



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



## 2022-2023 Calendar



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## Weekly Bulletin

January 12, 2023

No school tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 13 and Monday, Jan. 16.  
Have a great long weekend!



**Catholic Schools  
Week 2023**  
January 29–February 4

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw)  
#CSW23

We are excited to have the opportunity to celebrate Catholic Schools once again this year! The national theme for this important week is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." By celebrating Catholic schools and enjoying some special events, we can take time to reflect on the positive impact a Catholic education has on children and its contributions to our community. Below is a brief summary of the fun-filled activities planned for CSW.

### **Sunday, January 29: "CSW Kick Off"**

OLG benefits all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support our four parishes provide. We invite you to join us for Mass at one of the parishes we serve: Assumption, Little Flower, St. Ann, and St. Margaret Mary. If you are not able to attend Mass, we ask you to start our Catholic Schools Week by praying for our faculty, students, and families.

### **Monday, January 30: "Proud to be an Eagle"**

Show your school pride and celebrate your Eagle spirit with a BLUE OUT DAY! Students can come to school out of uniform in their favorite blue clothes. Socks, hats, accessories, and wigs are welcome. (Please no hair or face paint.)

### **Tuesday, January 31: "Focusing on Our Faith"**

Families are invited to join our school community at 8:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass at St. Ann. The parishioners who join us that day will receive a card thanking them for their support of Our Lady of Grace and Catholic education.

### **Wednesday, February 1: "Excellence in Our Actions"**

Saints and Community Hero Day! We all strive to be living saints and heroes in our service of others and everyday actions. Students can dress as their favorite saint or community hero (ex. Firefighters, police, doctors, nurses, librarians, paramedic, mechanic, dentist, veterinarian, etc.) Students will also be participating in a service project in their classrooms. Eagles #soar2serve

### **Thursday, February 2: "Appreciating Our Students"**

To celebrate our tremendous OLG students, they will be able to come to school out of uniform! To make their day extra special, students will take part in an hourly Principal's Prize Lottery. They will receive a special treat from PTO. To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

### **Friday, February 3: "Celebrating Our Talents"**

To conclude this year's Catholic Schools Week, students may come to school out of uniform dressed as their favorite talented person. Athletes, musicians, artists, actors, or their favorite book character are all examples of people students can dress as on this day. We will also be celebrating our very talented faculty and staff with a PTO provided lunch and hourly prizes for them!

\* Please look for information from your child's teacher on additional classroom CSW activities. All out of uniform days should be school appropriate attire.



### An Epiphany

One of my favorite feast days of the year has just occurred. The Feast of the Epiphany. It celebrates the visit of the Magi – the Three Kings – the Three Astrologers – the Three Wise Men. They have many names, but whatever you might call them, the story of their visit is a way for us to understand that Jesus came to save ALL people. After all, the word EPIPHANY means “an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure – a *making known*.” Jesus was “made known” not just for the Jews but for the whole world. Some countries even wait to exchange holiday gifts until Epiphany! On the feast of Epiphany, I am always reminded of the tender, heartwarming story of “Amahl and the Night Visitors.” Expressly written for television, it premiered on NBC on Christmas Eve, 1951 and was repeated thereafter for twenty Christmas seasons. *Television sure has changed!*



The story begins with Amahl, a poor shepherd boy with a disability, who struggles to walk with a small wooden crutch. Although Amahl has a kind and pleasant heart, he has a habit of exaggerating and making up stories. One day, he is sitting outside playing his shepherd's pipe when his mother calls for him. He enters the house but his mother does not believe him when he tells her that there is an amazing star “as big as a window” up in the sky, over *their* roof. Later that night, Amahl's Mother weeps for her son, praying that he might someday become healthy again - and not have to live his life as a beggar.

After bedtime, there is a knock at the door and Amahl is amazed when he sees three splendidly dressed kings (obviously the Wise Men). He runs to tell his mother, but she thinks he is making up another story. The Kings tell the surprised mother and Amahl that they have been following a special star and are on a long journey to give gifts to a wondrous child that had been born to save all people, and that they would like to rest for the night at Amahl's house, to which the mother agrees. Amahl is told to go fetch all the surrounding neighbors so that the kings may be fed and entertained properly. After the neighbors have left and the Kings are sleeping, the mother, being poor and also sickened at the thought that her child's only future may be to grow up to be a poor beggar, attempts to steal some gold for the King's treasure chest that was meant for the Christ Child. As she opens the chest, she is discovered by the Kings who threaten to put his mother in prison for stealing.



Amahl desperately pleads with the Kings to not take her away, saying she is good and kind and was only thinking of him. The Kings see just how much Amahl loves his mother and realize her motives for stealing the gold were good at heart. Compassionately, King Melchior says she may keep the gold, as the Holy Child will – after all - not need earthly power or wealth to build his kingdom. But the mother says she will not keep it and, knowing of the Child's greatness, she wishes she could send a gift but has nothing to give. Amahl, too, has nothing to give the Christ Child – but then realizes his only possession is the wooden crutch he needs to walk. Amahl, who is leaning on his crutch



for support, is so excited by the idea of giving his crutch as a present for the Christ Child, that he extends his crutch and offers it to the Kings. All are wide eyed as they see Amahl miraculously standing up on his own two feet. Then – shakily at first – he walks slowly forward on his own to hand the crutch to the Magi. By offering the only gift he had, his leg has been miraculously healed by the child in the manger so far away in Bethlehem. Overjoyed at being cured, Amahl leaves his mother at the cottage and goes off with the Magi to see the child and personally give his crutch to him in thanks for being healed, promising to return to his mother after the journey. Amahl waves goodbye to his mother as he *walks on his own* to Bethlehem with the Three Kings.

*What gifts do we have that we can offer the Christ Child in this New Year?* – Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG



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.



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>



Facilitators are needed! As we close the Christmas season, we see Lent is just around the corner. SW5 Family of Parishes will be forming small groups for the Lenten program, Living Your Baptism in Lent, with sign ups beginning February 4th. To be ready for this, we need facilitators to host these small groups. No educational requirements are necessary. If you are a good listener with an open and welcoming spirit, and willing to share and learn, you will be perfect for this!

Training sessions are held 1/24/2023 at St. Bernard, or 1/25/2023 at St. James, both at 7:00 pm. Training will be conducted in English. Books will be available in Spanish upon request.

Contact Elaine Rasp to register at 513-604-5091 or [ELAINELRASP@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ELAINELRASP@GMAIL.COM).



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



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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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  
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