



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

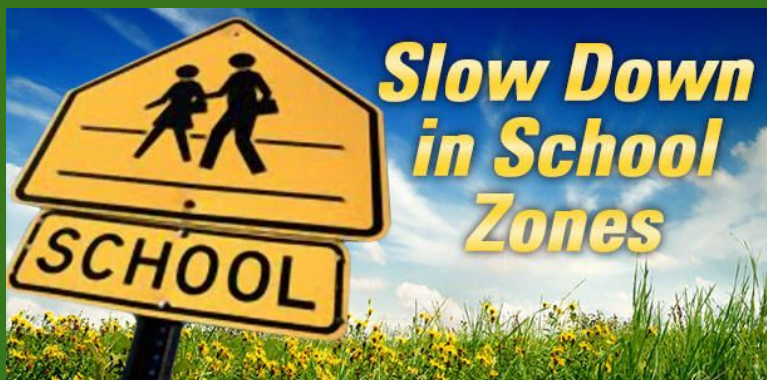
November 15, 2019



Conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 25 and Tuesday, November 26.

Parents can schedule conferences through Option C from Nov. 11-21. If you would like to meet with a Specials/Intervention teacher or it is after Nov. 21, please email the teacher directly to schedule a conference.

Junior high uses a group conference model when they meet with a student's guardian. Please book them using Mrs. Chouteau's link.



We have had several reports of drivers being unsafe in the school zone and the drop off lane. We realize everyone is in a hurry in the morning, but our students' safety is our number one concern. Please leave your house earlier if you need more time.

A couple things to remember if you are dropping off in the morning:

1. Please pull all the way up to the white line or to the car in front of you. Students should not be getting out of the car before it reaches where the teachers are standing.
2. Please **SLOW DOWN** and always be on the lookout for students, teachers, and other cars.

We all need to work together to keep our loved ones safe! Thank you for helping us with this!

Religious Education

"You say it's Your Birthday..."

Every fall, there's this terrible, horrible rumor that goes around that I just had a birthday! Not that I don't celebrate it – it's just that the older I get, I tend to want to kind of let it slip by unnoticed. And yet, the truth is, I am so grateful. As my body is finishing another orbit around the sun, I realize that there's so much to be thankful for! Breathing, walking, beating, thinking, moving, eating, drinking, trusting, fearing, loving, parenting, laughing, singing, teaching, wondering, seeing, hearing, touching, talking life.

I'm finding myself reflecting on the day, all those years ago, when I first took a breath of earth's air. Air. What a strange concept. I lived in my mother's womb for nine months, fed by an umbilical cord connecting me to her resources, and floating in liquid - a floating human being with a straw. That's what I was. Only the straw wasn't in my mouth; it was in my belly! How crazy is that. A person with a straw in its belly, connected to its mommy. But no, I was much more than just that!

I was Creation. Carbon plus hydrogen plus oxygen plus a myriad of other elements. But not only that. The elements were joined by something unseen, but no less real. *The breath of life.* The life of God. The God of the cosmos - the cosmos of God. An entire universe in a little, soft package. A universe with design, with consciousness, with meaning. A human being – a silver soul mingled with crimson and carbon, spirit and blood, water and flesh. Eyes opening, perceiving. Lips pursing, ears hearing - and waiting. Hands opening and fingers stretching. All the little stretches, all the little struggles said: *"I am alive."*

So every birthday, I'm reminded on this day of a favorite passage of mine from Psalm 139 from the Bible: *"For you created my innermost being; you formed me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me; all the days of my life were written in your book before one of them even came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, my God! How vast is the sum of them! If I could count them, they would outnumber the stars!"*

I have come to believe that I was fashioned and designed by more than random evolution. I was made with intention and thought. Each of us share a universe outside of us, but we perceive it differently because of the unique universe within each one of us.

Actually, I know my place in the story of creation. I'm not the big point, I am just a little one, one of the points, in the grand story that surrounds us all. I know that my life has meaning and purpose. I was meant to be here. And the beautiful part is that I was not born, then left to live on my own. I am always in the thoughts of God. Today, I woke up to the God who has been thinking of me every moment of my life.

On every birthday, I am with You, my God, and nothing will ever change that. As I remember my birth, I will remember that I am awake, alive, and in *YOUR* hands. Your story is my story, our story, and to live it large is my greatest dream. *Remember - a birthday is not a rumor to dread, but a day to rejoice!* Thank you, God, for bringing me – and all of us - to life.

Mark Friedman, CRE



OLG'S ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by the Jr. High Families



When?

November 4-November 15

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: 3,000 Items
If Achieved = School Wide Out-of-Uniform-Day
on Monday, November 20th!!

Top Homeroom in School Wins the "Golden Can"
Trophy and Receives Donuts & Juice
(average per student)

Top Quantity Per Grade Level = Candy Treat
(Actual Count)



Breakfast and Weather Delays: Breakfast will not be served when there is a 2-hour delay. Please have your students eat breakfast at home on those days. Lunch will be served at regularly scheduled times.

Report Cards and Unpaid Meals: Please ensure that your student's meal account is paid. If balance is not paid in full at the

end of each trimester, the student's report card may be withheld.

Negative Balance Reminders are sent out by an automated email system on Mondays and Fridays. Yellow paper notifications are sent home with students on Wednesdays. To receive a "**Low Balance Notification**" by email and/or text before your student's account runs out, sign up under Manage Profile in K-12 Payment System.



Tips to help your child manage impulsivity

Raise Your Child's Awareness of Impulsiveness

Sometimes just being aware of an issue can diffuse it. Whenever your child acts impulsively, bring her attention to it and help her to better understand why the behavior is a problem in that moment. If your child interrupts you, advise him that you haven't finished your conversation and that it's important that you do so for x reason and ask for patience. When correcting your child's impulsive behavior, it's important to do so in a calm and helpful manner so as not to affect self esteem negatively. Don't make your child feel like he or she is the problem but rather the behavior is the issue and send the message that it can be corrected. However, keep in mind that in some cases kids won't be able to control their impulsivity just by trying harder—so consult a professional if you continue to have concerns.

Suggest Alternative Behaviors

Provide your child with tools to combat impulsive behavior. For example if your child has a tendency to interrupt, ask him to place his hand on your arm when he has something to say and wait for you to acknowledge him before speaking. If your child is prone to aggressive behavior like hitting or kicking other children, encourage her to take the aggression out in other ways like by biting on a pillow or kicking at a ball. This will satisfy their urge without causing problems or hurting other people.

Take a Deep Breath

Techniques like breath awareness and mindfulness meditation can help improve impulse control. Teach your child to take a few deep breaths when they feel their excitement or impulsivity building. Learning to pause can go a long way towards helping your child to reduce impulsive behaviors. Deep breaths can also help parents reduce their frustration that often arises in reaction to a child's behavior. So in all cases, remember to breathe!

Praise Patience

Acknowledge when your child is being patient and reward him for positive behavior with praise or a special prize. Children who struggle with impulsivity want to behave and may be more likely to do so when they understand what the preferred behavior looks like.

Calling all students grades 6-8!

JOIN US FOR OUR 1st ANNUAL



Friday November 15th, 6-8:30 pm
Bring a canned good for **FREE** entry!
Enjoy light snacks, fun and music!

****Please turn in your permission form by Friday November 8th
in order to attend****

There will be a sign in/ out form at the front entry for all
parents and chaperones to monitor the fun



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[CLICK HERE for Chaperone Sign Up](#)

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday November 14, 2019



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for all these fun events coming up!

"We are Family Dance Party" on Friday 11/15. This dance is for students in grades 6-8. Click the link below to sign up to chaperone:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-wearefamily>

Chipotle Dine & Donate 12/4 5p-9p – Join us at the Chipotle on Colerain Ave to give back to OLG! See flyer for more details.

Box Tops/Coke Rewards

We have collected \$488.50 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. If you haven't downloaded the new app, please do and start earning money for OLG! If you don't want to download the app, feel free to send in receipts with your qualified purchases on them, we will scan them for credit!

We are still collecting Coke Rewards as well so keep sending them in! If anyone would like to enter in the codes, please email PTO and we will get some caps to you!

PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is **Monday November 18th at 630pm** in the OLG library.

We love seeing new faces! Please join us!



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Girls Basketball
Registration for Grades 3-8 is now open!
Registration is open through
mid-November & the season runs
January-March.

Sign up today by clicking the link below!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958717>



SAVE THE DATE!!

Night at the Races will be held on January 18, 2020 at Assumption. Make sure to mark your calendars for this fun-filled OLG Athletics fundraiser - more details to follow!



Check out Mrs. Mitchell's 4th grade class on Q102's *Snack Time with Tim* !

What's the easiest way to make money?

<https://www.wkrq.com/2019/11/06/snack-time-with-tim-the-easiest-way-to-make-money/>

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Our Lady Of Grace Catholic School. Come in to the Chipotle at **9430-C Colerain Avenue** in Cincinnati on **Wednesday, December 4th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Our Lady Of Grace Catholic School.



MEXICAN GRILL

Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

[Chipotle flyer in SPANISH](#)



CLASS OF 2024

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Join us for Open House on Sunday November 17 from 1 –4 p.m. We welcome ALL prospective families to experience our campus.



X-PERIENCE DAYS

BEGIN SEPTEMBER 10

Register for an X-Perience Day (also known as shadowing.) Open dates can be found at

stxavier.org/admissions

HSPT (High School Placement Test)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Prep classes at St. X take place on November 2 and 9. Sign-ups for the class can be found at

stxavier.org/admissions



Applications must be complete no later than Friday, November 29