



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

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### Calendar Links



### 2022-2023 Calendar



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Dec. 21- Jan. 2  
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### Weekly Bulletin

December 16, 2022



*From our family to yours, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

Christmas Break will be December 21-January 2 with school resuming on January 3.



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.



### **In Advent, be intentional about waiting**

It's been said in recent years that roughly 60 percent of news readers only read the headlines. That means that for every four of you reading this, six others glanced at the headline above, whether it was in their email or social media feed, but didn't actually click on the article to read it. In a way, this simple stat reflects the state of society today and how none of us like to wait — for anything. Whether we're sitting at a stoplight — evident by the almost immediate horn beeping by the person behind you, waiting in line at a restaurant or suffering through commercials while waiting for our show to come back on, many of us have a constant need to be doing something while we're waiting. We're not content to just wait, to just be.

Smartphones seem to be the default distraction these days. Instead of looking up and observing the world around us while we wait, we turn our gaze down. Instead of striking up a conversation with a fellow "waiter," we browse through posts on Facebook and Instagram. So, as we are still in Advent, what better time is there to remind us what the act of waiting is all about, and more importantly, how to wait well?

Practically and spiritually speaking, Advent is a season of waiting. As we enter the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we eagerly count down the days to Christmas. Those days are usually filled with lots of shopping, cooking and planning — all in preparation for the coming celebration. There are two ways that people generally approach this period of preparation, which could also be called a period of waiting. One is with excitement and eagerness — excitement for family to come into town, excitement to see the kids' faces on Christmas morning and the excitement of the season in general. The other is one of dread and trepidation — dread about all the cooking that has to be done, dread about hosting in-laws and an overall sense of wanting the season to be over before it's even started. Spiritually, we all encounter these same feelings as well.



But it's that period of waiting for him that can at times be the most excruciating. Saint Augustine has something to say about this waiting period. "If God seems slow in responding," he wrote, "It is because He is preparing a better gift. He will not deny us. God withholds what you are not yet ready for. He wants you to have a lively desire for His greatest gifts. All of which is to say, pray always and do not lose heart." There are two lessons to be learned from Augustine. The first is that waiting is not something to be dreaded. In this age of instant gratification, where we can answer emails on our smartphones and have literally anything shipped to our front door in two days' time, waiting has become an annoyance, an inconvenience. What has been lost is that in a certain sense, waiting is a form of suffering. And as Christians, we are called to unite our sufferings to Christ, no matter how minuscule that suffering may seem. Waiting at a stoplight? Don't pull out your phone. Instead, bask in the moment, turn on some music and thank God for another day.

The second lesson is that we are not in control; God is. Why do we teach our kids the concept of patience? It's because despite all our efforts to eradicate it, we know that waiting is an inherent and necessary part of life. As Augustine points out, God will not deny us, nor will he let us down. He wants us to desire his gifts, and sometimes, in order for that desire to come to fruition, it means having to wait. Waiting may be hard sometimes, but in doing so, we can better appreciate and rejoice in the fulfillment of those desires.

In Spanish, the word for "wait" is *esperar*. But it is also the root of the word *esperanza* — *hope*! The very act of waiting implies that some sort of payoff or fulfillment is coming. Sometimes we know when that which we're waiting for will be here: that package from Amazon ordered two days ago, the release of the next Star Wars movie or — more importantly — the birth of a child. Other times, however, our hope is placed in something that is completely unknown: results of a medical test, a much-needed job offer or the return of a loved one serving overseas. Advent is a fervent reminder of this, as week after week we approach the certain coming of Christmas, which marks the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. But in an even bigger way, we await the coming of Jesus Christ. We encounter him each week at Mass in the Eucharist, but still we wait for him. Now is the time to be joyful! Joy is what carries us through all the waiting we do at Advent, and it is what carries us through all the waiting we do in life. So, wait well, wait intentionally, and don't let all the waiting take your joy in this season of Advent. *A very Merry Christmas to all — see you around the corner in the New Year!*

**Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG**



**Thank You!**

Volunteers like you  
make our school,  
our classrooms & our  
world a better place!

We love you!



# PTO NEWS

**Christian Service Days! Friday: 12/16**  
**Out of uniform for \$1 - Tacky Wacky Day**

## Classroom Christmas Parties

Room parents if you haven't reached out to the teachers **PLEASE DO SO** - Most parties are scheduled for Monday 12/19 or Tuesday 12/20 - **ALL VOLUNTEERS** must be Safe Parish Verified before attending.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

### Eagle Walk Theme Ideas!?

Have an idea for the Walk a Thon Theme this year? Email us! [PTO@OLGCS.ORG](mailto:PTO@OLGCS.ORG)

**Book Fair Volunteers Needed - sign up genius to come!**

### Black History Month

Have ideas? Have connections? Want to help? email us! [PTO@OLGCS.ORG](mailto:PTO@OLGCS.ORG)

**save the  
date!**

**EAGLE WALK**  
**THEME: TO BE ANNOUNCED**  
**PROJECTED DATE: FRIDAY APRIL 28**  
**VOLUTEERS NEEDED TO PREPARE AND RUN**  
**THE EVENT! SAFE PARISH NEEDED TO ATTEND**



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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](mailto:lschnetzer@olgcs.org)

Please use the following link to volunteer:

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



## Marco's Cheese Pizza Day!!

Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>

- Tuesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> is a special lunch entree of **Marco's Cheese Pizza** with a Christmas Juice Slushie. Students will be charged their current meal status lunch price (free or full pay price of \$3.00)
- **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** to purchase an extra slice of pizza.
- The alternative entree will be Moo Meal.



Baseball and Softball are currently open for any OLG students who may be interested. We will play with our parish family at St. James.

Please use the following link to sign up:  
<https://www.stjamespanthers.org/>



# 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

[CLICK HERE for REGISTRATION](#)



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](mailto:olgeaglesad@gmail.com).



# The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit [www.CatholicBestChoice.org](http://www.CatholicBestChoice.org) for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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Education Foundation  
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati



Join us for the  
St. Ann Ladies Night Out  
BUNCO! Fundraiser  
Saturday, January 14  
Doors open at 6:30pm, play  
begins at 7:15pm

Tickets cost only \$25.00  
which includes playing  
BUNCO!, drinks, appetizers  
and desserts.

Limited number of tickets  
available - Get yours TODAY!

Proceeds benefit  
St. Ann JOY Ministry!

There are 5 ways to  
win prizes!

Head to Toe Split  
the Pot

Raffle Baskets  
Chances

Bunco! Top Scores

Heads or Tails Split  
the Pot

Door Prizes

For tickets or questions: contact Cindy at St. Ann Parish  
Office 513-521-8440 or [cwithrow@saintannparish.org](mailto:cwithrow@saintannparish.org)