza will be provided, along with treats and giveaways. Capacity is limited. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/ExperienceNight.

Mercy McAuley High School Open House is November 8

All prospective students and parents are invited to Mercy McAuley's Open House on Sunday, November 8, from 1-5 p.m. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/OpenHouse. When you register, you will be asked to select a specific arrival time.

Mercy McAuley High School Offers 8th Grade Shadow Days

It's not too late to register to shadow at Mercy McAuley! On Shadow Days, 8th grade guests will be placed into a small group of three or four 8th graders, and they will remain with this small "Pack" throughout the day. Unlike in years past, they will not follow one Mercy McAuley student the entire day. Instead, they will travel with their small 8th grade Pack, visiting several classes together throughout the day. They'll eat lunch with our Student Ambassadors, participate in a service project, learn cheers, and hear about clubs and extracurriculars from students. Full-day and half-day options are available. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/Shadow.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Coffee Sessions

Eighth grade parents are invited to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders in a small conversational setting at its Parent Coffee Sessions. Join Mercy McAuley's school leaders for coffee and discussion about Mercy McAuley's values, academic and extracurricular offerings, and get answers to all your questions. Optional tours are available following the conversation. Parent coffee sessions will take place at 8 a.m. on every full-day Shadow Day, which makes it convenient for parents who are dropping their 8th grader off to shadow. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/CoffeeSessions.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Information Nights

Mercy McAuley High School will hold two more Parent Information Nights for 7th & 8th grade families. These evening sessions are designed for parents who would like to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders, teachers and students. The sessions will cover topics including: Faith, Service and Campus Ministry; Academics, Schedule and Technology; Counseling and Student Services; Athletics and Extracurriculars; Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships. Optional tours will be available at the in-person session.

- Tuesday, October 13 (Virtual Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 (In-Person Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/InfoNights.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Prospective members of the Mount Notre Dame Class of 2025 may now submit their Application for Admission. MND will request school records from each applicant's current school to be received by December 1, 2020. Please complete the application via our website at: <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/admission-information-class-of-2025/>

8TH GRADER VISITS/SHADOWING

We are excited that so many prospective families are interested in learning more about MND! As a result, we have limited availability remaining in our shadowing programs. Learn more about each program and register at: <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/shadowing-at-mnd/>

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 1 - 11AM to 4PM - Registration CLOSED

We have reached capacity for our Open House and registration has closed. If you would like to be added to our waitlist in the event a reservation becomes available, please email MND's Admissions Coordinator, Terri Miller (tmiller@mndhs.org).



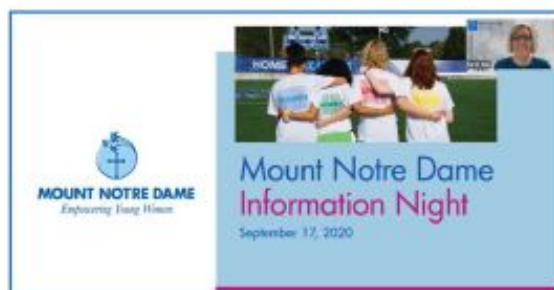
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, October 29 - 6:30PM

Prospective parents are invited to learn more about scholarship opportunities and how to complete the FACTS financial aid application. Scholarship applications and Financial Aid applications for the Class of 2025 are due by Monday, November 23, 2020. Register to attend at <https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/financial-aid-scholarship-info-night/>

INFORMATION NIGHT RECORDING

If you were unable to attend one of our three previous Information Night sessions, we invite you to view the live recording of our September 17, 2020 virtual WEBINAR: <http://www.mndhs.org/admissionswebinar/>



Admissions Check List

what every 8th grader needs to know



Go to: www.BadinHS.org under Admissions *Create an Admission Profile to complete the 9th grade application form and request a personal tour.*



Request a Shadow Day!

Modified Shadow Days will be offered to 8th grade students on select dates. Register online or schedule a PERSONAL TOUR by contacting the Badin Admissions Office - info@BadinHS.org or 513.863.3993 x120.



Ramformation Nights for 7th & 8th grade students and parents

In-Person dates, held at Badin High School: Sept 30, Nov 2 & 17, 7:00 PM

Oct 19 - Hispanic Night (Interpreters will be available)

Have your questions answered in a smaller setting with administration, faculty and students. Reservations required and space is limited. Reserve your spot online - BadinHS.org under admissions or scan this QR code.



Virtual Ramformation Nights

Oct 15 & Nov 11, 7:00 PM

Virtual Ramformation Nights are available for anyone who prefers not to come to Badin, but join a group on Zoom. Register for all Ramformation Nights online - BadinHS.org under Admissions or scan this QR code.

Ramformation Night QR
Scan Here



Open House- A Don't Miss Event!

Discover the many ways you can find your place at Badin High School!

Sunday, October 25, 2020, 1-7:00 PM

Reservations are required. Register online - BadinHS.org under Admissions or scan this QR Code.

- Visit classrooms and meet our faculty
- Talk to students and moderators about extracurricular offerings
- Talk to coaches about our athletic programs
- Learn more about our 1:1 Personal Computer Program, STEM Program, new art classes and more.

Open House QR
Scan Here



High School Placement Test Waived for the Class of 2025

Due to COVID19, Archdiocesan high schools will not require the High School Placement Test for enrollment, instead using grade school standardized test scores and grades from 7th grade. Please make sure that interested students have signed the Records Release form and turned it into your current school office. Apply to Badin by December 1 to be eligible for scholarships.



Q&A Session – Have last minute questions? We can help!

Monday, November 30, 2020, 7:00-8:00 PM at Badin High School

Reservations required - Register online: BadinHS.org under Admissions.

Overwhelmed with choosing a high school for your son/daughter? Attend Badin's Q&A Night. This small, informal gathering at Badin is designed for 8th grade students and parents to get your questions answered.



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Application & Financial Assistance Forms

Due on December 1, 2020

Both forms are online at www.BadinHS.org under Admissions. To be eligible for academic scholarships, students must apply to Badin via the online application form.



Registration Night for Class of 2025

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Say YES! I want to be a RAM! #WannaBeARam Open Registration begins January 27.





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Ursuline Virtual Information Night

October 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Students in grades 5-8, along with their parents, are invited to join us for a virtual information event to learn about all that Ursuline has to offer.

You'll hear from school leadership, admissions staff, faculty and students on topics including:

- academics and curriculum
- the benefit of surrounding your daughter with girls who love to learn
- our counseling department
- clubs and student life
- athletics
- performing arts
- the admissions process

Details and Registration on this virtual event at ursulineacademy.org/admissions/admissions-events

