



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

December 10, 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.**



Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the

telephone number you reported to Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be changed by the parent in Option C and updated with your new information. OLG will not announce an early dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.

2 HOUR DELAY

There will be no AM buses to OLG from any district opening on time when OLG is on a 2 hour delay. In this situation, parents will have to provide their own transportation to school to accommodate the 10:00 a.m. start time.

- There will be AM buses to OLG from any district also opening on a 2 HOUR DELAY.
- There will be PM busing from all districts who are open (regardless of their start time)
- There will be no AM or PM busing from any district that is CLOSED.

Please contact your child care provider (including YMCA) to determine their policies and procedures for inclement weather.

CLOSED

- No school and no child care.

* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.



Service During Advent

At a former school where I worked as a campus minister, we had an Advent drive to collect – among other things - warm stocking hats, mittens, and gloves for families in need. The deadline for bringing them in was always the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8. I recall one year where – after the deadline was past – a parent brought a large bag to my office with brand new hats and gloves for the drive. After school, I was driving downtown to take the bag to an OTR shelter when I saw a mom with four young kids walking in the cold – no one had hats or gloves. On an impulse, I pulled over and called out to the lady who came over to the car. I handed her 5 of the hats and 5 pairs of gloves. She was so grateful and immediately put them on the kids and herself. Seeing her and the kids' gratitude was one of the most memorable moments in all my ministry work.

Sometimes we are ready - as individuals, as families, to seek some opportunities to experience Advent with a different spirit. As I found out on that cold December afternoon, this is a very rewarding and grace-filled way to experience Advent. It helps us to prepare for Christmas because we focus on how grateful we are and we enter into the spirit of sharing by allowing us to imitate our Savior who simply gave of his very self for us. And, it helps us get closer to the experience of the poor and needy of our world by thinking about their needs and doing something - even if it is a small thing - to reach out. The hardest part is getting started.

One easy and very rewarding way is to contribute to a common effort which others are doing. Your parish may have a relationship with a local food pantry or shelter. They may have a "Giving Tree" where you can purchase gifts for those who have very little. Joining in these efforts can be a great opportunity to feel how we can work together to pool our resources and maximize their potential. And, the donated goods help those in need *locally*. Locating a local food pantry is easy. You can easily search online for the location of food pantries in your area. I also would recommend a call to your local parish Saint Vincent De Paul Society – they do tremendous work for people in the immediate area.

Service carries long term memories and can be the most rewarding experience of Advent. For instance, as we are shopping for our own groceries, we can simply pick up groceries for others. Part of that experience is to imagine the experience of others who might be in such trouble that they have to turn to someone else for the basics of food. So, what do the "basics" look like. What can I buy in a store that can survive on a shelf? What is easy to make and nutritious? What would be most appreciated by a family in need? It may take a little extra time, and take us down a few aisles we don't always visit, but it will surely cause us to reflect more and to compare what we're purchasing for our family and what we're seeking for a person or a family in need. Even though this might be a small contribution, the real power comes when we turn it into a prayer - when it becomes something that touches our relationships with the Lord.



Who among us doesn't have more clothes than we need? We can always search our closets and find many articles of clothes that could really help others with less. Moreover, perhaps you and your kids together can look for toys that they hardly use anymore, but would be so welcome to kids with few or none.

There are so many ways to give. We may discover that we have the gifts to help with a tutoring program. Perhaps this is the time to join a social ministry committee in your parish or with your local Archdiocese. We could offer our services to a local service center or not-for-profit organization, serving the poor, as a board member or consultant. Understanding the real issues and the concrete challenges of poverty can be the first step to making systemic changes. These acts of kindness, at this time of the year, help us to better prepare and to reflect. And, the gift given to each of us in Advent, for Christmas this year, will be a renewed spirit for and with others, after the pattern of the One who came for us.

Blessings, **Mark Friedman, CRE**



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Calling all volunteers! OLGAA needs your help for the Night at the Races fundraiser. The event takes place on Saturday January 15th at 7pm at Assumption Gym.

This is such a fun event so please consider donating your time and talents to help raise money for our favorite athletes, our OLG Eagles! Please see the link below for volunteer opportunities. If you have any questions, feel free to email the committee at olgaanightattheraces@gmail.com

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45ADAD23AAFACF8-olgae>

Lunch Entrees for Upcoming Week

Monday, Dec 13th: Chicken Patty on Bun, Sweet Potato Fries

Tuesday, Dec 14th: Mini-Corn Dogs, Baked Beans

Wed, Dec 15th: Cincy Chili with Spaghetti

Thurs, Dec 16th: Marcos Cheese Pizza

Friday, Dec 17th: Various Pizza-Style Entrees

- 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.



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<https://www.mercymcauley.org/admissions>



<https://www.rogerbacon.org/future-spartans/application-process>



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