



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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## Weekly Bulletin

November 21, 2019



**Today is the last day to schedule conferences!!**

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 are in school on Monday, November 25, and there is **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday, November 26-Friday, November 29.

From all of us to all of you, please have a very safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

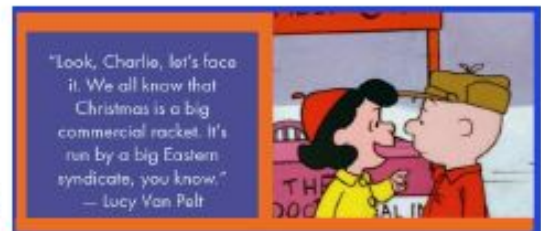
# Religious Education

## Tis' the season...

*Tis' the season!* As we approach the holidays, you will hear that phrase more and more. But I've been thinking - 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, let's drive all of these things out of our lives - *please!*

*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 and 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. Thanksgiving is 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 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.



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 and the beauty and sweetness of God and life from ever becoming commercialized in our own lives this Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



Visit [viacharacter.org](http://viacharacter.org) to find out your family members' top 5 strengths.

# What are your child's top strengths? How can you mindfully build on them each day?



**MINDFULNESS:**  
Be present and fully engage the many parenting moments encountered each day.



**SOCIAL INTELLIGENCE (FRIENDSHIP):**  
Being aware of the motives/feelings of others and oneself.



**GRATITUDE:**  
Being aware of and thankful for the good things that happen.



**LOVE:**  
Valuing close relations with others, in particular those in which sharing & caring are reciprocated.



**FAIRNESS:**  
Giving everyone the equal opportunity to succeed.



**PERSEVERANCE:**  
Finishing what one starts, persevering in a course of action in spite of obstacles.



**CREATIVITY:**  
Thinking of novel and productive ways to conceptualize and do things.



**CURIOSITY:**  
A strong desire to explore and learn something new.



**LOVE OF LEARNING:**  
Mastering new skills, topics, and bodies of knowledge, whether on one's own or formally.



**LEADERSHIP:**  
Organizing group activities, encouraging a group to get things done.



**HUMOR:**  
Liking to laugh and tease, bringing smiles to other people.



**BRAVERY:**  
Not shrinking from threat, challenge, difficulty, or pain; speaking up for what's right even if there's opposition.



**HOPE:**  
Expecting the best in the future and working to achieve it.



**SELF-REGULATION:**  
Regulating what one feels and does.



**PRUDENCE:**  
Careful, cautious, not taking undue risks.



**KINDNESS:**  
Doing favors and good deeds for others; helping them; taking care of them.



**APPRECIATION OF BEAUTY:**  
Awe, wonder, elevation.



**HUMILITY:**  
Modesty; letting one's accomplishments speak for themselves.



**HONESTY:**  
Authenticity, integrity.



**SPIRITUALITY:**  
Religiousness, faith, purpose, meaning.



**JUDGMENT:**  
Critical thinking; thinking things through; open-minded.



**PERSPECTIVE:**  
Wisdom; providing wise counsel; taking the big picture view.



**TEAMWORK:**  
Citizenship, social responsibility, loyalty.



**FORGIVENESS:**  
Mercy; accepting others' shortcomings; giving people a second chance.



**ZEST:**  
Approaching life with excitement and energy; not doing things halfway or halfheartedly.

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## What is the link between mindfulness & character strengths?

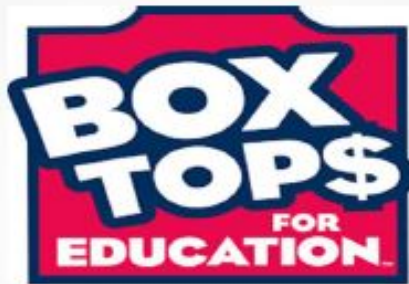
Helping a child hold a positive moment long enough for it to be captured in their memory is reinforced by naming the character strength you see them using.



# OLG PTO

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday November 21, 2019



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### *Upcoming Events*

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Mark your calendars for all these fun events coming up!

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.

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### *Box Tops/Coke Rewards*

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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!

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### *PTO MEETING REMINDER*

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The next PTO meeting is **Monday December 9 at 630pm** in the OLG library.

We love seeing new faces! Please join us!





# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

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## K-2 Instructional Basketball

Learn the basics!

**\$40 includes:**

7 nights of instruction,  
focusing on dribbling,  
passing and shooting  
team shirt  
30 minute practice  
30 minute game  
end of season award



Sign up @ [bit.ly/k2bbolg](http://bit.ly/k2bbolg)

For any questions, email [k2bbolg@gmail.com](mailto:k2bbolg@gmail.com)



## 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!

# 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](#)





## **Santa Breakfast or Dinner!**

### **ASSUMPTION Church – Mt. Healthy**

Tickets  
on sale  
NOW!!!!

**Saturday, December 7th**

**Breakfast Seating 10:00 a.m.**

**Dinner Seating 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 8th**

**Breakfast Seating Only 10:15 a.m.**

**Breakfast (both days):** scrambled eggs, hash-browns, sausage, donuts and fruit

**Dinner:** chicken nuggets (kids), fried chicken (adults), mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and fruit

Everyone receives Assumption's Famous Iced Sugar Cookie and a drink with their meal.

#### **KIDS!**

Meet Santa, Mrs. Claus and some of their friends!

Join in a sing a long with Santa and enjoy a performance!

Visit with Santa in his workshop and get a special ornament for your Christmas tree!

Have your ornament personalized by one of our helpers!

One lucky child will win a \$10 gift card! (1 winner drawn per seating)

Breakfast  
\$6  
Dinner \$7

#### **GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!**

Call (513) 658-0216

or email [adenoma.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:adenoma.assumption@gmail.com)

#### **PARENTS!**

Don't forget to bring your cameras!

One lucky parent will win the Poinsettia door prize!

Visit our holiday boutique and bakery featuring treats & gift items. Most under \$10!

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