



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

November 21, 2022



From our family to yours, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!



We are excited to welcome parents back into the building for conferences tonight (3:00-8:00) and tomorrow (9:00-noon).



Our Lady of Grace is proud to be partnering with St. Ann Parish to ensure school safety on our shared campus. Through a school grant, OLG has contracted for the installation of over \$110,000 in security upgrades and/or new equipment.

We are updating our exterior cameras, adding interior hallway cameras, and installing an updated locking system on various school entrances. All of these school updates are scheduled to be completed by the end of November and will help us to ensure the safety of our community!

All interior and exterior cameras will be fully operational when students return from Thanksgiving break!



Thanksgiving!

The Thanksgiving holiday was started in 1789 by our first president, George Washington. In Washington's proclamation, he stated: "this is a day of national thanksgiving and prayer." It is a day for us to gather in remembrance and gratitude for all the blessings bestowed upon each of us, and for us, in prayer, to unite with our Creator as the one who has bestowed these blessings we now celebrate. Thanksgiving traditionally begins that time of the year when we celebrate family, joy, peace and traditions as we head down the road to Christmas and New Year's Day. During this time, we recall those special moments we shared as kids; and now, as adults, we again see that same joy, wonder and amazement through the eyes of the children and grandchildren in our families. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we must be reminded of the importance of gratitude. Focusing on gratitude grounds us in the reality of God's goodness in our lives. It reminds us of all the generous gifts we have received. This deepens our sense of being truly loved and cared for, giving us the confidence to face the future with hope, rather than being trapped in our own fears and grievances.



We all have so many gifts for which we should be grateful:

- Our parents who loved us into existence and all those who have nourished, protected and guided us.
- Our food, shelter, security and all the other necessities of life. These are God's gifts and do not happen without the labor, commitment and cooperation of many other people.
- The beauty of creation all around us that brings us life and joy.
- Our talents and gifts, and the education and experience that allow us to use them.
- Our family, friends and other relations who enrich and sustain us in so many ways.
- Our faith and all the ways we live it out in worship, prayer, community and service.

Remembering our past and viewing the present through the eyes of children hopefully returns us to a time when, in our innocence, we had a sense of awe and wonder about life.

So, on this Thanksgiving Day, let's all reflect upon this simple question: *Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundance of mercy alive in my life?* The Gospel passage for Thanksgiving Day reveals that Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one of the ten returned in gratitude. Are we like one of the nine who failed in gratitude? If so, we most likely struggle with seeing all the true and abundant blessings from God. If we can humbly admit our struggle with total gratitude, we will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering the deeper gratitude we ought to have. Being grateful means that we can see the truth clearly. Let's be open to that truth and God will change our lives as He fills us with joy!



The First Thanksgiving

Let us pray: *Lord, please do fill my heart with an abundance of gratitude. Help me to turn my eyes to Your infinite grace and mercy. Help me to see beyond the struggles of life and the burdens that get me down. In place of these, help me to become increasingly aware of all You have done for me and all that You continue to do. Jesus, I trust in You. And I AM grateful. Amen!*

May God bless you and give you and yours a Thanksgiving full of love and joy.

Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



Soarin' Eagle Award

The Soarin' Eagle Award is given to students who consistently show their hard work and strong character by being Christlike in our school community. Some examples of this are: following directions the first time, encouraging positive behavior with their peers, showing respect toward the adults in the building, peers and school environment, etc.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Kacie Baldock	Mitch Bucalo	Elizabeth Carnes
MyKensea Smith	Emily Tumey	Da'Shawn Winder
Amare Nelson	Avrey Glass	Major Chaney
Matthew Wheeland	Danny Mueller III	Ella Kidane
Chloe Allee	Tyler Woodrum	Laila Williams
Emma Zeek	Jordan Nunez-Javier	Le'ira Holloway
Lawrence Cain	Audrey Williams	Maya Nixon
Jonathan Lopez Pablo	Alida Velasquez-Miranda	Bruce Hernandez-Villa
Aleeah Hollin	Silas Dosa	Dolyn Tacho
Ella Kidane	Cheyenne Kendall	Jack Sparks
Dion Pitts	Lucy Swanson	Dion Pitts



Volunteers are needed to help in the OLG cafeteria. If you enjoy working with kids and helping out our school we would love to have your help. Volunteer weekly, monthly or whenever it fits into your schedule. Cafeteria volunteers are needed each day from 11:15 am to 1:00 pm and please bring a hat/visor.

Contact Name: Linda Schnetzer
Contact Email: lschnetzer@olgcs.org

Please use the following link to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA4A623AAFD0-olgcafeteria>



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Registration for the 2022-2023 Girls Basketball season is now open! OLG Athletics offers basketball to all girls in grades 3-8 who are enrolled at Our Lady of Grace or who are members of one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann). The season runs from January-March.
#LetsGoEagles

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As you know, OLG offers several opportunities for kids to play sports. OLG Athletic Association (OLGAA) is the organization that organizes and runs these programs for the kids. We currently offer Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Co-ed Track and Field and Co-ed K-2 Basketball. We also have partnerships with St. James for boys to play football and girls to cheer with their teams

and are looking at that possibility for soccer for next season. This organization runs on volunteers. At this time, we are in need of volunteers for the following positions within OLGAA:

President- The president presides over board meetings, guides discussion toward achieving the goals of OLGAA, Review by-laws and constitution periodically, review student-athlete handbook and maintain, liaise with participating parishes as needed, work with board to review budget, work to fill open positions.

Volunteer Coordinator - An administrative role just to help coordinate coaches Safe Parish Certifications and paperwork with the school office.

Equipment Coordinator - Works to ensure uniforms, balls and equipment are organized, stored, and returned each season. Works with coaches to distribute uniforms and equipment each season.

Boys Basketball Coordinator - Our current coordinator has been doing this for several years. This will be his last season and he is willing to help a new coordinator next year to keep this running successfully.

Track Coordinator- Coordinate the organization of the season by working with the league to submit rosters, help coordinate coaches and help coordinate the weekly meets throughout the season for the OLG team.

K-2 Basketball Coordinator - Sundays from February till the end of March. 2 hour time commitment each Sunday.

These programs are only able to be offered because we have volunteers. If we do not get volunteers to run these programs and for the board positions, OLG Athletic programs cannot exist. If you are interested in helping keep OLG Athletics thrive, please consider volunteering. If you are interested, please reach out to Jeff Dietrich, OLGAA Athletic Director for more information at olgeaglesad@gmail.com.