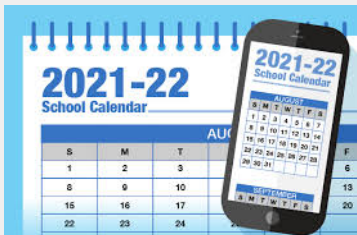




Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Dec. 18-Jan. 2 Christmas Break

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Weekly Bulletin

December 17, 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.**



From all of us to all of you, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will see everyone back on January 3, 2022!



In celebration of the many cultures that make our school and community great, we would like to highlight some of them at a Spring Cultural Fair.

Please complete this optional survey so that we can identify suggestions, volunteers, and resources to make this fair a success:

<https://forms.gle/3CN2zXqnnCiGegJK7>



May Christ be Born in Our Hearts

Some of you may know, that aside from being a Religious Educator, I have been a music minister for many years assisting at Masses and programs at churches and schools in the Archdiocese. It's a labor of love. Often at Christmas time, I like to volunteer to play music for the kids at Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House, as well as at nursing homes. That is when the spirit of Christmas really comes alive for me. It is very worthwhile and I'm glad I still have the opportunity to do it.

As we move into the last week or so before Christmas, I wanted to share with you a story that was told to me by my good friend Tom – who makes his living as a religious entertainer – and one particular Christmas program *he did* at a local nursing home. It always touches my heart.

Before Tom began his thirty-minute Christmas program of storytelling, juggling, and comedy for the residents of the nursing home – he walked through the crowded room. The room had that familiar nursing room smell and was full of the usual suspects – some in wheelchairs, others lying on beds they had rolled into the room, some who just had blank stares on their faces. He shook hands with them all. Most of them had a smile for him except for one resident – an old man – who sat in a wheel chair simply staring off into space. Tom took particular notice of him and made his way through the crowd. He reached down and took the man's yellow, jaundiced hand and shook it and said "hello there!" but the man didn't move and simply stared blankly off into space.

So, Tom walked to the front of the room and began his show. He did some masterful juggling, evoking "ooohs" and "aaahs" from the residents. Not a real magician, he did some funny magic tricks and told a few jokes which the old folks seemed to enjoy – some shouting out the punch lines before Tom could even say them! Everybody was having a great time – but all through the show Tom kept an eye on the man with the yellow jaundiced hands who continued to stare with a fixed blank gaze. As the show came to a close, Tom was ready for his *big finale*. He reached into his large bag and pulled out a very large, gold colored kazoo that was in the shape of a trumpet. Tom mimicked playing a Christmas tune on it and ended with a flamboyant trumpet-like fanfare. Applause broke out and Tom took a deep bow to end the show.



Packing up his things, he made his way to the door - and as he once again walked among some of the remaining folks to say goodbye – a hand reached out and grabbed his arm with a firm and tight grip. Looking down, Tom saw a yellow, jaundiced hand and realized it was the man with the blank stare he had seen earlier. But this time, the old man's eyes weren't blankly staring, but brightly sparkled.

Looking at Tom, he announced boldly: "I USED TO PLAY THE TRUMPET!" "You did?" Tom said with a smile. "YES, SIR!" the old man said proudly, "IN A BIG BAND!" Tom reached in his bag and took out the kazoo and handed it to the man - who ran his fingers over it and Tom could see the man smile as he handed the kazoo-trumpet back to Tom. "Merry Christmas" the man said faintly and vigorously shook Tom's hand. As he began to leave, a nurse suddenly ran up to Tom and said frantically: "Did that man over there *speak* to you?" "Yes," Tom said, "He told me he use to play the trumpet." "Oh my God!" the nurse said – fighting back a tear "He has been here at this nursing home for over six months and has never said a single word to anyone! *No one here even thought he could speak!*" Tom looked over at the man with the jaundiced hands – and through his own tears, Tom could see the man was still smiling.



For that particular old man, his Christmas gift came in the most unlikely way - by a juggler with a trumpet-kazoo who re-lit happy memories of the wonderful life he had once lived. You could call it a miracle, but Christmas is a time for miracles. After all, it was to a darkened world so many centuries ago that the sound of a trumpet and the voices of angels were heard singing "*Glory to God in the highest – peace on earth – good will to all!*"

For the *greatest* miracle came to the earth in the most unlikely of ways – in a lowly stable in the smallest town in Israel. Listen for the trumpet this Christmas and you may hear the angels sing. *Blessings to all!*

Mark Friedman, CRE



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

presents

Night at the Races

January 15, 2022

This event takes a lot of volunteers and we need YOU to sign up to help. All volunteers that work one shift that night can stay and enjoy the rest of the evening for free!



**Best volunteer gig
you'll ever "work"**



OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

presents

Night at the Races

January 15, 2022

Pizza, wings, soft drinks and beer all night!
Horse races for betting, Wheel of Fortune,
Bingo Ball and Split the Pot!



\$20 Admission

\$15 Seniors

Get your tickets online at
www.night-at-the-races-2022.cheddarup.com

Lunch Entrees for Upcoming Week

Monday, Jan 3rd: Popcorn Chicken & Soft Pretzel

Tuesday, Jan 4th: Cheeseburger on Bun, Tator Tots

Wed, Jan 5th: Spaghetti with Meatballs

Thurs, Jan 6th: Beef Taco Sticks

Friday, Jan 7th: Cheese Bites w/Marinara Sauce

- All meals include a choice of fruit and milk
- Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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.

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.



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



<https://www.badinhs.org/admissionshome.html>



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



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



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



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



<https://www.saintursula.org/Apply.aspx>



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



<https://www.lasallehs.net/admissions/class-of-2026-checklist/incoming-class-checklist/>



<https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/welcome>