



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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Weekly Bulletin

January 23, 2020



Visit us and explore all that we have to offer!

Open House

January 26 th from 1-3:30 p.m.



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Starting January 27, current families can re-enroll at [www.olgcs.org](http://www.olgcs.org).

**Re-Enrollment (Current Families) – Deadline February 17, 2020.** There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per family. The deposit will be processed through FACTS Management within two business days of re-enrollment. Please do not send re-enrollment deposits to the school. Students are not registered until the deposit for 2020-21 is paid and the tuition for the 2019-20 school year is current. Families not current with tuition may re-enroll when they bring their account to current status. **Since open enrollment commences on February 18, 2020 there is no guarantee that there will be space available in the classroom for current students who re-enroll after the February 17, 2020 deadline.**

Please contact Mr. Desmier at [mdesmier@olgcs.org](mailto:mdesmier@olgcs.org) with account questions.



# Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2020

January 26 -  
February 1  
#CSW1920

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: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." 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 26: "CSW Kick Off"**

All parishioners and prospective families are invited to explore Our Lady of Grace at our Catholic Schools Week Open House from 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Tours will start in the gym. Visitors are invited to stop by the Trinity Rooms to explore our Book Fair!

## **Monday, January 27: "Proud to be an Eagle"**

Show your school spirit today with your crazy socks! Students are encouraged to wear their craziest socks to show they are Proud to be an Eagle!

## **Tuesday, January 28: "Focusing on Our Faith"**

Families are invited to join our school community at 10:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass.

## **Wednesday, January 29: "#soar2serve"**

Eagles soar2serve their community this day with prayers and gifts of thanks to all the people who help us at OLG. Students will create thank you cards for friends and family, rectory and parish staff members, PTO, OLGAA, and more. We are so grateful for all we have, and we will say thanks to those who make our Catholic school possible! PTO is "serving" lunch to the faculty and staff.

## **Thursday, January 30: "Appreciating Our Students"**

To celebrate our tremendous OLG students, they will have an opportunity to be totally out-of-uniform for this day. To make their day extra special, all students will take part in an hourly Principal's Prize Lottery and receive a special ice cream treat from PTO! Throughout the day, grade levels will partner up again for "BINGO with Buddies"! To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

## **Friday, January 31: "Celebrating Our Talents"**

To conclude this year's Catholic Schools Week, students and staff will gather in the school gym at 1:15 for a sneak peek of this year's Talent Show. Families are invited to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual OLG Talent Show at Little Flower beginning at 7:30 that night! \$1.00 Admission is split between Art Club, Soarin', and Drama Club.



# Religious Education

## *Latest in my series of "Saints You've Probably Never Heard of..."*

Though leprosy scared off most people in 19th-century Hawaii, that disease sparked great generosity in the woman who came to be known as Mother Marianne of Molokai – now Saint Marianne Cope – whose feast day we celebrate today. Her courage helped tremendously to improve the lives of its victims in Hawaii, a territory annexed to the United States during her lifetime (1898).

On January 23, 1838, a daughter was born to Peter and Barbara Cope of Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. The girl was named after her mother. Two years later the Cope family emigrated to the United States and settled in Utica, New York. Young Barbara worked in a factory until August 1862, when she went to the Sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York taking the name Marianne. She eventually held the post of superior and was twice the novice mistress of her congregation. A natural leader, she was superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, where she learned much that would be useful during her years in Hawaii.



*Barbara Cope – Mother Marianne of Molokai*

In 1888, Mother Marianne and two sisters went to the Island of Molokai to open a home for women and girls there. The Hawaiian government was quite hesitant to send women for this difficult assignment; they need not have worried about Mother Marianne! On Molokai she took charge of the home that the late Saint (Father) Damien had established for men and boys.

Life was bleak for people with leprosy at the Branch Hospital in Kakaako, Oahu, in the mid-1800s. Many were far advanced in the disease. The hospital had been built to house 100 patients, but more than 200 were squeezed into the rooms under deplorable conditions. Mother Marianne, seeing the squalor and hopelessness in the community where lepers were abandoned to a sure death, immediately set about improving the community. She and her sisters worked methodically, washing patients' wounds, cleaning their living quarters, and repairing dilapidated housing. They planted flowers and trees, surrounding the compound with beauty, as well as fruits and vegetables for use in the cookhouse. Sister Marianne saw that the eighty girls in the Bishop Home were all dressed in plain wine-colored uniforms and she set out to sew stylish and colorful dresses to boost their spirits.

In May 1889, the Scottish poet Robert Louis Stevenson docked his boat on the shores of this happy community, where the Sisters helped the sick to thrive during their remaining days. Stevenson, who had suffered since childhood with tuberculosis, had embarked with his wife and her son, in search of a favorable climate in which he could work without coughing. The sea improved his health; and while there, Stevenson made a side trip to meet Sister Marianne and to see firsthand the leper community there. She welcomed the author and allowed him to observe the daily lives of the lepers in the community. He was so inspired by her determined attempt to create a warm and fulfilling life for the patients in her care, that he penned a poem in her honor and had a piano shipped to Sister Marianne so "there will always be music."

Stevenson had never had the opportunity to meet Father (Saint) Damien of Molokai, but he learned about the saint's life from Mother Marianne and from others who knew him. When a Presbyterian pastor, Rev. Mr. C.M. Hyde of Honolulu, criticized the saint shortly after Father Damien's death, Stevenson stepped in to defend him and Mother Marianne's work which he had seen firsthand. Robert Louis Stevenson later wrote a novel *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*. It's thought that the villainous character Hyde is named after the pastor who so offended Stevenson with his criticism of Father Damien and the colony Mother Marianne loved. She changed the life of so many people – giving them a chance to live with dignity.

Mother Marianne Cope is the patron saint of lepers, outcasts, those with HIV/AIDS, and the Hawaiian Islands. Her feast day is Jan. 23.

- Mark Friedman, CRE

*Reverend Sister Marianne  
Matron of the Bishop Home, Kalaupapa  
To see the infinite pity of this place,  
The mangled limb, the devastated face,  
The innocent sufferers smiling at the rod,  
A fool were tempted to deny his God.  
He sees, and shrinks; but if he look again,  
Lo, beauty springing from the breast of pain!  
He marks the sisters on the painful shores,  
And even a fool is silent and adores.*

*Robert Louis Stevenson, Kalawao  
May 22, 1889*



Instead of saying 'great or good job' to your child, try replacing it with the word **BRAVE!** 'It was brave of you to try a new food.' 'It was brave of you to present in front of your class.'



Congratulations to Makenzie Kelley on winning the 2019-20 Spelling Bee! Makenzie is an 8th grader at OLG.

(Correction from last week: Congrats to Lovie for winning the Geography Bee!)

# For What Matters Most

## 2020-2021 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 2020-2021 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) may apply for needs-based assistance between now and January 31, 2020.

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



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## Fitness, Empowerment, & Fun?

### Join Girls on the Run!

#### **WHAT** is Girls on the Run?

Girls on the Run is a program that gives girls the opportunity to build confidence and healthy habits. You'll learn how to make great friendships, how to celebrate all that makes you unique, and so much more! Each week, you will also take part in training and activities that will help build endurance for a celebratory 5k running event.

#### **WHO** can join?

3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls like YOU!

#### **WHEN** do we meet?

Twice a week after school for 75-90 minutes with your team. The program is held at the school and is led by trained, volunteer coaches.

Registration for Girls on the Run begins next week on January 27<sup>th</sup> and runs from January 27<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup>. To register, go to [www.gotrcincinnati.org](http://www.gotrcincinnati.org) and click the "Register Now" tab at the top of the page.

There is a small fee to participate in this program (price found on website). Included in the cost is healthy snacks for every practice, two t-shirts, a new pair of running shoes, and admission to a celebratory 5K run in May!

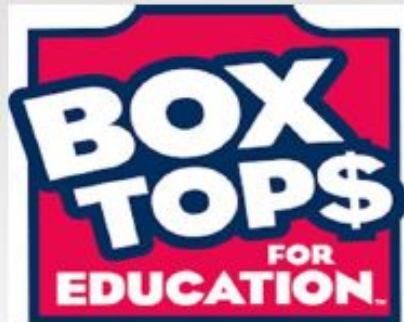
There are only 15 spots on the team. In the event of high interest, Girls on the Run will conduct a lottery drawing of names. The season begins February 17<sup>th</sup> and runs until May. Practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Spegal, or Ms. Kist.

# OLG PTO

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday January 23, 2020



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### *Upcoming Events*

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**Save the Date:** Tuesday 2/4 - Larosa's Dine & Donate at the White Oak location on Cheviot Road. Please show the attached flyer and OLG will get 20% of each bill.

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### *Box Tops/Coke Rewards*

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We have collected \$602.20 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. We are over half way to our goal!!

The next turn in deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> – so please send in your Box Tops before then!

We are still collecting Coke Rewards as well so keep sending them in! If anyone would like to enter in the codes, please email PTO and we will get some caps to you!

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### *Open PTO Board Positions*

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If you are interested in joining the PTO board, we have 2 positions opening for the 2020-2021 school year. President and Vice President are both becoming open next year. If you would like to run for these positions or nominate someone, please email [pto@olgcs.org](mailto:pto@olgcs.org).

We will be announcing the candidates at the March meeting and voting will be at the April meeting.

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### *PTO MEETING REMINDER*

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The next PTO meeting is **Monday February 10th** at 630pm in the Teacher's lounge. Please join us!





# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



**Track & Field registration for the 2020 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.

Practices will be held **Monday** and **Wednesday** evenings at Mt. Healthy High School (times TBD)

Follow the link below TODAY to register!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958701>

**DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>!!!!**

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

Questions please contact Amanda Hood at [olgtrackandfield@gmail.com](mailto:olgtrackandfield@gmail.com)







# Slice of the Pie.

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## OLG PTO

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### WHITE OAK

Dine In . Delivery . Carry Out

We will donate

**20%**

of our proceeds to

**OLG PTO**

February 4, 2020

10:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Please present your flyer to a Team Member to participate.

**We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!**