



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Dec. 19- Jan. 3
Christmas Break



Weekly Bulletin

December 10, 2020



Marco's Pizza Day on Wednesday, Dec 16th

As a Christmas treat for our students, the lunch entree for Wednesday, Dec 16th 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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

If you or anyone in your house is getting tested for COVID-19, your child must stay home until a negative result comes back. If a positive result occurs, please call the school office.

OLG **DOES NOT** require a COVID-19 test in order to return to school after quarantining. Please note that if your child has been deemed a close contact, and you choose to get him/her tested, a negative result **DOES NOT** change the length of the quarantine. The child will still need to quarantine for the designated length of time listed in the quarantine letter.

Our Lady of Grace has had **8** confirmed positive COVID-19 cases from August 20-today.

Religious Education

And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone all around them – and they very afraid. But the angel said *Fear Not!*

Want to know one reason why I think Christmas is great. Because it's that time of year when you have the greatest possible number of greetings you can use (with mask on, of course!) Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays! Feliz Navidad! Seasons Greetings! And I would include one other – *Don't Be Afraid* – which, by the way, appears 365 times in the Bible. Okay – so maybe *Don't Be Afraid* doesn't sound great on a Christmas card, but it seems to be a most popular phrase the angels use. For example, an angel appears to Zechariah in the Temple announcing the birth of John the Baptist - *Don't Be Afraid*. Then to Mary saying she was chosen to be the Mother of Jesus - *Don't Be Afraid*. Then to the Shepherds in the fields watching their flocks by night - *Fear not!* You see - it's the original Christmas greeting!

But we rarely associate fear with Christmas – after all it's that holly, jolly time of year. But in reading the story of Jesus' birth in the first two chapters of the Gospel of Luke, we see the words "fear" and "afraid" show up eight times. Back then, people had a reason to be shaken up. Jesus was a vulnerable baby, but that didn't make his arrival any less intense. When we read about the baby Jesus, we read about people getting scared, getting knocked out of their comfort zones. This baby was changing everything.

Now – some went with the change – Mary, Joseph, the three wisemen, and the shepherds for example. But some, however, fought against it. When Herod the King, for example, heard that a new king was to be born, the Bible tells us he was *troubled* and captivated by selfish power and ended up murdering the babies living in Bethlehem in the name of trying to stop this newborn king.

There are many people around the world who are fighting the *King Herods* of the world and crusading against violence and corruption. One example is in the current country of Honduras in Central America.

There, the *Association for a More Just Society* is working for justice in a country with the highest murder rate in the world. There are some strong *Herods* in Honduras – people who, themselves, are afraid of Christmas and the message of Jesus' birth in the Bible. They are afraid of a world where fearless love jeopardizes a system of power that feeds on violence and intimidation. They are scared that when they say *Be Afraid!* The baby Jesus still tells us *Don't be Afraid!*



Nightfall in Honduras

I read recently that there are thousands in Honduras who stand up to those *Herods* and find their strength in Christ. Some even risk their lives for the cause of justice. They remind me of the angel who went to the shepherds – remember – not during the day, but in the night. And then, while shattering the darkness with brilliant light, called out to them *Don't be afraid – I bring you tidings of great joy for all the people! For unto you is born a Savior – who is Christ the Lord!* And that was really good news back then – and it still is today.

Regardless of what country we live in, as Christians we must pray that God will show us the dark fields, the ones we might otherwise avoid or ignore, and help us to shine a light. We must pray that God might stir up a passion and courage in us to stand up to the *Herods* of the world and shine a bright and fearless light. We must make it a light that shares the good news about the game-changing Savior we read about in the first chapter of the Gospel of John: *"In Him was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never overcome it."* Yes – it's something to think about during the time of year with the most greetings in it!

Continued Advent Blessings!

Mark Friedman, CRE

OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

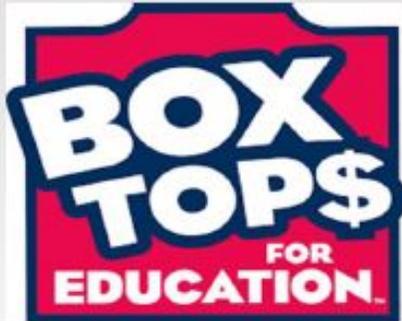
Thursday December 3, 2020

OUT OF UNIFORM PASS SALE

Thanks to all who purchased out of uniform passes! We have raised \$1600! We are still offering the passes, so please use the link below to order! There is a new option - \$20 for 5 months (January-May). These make great Christmas gifts!

GET YOURS TODAY!

<https://out-of-uniform-pass.cheddarup.com>



For those that already ordered, the passes have been delivered to the students via their homeroom teacher.

ST. NICK TO VISIT OLG!

St. Nick will be making his annual stop at OLG this weekend, but since the students aren't in school that day, St. Nick will leave treats for the students with the teachers.

PTO MEETING REMINDER

There is no PTO meeting in December. Merry Christmas!

We will see you all in January.



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Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



K-2 Instructional Basketball: We are in need of a parent volunteer to serve as coordinator for our K-2 Instructional Basketball league. The season runs from mid-January to March. The coordinator for this sport would be responsible for overseeing the sports as it relates to working with the athletic board in scheduling sign ups and gym time, coach selection and assisting coaches or AD with any issues. If you're interested in serving as the K-2 Instructional Basketball coordinator, please contact Melinda Miller at olgaasecretary@gmail.com.



December
Warm Up
The Winter

Family Challenge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Write down why love is a great character strength
2 Smile as often as possible	3 Drink at least two liters of water today	4 Exercise Together	5 Watch your favorite family movie together	6 Take some slow deep breaths	7 Introduce the family to a new recipe	8 Create a family hobby
9 Write a nice note to your best friend	10 Try yoga for the first time	11 Watch a comedy movie with the family	12 Do something creative	13 Do a mindful family meditation	14 Start a daily family gratitude journal	15 Go for a family walk (no phones)
16 Listen to happy music together	17 Dance together	18 Have a family game night	19 Tell family members what you love about them	20 Eat a healthy meal together	21 Repeat positive affirmations throughout the day	22 Make a batch of holiday treats together
23 Go to the family's favorite restaurant	24 Read a book out loud to the family	25 Say "I love you" to your family	26 Write some favorite things about yourselves	27 Write down realistic expectations for the family	28 Role play skills of stopping, thinking, and not reacting	29 Create a story that each person adds to
30 Do an act of kindness as a family	31 Resolve to be mindful					