

Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Inspiring Service

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Weekly Bulletin





Due to the current COVID 19 pandemic, this year we will be utilizing phone conferences. We will call the number listed in Option C at the time of your conference. Please make sure you have updated your information. Our call will come through as "No Caller ID".

Please see the specific sign up options for your child's grade level below:

Primary (K-3): Sign up with your child's homeroom teacher in Option C.

Intermediate (4-5): Sign up using Mrs. Prough's link in Option C.

Junior High (6-8): Due to limited spaces, Junior High conferences will be scheduled by the teachers. They will send a notice to parents letting them know a conference is needed.

Parents in grades K-5 can schedule conferences through Option C from Nov. 9-16. If you would like to meet with a Specials/Intervention teacher or it is after Nov. 16, please email the teacher directly to schedule a conference.

Intermediate and Junior High use a group conference model when they meet with a student's parent/guardian. At this time, we will not be scheduling any OLG~HOME conferences. Thank you

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COVID-19 UPDATE

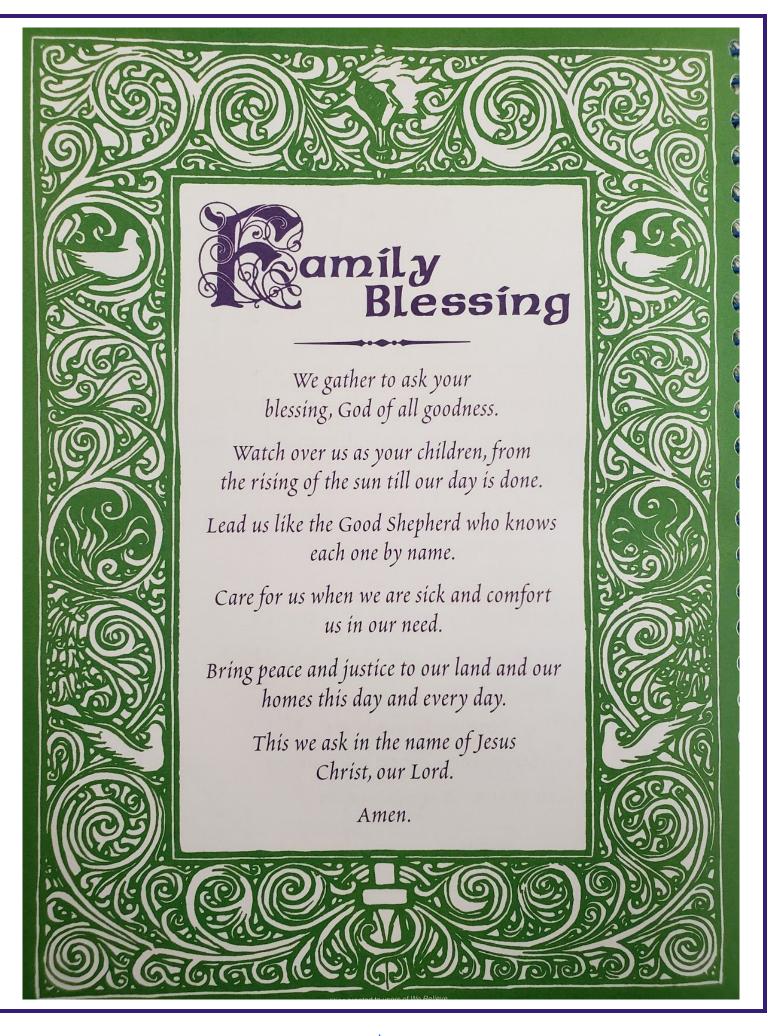
With numbers on the rise in our surrounding community, we will be providing a school wide update with reminders every week in this portion of the Weekly Bulletin.

If you or anyone in your house is getting tested for COVID-19, your child must stay home until a negative result comes back. If a positive result occurs, please call the school office.

OLG **DOES NOT** require a COVID-19 test in order to

return to school after quarantining. Please note that if your child has been deemed a close contact, and you choose to get him/her tested, a negative result **DOES NOT** change the length of the quarantine. The child will still need to quarantine for the designated length of time listed in the quarantine letter.

Our Lady of Grace has had 3 confirmed positive COVID-19 cases from August 20-today.



Religious Education

The First U.S. Citizen Saint

Tomorrow is the Feast Day of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint. She became a U.S. citizen in 1909. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

She was born Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850, in the Lombardy region of Italy, the youngest of the thirteen children of farmers Agostino Cabrini and Stella Oldini. Only four of the thirteen survived beyond adolescence. Born two months early, she was small and weak as a child and remained in delicate health throughout her life. During her childhood, she visited an uncle, Don Luigi Oldini, a priest who lived beside a swift canal. While there, she made little boats of paper, dropped violets in them, called the flowers "missionaries", and launched them to sail off to India and China, dreaming that one day she would be a missionary, herself. Extremely bright, Frances was educated as a teacher and began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit as a sister. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress (or Mother) of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her.



Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

She petitioned Pope Leo XIII to allow her and her sisters to travel to China as a missionary – her lifelong dream – but the Pope told her not to go East "but West." Frances hesitated, for as a child, she was always frightened of the water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning, and dreaded travelling across the ocean. But she obeyed the Pope and traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. But Mother Cabrini found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York City, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available and the archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did.



Saint Frances Cabrini's habit and cane on display at the museum in the Shrine of Mother Cabrini in New York

Eventually she convinced the Archbishop to grant permission to found the Sacred Heart Orphanage in what is now West Park, New York and is now known as Saint Cabrini Home. Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, Frances founded 67 institutions, including orphanages, schools, and hospitals, within 35 years dedicated to caring for the poor, uneducated, sick, abandoned, and especially for the Italian immigrants. Her institutions were spread out in places all over the United States, including New York, Colorado, and Illinois. And despite her fear of water, Frances traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times seeking financial aid, medical supplies, and volunteers to join her in her work. She died in 1917 at the age of 67 of Malaria - in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago.

Early in her life, Saint Frances Cabrini had chosen the name Xavier in honor of Saint Francis Xavier, the great missionary to China and the far East – but she never made it there. Instead – as Pope Leo advised – she travelled to the West – where God had so many plans for her. Eventually, Frances became a naturalized U.S. citizen. She was canonized a saint in 1946, just before a new wave of immigrants began to arrive in the U.S.

The compassion and dedication of Mother Cabrini is still seen in the hundreds of thousands who care for the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and state institutions. We sometimes complain of increased medical costs, but the daily news shows us millions who have little or no medical care, especially in this time of COVID - and who are calling out for new Mother Cabrinis to take her place and become citizen-servants helping others. St. Frances Cabrini is the patron of immigrants.

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!!



The Groesbeck Library will be closed for renovations from November 14-December 19. We know there are some students who get picked up in the library lot. If you are still planning on picking them up over there, you will need to fill out the following Google Form:

Library Permission

Without the permission form, the students will need to be picked up in the lower lot, upper lot, or ride the bus home.

Family Engagement Challenge **November** Parenting Tips



Week of November 2

Week of November 9

Week of November 23

Week of November 30



in the moment.

- "Mindfulness means to pay attention in a particular way - on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally." (Jon Kabot-Zinn)
- Take some time for you and your child(ren) to turn off the electronics and practice mindfulness. Notice the different shapes and colors in the sky.
- Put on your coat or sweater using your other arm. It may sound strange; however, we usually choose the same arm to put into the sleeve first. Notice what you usually do and reverse it. How did that feel?
- □ Take a deep breath! We often say it, but do we do it? Research shows that deep breathing has a positive impact on your brain. Take a moment to start the day by closing your eyes and taking three deep breaths. Encourage your child to use this when they are stressed

Strength of the Week:

I value my close relationship with others.

- You love your child. Let them know every day this week! Each day write them a message or text...
- "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!"
- Spread love around like peanut butter. It's a healthy food with substance and it sticks to you!
- Any day can be Valentine's Day. Encourage younger kids to make a card for someone. Suggest to older kids to send a quick text (from your phone or theirs) to a loved one.

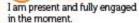
Week of November 16

Strength of the Week:

I am helpful and nice to others.

- 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? Check out Signed to be Kind, our Kindness pledge for your entire family.
- https://beechacres.org/ signed-to-be-kind/
- Help your child(ren) exercise their kindness muscle. Think of someone you want to be kind to, and imagine speaking directly to him/her in a kind voice and say, 'May you be happy, may you be safe, I wish you well today!"
- It doesn't take much to be kind. If someone you care about is sad, try saying, "It's okay to be sad."
- 'I'll stay close so you can find me when you're ready. I'm here for you."

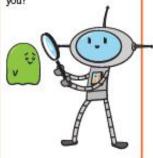
Strength of the Week:



- Mindfulness doesn't mean you have to be happy all the time. Take a moment to be true to your present emotion. Talk with your child(ren) about their present emotions and yours. Each person share why he/she may be feeling a certain way.
- When you are in the present moment, you are more aware of the feelings of others. Continue the practice of mindfulness. It helps to build compassion and empathy for others.
- As you're washing your hands take a moment to reflect on your day. Focus on the temperature of the water and how the suds feel What went well today? What went poorly? Let go of the negativity as you rinse all the suds away. By the time you're finished mindfully washing your hands you have done a thorough job!

Strength of the Week: I explore the world around me with an open mind and ask

- questions often. Embrace all the who, what, when, how and where
- questions with patience. Parents you don't have to have all the answers.... Google does.
- There is a difference in being curious and being nosy. Parents discuss the difference with the family.
- It's important for families to get to know each other too. What question can you ask a family member to get an answer that is informative to



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Free & Reduced Applications Still Necessary: Please apply for free & reduced meal benefits even though our students are receiving free meals for this academic year. Meal benefits from last year have expired. If the government offers pandemic food benefits anytime this year, only students who have qualified for free and reduced benefits will be eligible. Applications are available through the school office or can be mailed to parents directly by contacting Cathy Lawson at the OLG Cafeteria (clawson@olgcs.org).



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Missing Uniforms

We are missing several basketball uniforms from last season. If you didn't drop off your uniform at the athletic drop off last spring, please return your child's uniform to the school office in a bag with their name on it. Thanks so much!



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.



High School Information Section

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



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.ora/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).



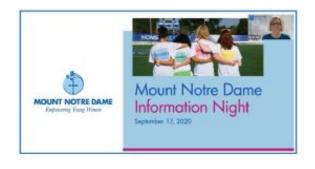
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT

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. Ramformation Night QR Virtual Ramformation Nights Scan Here 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. 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 Open House QR Reservations are required. Register online - BadinHS.org under Admissions or scan this QR Code. Scan Here - 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. 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. A Notre Dame Application & Financial Assistance Forms Learning Community 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. BADIN High School 571 New London Road Hamilton, OH 45013 513.863.3993 Badin HS.org





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 <u>virtual</u> 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

