



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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## Calendar Links



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Nov. 12 End of Trimester  
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## Weekly Bulletin

November 12, 2021

If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.**



### Conference Dates:

**November 22 3:30pm-8:00pm**

**November 23 9:00am-12:00pm**

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):** Sign up using Mrs. Chouteau's link in Option C. conference is needed.

Parents in all grades can schedule conferences through Option C from Nov. 11-18. If you would like to meet with a Specials/Intervention teacher or it is after Nov. 18, 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. Thank you

### Marco's Pizza Day on Thursday, Nov 18th

As a treat for wrapping up the first trimester, the lunch entree for Thursday, Nov 18th will be Marco's Cheese Pizza. Lunch is free for all students this school year and will include a slice of pizza, fruit, salad and milk. However, on this special lunch day, students may purchase an extra slice of pizza for \$1 cash. Grades 6-8 may purchase up to two extra slices. Due to the large number of meals and extras at the register, we will require cash for an extra slice. Note: On all other lunch days, extra entree is \$1.50 and may be purchased with student meal accounts.



### Tis' the Season

It's coming fast! After all - *Tis' the season!* As we approach the holidays, you will hear that phrase more and more. I've been hearing the hype already – Black Friday sales, Christmas bargains – it makes me think - *tis'* the season for *what* – for *selling*? That is the question. What are these so-called “*season's greetings*” all about anyway? Are they about *shopping*? Or *buying*? Or *selling more and more stuff*? Think about this – in the same way that Jesus drove out the moneychangers from the temple (our Gospel at Mass this week) let's drive all of these things out of our lives - *please!* Or at least out of the highest priority of our lives.

*Tis the season for?* It's that time of year when we need to ask this question. It's nothing new. It's actually been going on for quite some time now. And it's a good thing. But before there was *Wal-Mart* or *Target* or *Black Friday*, we must remember that there was *Thanksgiving*. Before Frosty and Rudolph appeared on the scene, there was the Child Jesus and the Nativity scene.

Take Thanksgiving, for example. It's a time to give thanks to God and family, two rare commodities in today's society. Thanksgiving is a sweet moment. Christmas is a wonderful holiday. These are sweet moments in our lives that can become sour over time. Instead of being special moments for reflecting on God and resting with friends and family, they can turn into all-night shopping sprees, with workers striking and shoppers waiting anxiously for hours outside the bitter cold for bargains and deals! And, oh, what some people will do for a deal! And oh, what we will *not do* for the Lord! These are sacred moments that in our modern society have turned into something else – something very commercial. But – in truth - these moments belong to Christianity! We own them! And over the course of centuries, we have allowed their purpose and meaning to be stolen - hijacked - by opportunists, politicians, and turned into commercials and sales. While they did it, we didn't put up a fight. In fact, we joined in.



It's not even easy for Christ to compete with Christians! It's not easy at all. It's not easy to convince parents that their child's first communion outfit is not as important as the Eucharist itself. It's not easy to convince brides and grooms that their vows are more important than their reception! It's not easy at all. Even baptisms have become a very expensive affair. *What can we do?* Simple things. Nothing complicated. For example, set up a Christmas crib scene in your home. Put Christ in the center and Frosty and Rudolph over on the side. Wouldn't it be beautiful if all Christians, one way or another, identified themselves with the season?



*"They will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown!*

Instead of merely saying “Season's Greetings,” greet people by saying “Merry Christmas” or “Hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your family.” Refuse to waste hours and hours a day shopping. Buy gifts that have meaning this Christmas. Make room for the needy and the marginalized by contributing to a Parish toy drive or giving to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Let your children and grandchildren remember the importance of family. Take a day with members of your family to go down to the soup kitchen to help serve a meal. Don't let shopping and glitz and advertising become more important than the reason we are really celebrating. Pray together before your Christmas breakfast or dinner.

Finally, read to your children true and authentic Christmas stories. Watch family movies that are rich in virtue, respectful of family and

faith filled with the Christmas spirit. Let's keep Christ in the holidays - and the beauty and sweetness of God and life from ever becoming commercialized in our own lives this Thanksgiving and Christmas season. And – most importantly – as we begin to celebrate these holidays – may the love of Christ fill your hearts and your homes this year! *Blessings!*

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



## Design a Thanksgiving Centerpiece

### Art Contest

- *Make it a family affair...one entry per family.*
- *Everyone can work together!*
- *Any materials can be used...just no food.*
- *Complete an index card with student's name and grade.*
- *Entries due by Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 am outside the main office—judging will commence soon afterward.*
- *Prize bags awarded to all entries.*
- *Any questions? Email Mrs. Renick*
- *Dimensions of centerpiece: no bigger than 12 in. by 12 in.*



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Stay up-to-date on all things athletics on the OLGAA website:  
<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=759168>



## Girls Basketball

Girls Basketball registration is now open! 3rd-8th grade girls who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), can register to play. The season runs from January - March. Registration is open now through the end of November. Sign up using the link below!

[my.cheddarup.com/c/girls-basketball-2021-2022](http://my.cheddarup.com/c/girls-basketball-2021-2022)

## Lunch Entrees for Week of Nov 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup>:** Chicken Patty on Bun, Sweet Potato Fries

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup>:** Pepperoni Calzone

**Wed, 17<sup>th</sup>:** Hot Dog on Bun, Baked Beans

**Thurs, 18<sup>th</sup>:** Marcos Cheese Pizza Day!

**Fri, 19<sup>th</sup>:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup

- All meals include a choice of fruit and milk.
- Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## High School Information

Junior High Parents-This section of the Weekly Bulletin will be used to offer various information about the Catholic high schools in our area. Click on the link to get to the high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.



<https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/>



<https://www.badinhs.org/admissionshome.html>



<https://www.mercymcauley.org/admissions>



<https://www.rogerbacon.org/future-spartans/application-process>



<https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions>



<https://www.purcellmarian.org/admissions/>



<https://www.saintursula.org/Apply.aspx>



<https://www.depaulcristorey.org/admissions>



<https://www.lasallehs.net/admissions/class-of-2026-checklist/incoming-class-checklist/>



<https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/welcome>