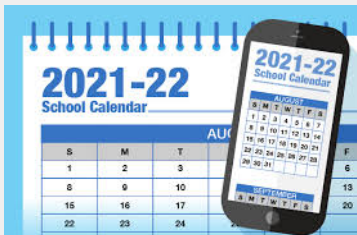




# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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Nov. 22-23 Conferences  
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## Weekly Bulletin

November 19, 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

Conference scheduling closed yesterday. If you would like to meet with a teacher, please email that teacher directly. If time is still available, they will schedule a conference.

Intermediate and Junior High use a group conference model when they meet with a student's parent/guardian. Thank you



Our Lady of Grace will not have school November 23-26. We are so thankful for our students, parents, faculty, and staff and wish you all the best this Thanksgiving holiday.



### Thanksgiving Thankfulness

I was looking for something to share with you about Thanksgiving, and when I found the first story online, the more I reflected on it, the more appropriate it seemed for any time of the year. *The story went like this:*

Thanksgiving Day was drawing near, and the first-grade teacher gave her class a fun assignment - to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. Most of the class might be considered economically disadvantaged, but still, many would celebrate the holiday with turkey and other traditional goodies of the season. These, the teacher thought, would be the subjects of most of her student's art. And they were.

But one of her students, Douglas, made a different kind of picture.

Douglas was a different kind of boy. He was the teacher's true child of misery, frail and unhappy. As other children played at recess, Douglas was likely to stand close by her side. One could only guess at the pain Douglas felt behind those sad eyes. Yes, his picture was different. When asked to draw a picture of something for which he was thankful, he drew a hand. Nothing else. *Just an empty hand.* His abstract image captured the imagination of his peers. Whose hand could it be? One child guessed it was the hand of a farmer, because farmers raise turkeys. Another suggested a police officer, because the police protect and care for people. Still others guessed it was the hand of God, for God feeds us. And so the discussion went. When the children had gone on to other assignments, she paused at Douglas' desk, bent down, and asked him whose hand it was. The little boy looked away and murmured, *"It's yours, teacher."*



Then she recalled the times she had taken his hand and walked with him here or there, as she had the other students. How often had she said, "Take my hand, Douglas, we'll go outside," or, "Let me show you how to hold your pencil," or, "Let's do this together." Douglas was most thankful for his teacher's hand. Brushing aside a tear, she went on with her work. The story speaks of more than thankfulness. It says something about teachers teaching and parents parenting and friends showing friendship, and how much it means to the Douglasses of the world. They might not always say thanks. But they'll remember the hand that reaches out.

### The Second Story

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help." There were only a few coins in the hat. A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words. Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were.

The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?" The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way." I wrote: "Today is a beautiful day but I cannot see it." Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind. Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

**Moral of the Stories:** Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile. Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear. The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling. And even more beautiful, is knowing that *you* are the reason behind it! And keep praying and thanking God!

When I was teaching full time and Thanksgiving rolled around, I use to tell my students, "Instead of calling it Thanksgiving – let's call it *Thanks-Living!*" They liked that. And the older I get, I am more and more thankful for each and every day I am alive, and able to breathe the fresh air, see the blue sky, listen to music, hug my kids, and hold someone's hand. And THAT'S a Thanksgiving (Thanks-living) Blessing!

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



# 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 Upcoming Week

**Monday, 22<sup>th</sup>: Popcorn Chicken & Roll**

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Drumstick, Roll, Mashed Potatoes**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup>: Pepperoni Pizza Stix**

**Wed, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: Chicken & Noodles, Biscuit, Green Beans**

**Thurs, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>: Turkey, Ham & Cheese Sub, Tator Tots**

**Friday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>: Cheese-Filled Breadsticks w/Pizza Sauce**

- 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>



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



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