



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Calendar Links



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Jan. 18 No School
Jan. 19 OLG~HOME
Packet 3:15-3:45

ORDINARY TIMES
Extraordinary God

Weekly Bulletin

January 14, 2021



Governor DeWine announced updated guidance for COVID-19 exposures in classrooms. Students and teachers exposed to a COVID-positive person in school are no longer required to quarantine as long as the exposure occurred in a classroom setting and all students/teachers were wearing masks and following other appropriate protocols.

It is important to understand that these guidelines are for in-classroom exposure only. These new quarantine guidelines DO NOT APPLY to after-school and extra-curricular activities, including sports. Please refer to coronavirus.ohio.gov for additional information.

OLG 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 with someone outside of OLG, 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 **11** confirmed positive COVID-19 cases from August 20-today.

OPEN HOUSE

Due to the pandemic, OLG will not be having our traditional Open House this year. We will still be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Information on our planned events will come out in next week's bulletin.

We will be scheduling tours for new families. If you know someone who is interested in attending OLG for the 2021-2022 school year, please direct them to our website www.olgcs.org where they can register for a tour.

Religious Education

Harden Not Your Hearts

The readings we use for today - Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time – echo Psalm 95 which we use in the Mass: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”

It’s been a difficult time. What has been not quite one year, seems like three. It’s been hard to stay hopeful. It would be easy to harden our hearts, to give up hope. But I have hope. And I really think there is hope. It’s a new year, there are new developments. There’s a vaccine. Perhaps we can allow ourselves to have some optimism – to have some hope.

In the gospel for today, Jesus heals a leper. In Jesus time, leprosy was a horrible and isolating disease. It was incurable and contagious. Its victims were not permitted in society and were considered unclean. In fact, they actually had to call out “Unclean, Unclean” to warn people of their presence so they could keep appropriate distance. But a leper came to Jesus (which was against the rules of social distancing) and recognized his healing abilities. The leper said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” And Jesus did. He said, “I will do it. Be clean!” The leper heard his voice. He recognized that Jesus could change his life. Even though Jesus told him to go straight to the priest, the leper was so excited at his cure that he told everyone. He could now be among society again. He did not harden his heart; he heard Jesus’ voice and responded. He was now clean, and he was free.



Of course, now *everyone* wanted healing and Jesus was overwhelmed as people kept coming to him from everywhere. *They heard his voice*. They did not harden their hearts. The leper permitted himself to have hope where there was no hope. There was no cure for his disease, but Jesus made him clean. He heard his voice, and his heart was made light.

As the story goes, the leper then becomes a disciple – he spreads the word. He witnesses to Jesus’ goodness. Can we let him take us by the hand so that we too may become witnesses to what God is doing in our lives?

Unlike the leper, the most painful wounds we carry with us are often from the past and are more wounds of the spirit than of the body. Of these spiritual wounds, that one that may cause us the most pain is that of a belief that we are not important, that perhaps God is not listening. In this Gospel story, we hear in Jesus’ words to the leper, that Jesus *does* listen, and he wants to heal whatever wounds we carry with us from the past.

When you pray today, tell Jesus of some way you may have been hurt or wounded by something people said or did to you. Share with him the frustrations you feel about how hard these past months have been. Listen to how sensitive and responsive Jesus is when – in the same way he was “moved with pity” for the leper – he will show compassion for you and comfort you.

“Today is the day, and now the proper hour, to forsake our sinful lives and turn to the Lord.” Every day we should listen for his voice.

Have a Blessed Day!

Mark Friedman, CRE



OLG Virtual Talent Show!

YOU HAVE TALENT, SHARE IT WITH US!

All talents are welcome! Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, skits, comedy, magic tricks, showcase your art skills with a time lapse video, beatboxing or ballet! Here's what you need to know:

When is my video and permission slip due?: January 27th

Who do I send my video to?: Ms. Gonzalez! My email is vgonzalez@olgcs.org

How long can my video be?: no longer than 1 1/2 minutes

What grades can send in a video?: Anyone! Kindergarten all the way to 8th grade are welcome!

No rehearsals! Rehearse your talent and send your video to my email! Please include the following in the subject line of your email: Your name, your grade, your talent.

The video will premiere January 31st on the OLG Facebook page.

[CLICK HERE for the required permission slip](#)

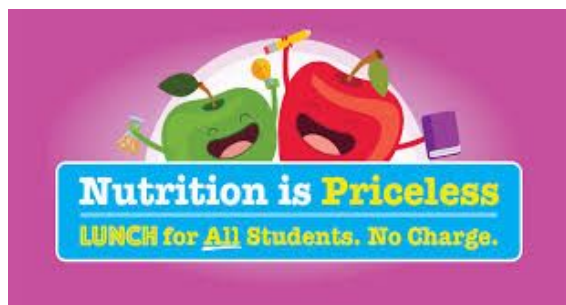
Onomatopoeia means to imitate sounds like, *Crunch! Meow! Honk! Boom! Woof!* How many words can your family come up with that



makes your child(ren) or sister/brother laugh until your sides hurt!

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Menu Changes!!

The OLG Breakfast and Lunch Menu has been revised for the remainder of the school year. Now that we are in the swing of serving in the classroom, we are able to bring back some of the favorite meals from the past! The revised menu will start on Tuesday, Jan 19th, with the Blue Week. It is available on the OLG web-site/Calendar/Cafeteria.

Breakfast and Lunch remain free for all OLG students for the remainder of this 2020-2021 school year! [CLICK HERE for the new menu](#)

DRESS CODE REMINDERS

As a reminder, the following items are NOT PERMITTED at OLG:

1. Any distracting, extreme, or unsafe hair style (whether due to artificial coloring, length, grooming, etc.) is unacceptable. No designs may be cut into the hair.
2. Makeup of any kind
3. Artificial and/or acrylic nails
4. All Boots (This includes Ugg boots which tie in the front.)
5. Hooded OLG sweatshirts: these are only allowed on spiritwear days.

For the complete dress code, please visit the Our Lady of Grace website at www.olgcs.org. The handbook can be found under the Forms and Resources tab.



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



K-2 Instructional Basketball

This is the last week to sign up for K-2 Instructional Basketball - registration ends this Sunday, January 17th. Click on the link below to sign up!
<https://k2instructional-basketball-2021.cheddarup.com>

Track & Field is back for 2021! We are in need of coaches for our track program (especially K-4). If interested, please contact Amanda Hood at olgtrackandfield@gmail.com . Read more in the flyer below!



Track & Field registration for the 2021 season is now open!

Our Track & Field program is offered to boys and girls in all grades (k-8). This sport is a great opportunity for students to compete with their own skill level and still be part of a team. There are various events and races that each student can try.

Practice days and times will be determined by the coach for the corresponding team and when the track is available for use. We will hold practices at LaSalle high school

Follow the link below TODAY to register!

<https://track-field-2021.cheddarup.com>

COVID Guidelines will be followed. Additional information for COVID guidelines will be available as we get closer to the season/meets.

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19th!!!

Late registrations WILL NOT be accepted due to CYO registration deadlines.

Questions please contact Amanda Hood at olgtrackandfield@gmail.com

