



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

Weekly Bulletin

January 28, 2022

## Calendar Links



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Jan. 30- Feb. 4 CSW  
(see flyer)  
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**Catholic Schools Week 2022**  
January 30-February 5

[www.NCEA.org/csw](http://www.NCEA.org/csw) #CSW22

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 30: "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 31: "Proud to be an Eagle"**

Show your school pride and celebrate our 100th Day of school! Students can dress like a "100 year old" or wear 100 items (buttons, stickers, a necklace with 100 beads, etc.)

### **Tuesday, February 1: "Focusing on Our Faith"**

Families are invited to virtually join our school community at 10:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass. Please use the following link: <https://saintannparish.org/worship/on-line-mass-and-seminars/>

### **Wednesday, February 2: "Excellence in Our Actions"**

Saints and Superhero 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 superhero. Eagles #soar2serve [CLICK HERE for our CSW Service Project](#)

### **Thursday, February 3: "Appreciating Our Students"**

To celebrate our tremendous OLG students, they will be able to come to school in their pajamas! To make their day extra special, all students will receive a gift and will take part in an hourly Principal's Prize Lottery. They will receive a special treat from PTO and will also be enjoying an afternoon at the movies in our classrooms. To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

### **Friday, February 4: "Celebrating Our Talents"**

To conclude this year's Catholic Schools Week, students may come out of uniform on this day and will enjoy our Virtual Talent Show in their classrooms. Families are invited to enjoy the show which will be shared via our Facebook OLG Family Sharing Group (Cincinnati) page. We will also be celebrating our very talented faculty and staff with a PTO provided lunch and hourly prizes for them!

\*Classrooms will also be doing fun reading activities. Please look for information from your child's teacher on additional CSW activities.

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Visit us and learn about all OLG has to offer at our  
Open House: January 30, 1 – 3 PM

Due to the latest increase in Covid cases in our community, we will only be able to host our new families for Open House this year. We are disappointed our current families cannot attend, but we hope to be able to welcome everyone back next year!

Please use the following link to sign up to help us with new family tours at Open House: [CLICK HERE](#)



**RE-ENROLLMENT DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 11, 2022**

To re-enroll go to [olgcs.org](http://olgcs.org), click on the “Registration or Re-Enrollment!” box and proceed as directed. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 will be processed through FACTS Management within two business days of re-enrollment. 2021-22 tuition/fees must be current in order to re-enroll for 2022-23.

**ALL RE-ENROLLING EDCHOICE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:**

- (1) **Complete the attached 2022-2023 Renewal Form(see below) and attach a recent Electric, Gas, Water, Sewer, Cable/Internet bill.** Other Acceptable Documents: Monthly mortgage statement and signed Lease/rental agreement **and** one (1) other official document with parent’s name and address.
- (2) **Complete the attached 2022-23 Income Verification Form (see below), and attach either 4 current pay stubs for each job, or your W-2 forms, or your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return forms .** Families applying for the Expansion scholarship **MUST** have their income verified by EdChoice; it is **NOT** optional. Traditional Scholarship families who qualify under the State’s income guidelines will not need to pay the difference between the Traditional EdChoice Scholarship and tuition. Parents/Guardians may now create an OH/ID account and use the EdChoice Income Verification System to enter and submit their income information at <https://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>. You may apply for the needs-based CEF Scholarship at [www.catholicbestchoice.org](http://www.catholicbestchoice.org) to cover this difference.
- (3) **Parents must complete the attached 2022-2023 Request Form for newly enrolled siblings of current students.**

**NOTE: The State will not process incomplete forms or forms without the required documents.**

**SEND ALL DOCUMENTS TO OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**

**TRADITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP: EdChoice will start accepting Renewal Forms from February 1, 2022. Since scholarships are very limited it is very important to complete and send your renewal documents to OLG immediately.**

**Click on the link below for the 2022-2023 renewal/registration documentation:**

- [Tuition and Fees Information Sheet](#)
- [Re-enrollment Deposit Procedure](#)
- [EdChoice Renewal Form](#) (current students)
- [EdChoice Request Form](#) (new to OLG students)
- [Income Verification Form](#)



### **I Want to See!**

*Then Jesus stopped and ordered that the blind man be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him: "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied: "Lord, please let me see." Jesus told him: "Have sight; your faith has saved you."*

Now what is the former blind man going to do? He has no job skills. He has no work history. He can't read. The only thing he's ever known was sitting around collecting disability. He's learned to live off the system. Now what? Who's going to hire this guy? Minutes before he was sitting along the side of the road in his familiar spot blind and begging. Now, he can miraculously see.

You have to hand it to him, he was good at begging. Even though he couldn't see, he knew how to get people's attention. Nothing was wrong with his lungs. According to the Bible text he could be loud and irritating. He must have learned that persistence pays off. He got Jesus' attention with his technique.



Jesus is walking along with His normal group of followers. The blind beggar starts into his routine. The entourage's crowd control team, couldn't quiet the man. He just got louder and more obnoxious. Now Jesus is used to people pressing Him and shouting at Him. But this guy is so pushy that Jesus finally stops and asks the man, what he wants. The request was simple by the blind beggar. *I want to see.*

Had he really thought this through? If he gets his sight back, he can't sit along the road anymore and beg. He'll be thrust into the work force with no background experience. Had he considered that? If Jesus does give him his sight, things are really going to have to change.

And just as requested, Jesus gave the man sight instantly. "Your faith has saved you," Jesus said. Okay, his faith healed him. But will his faith get him a job, a place to live, put food on the table? He can't go back to the old way of life. He's made such a big deal about his healing that everyone knows he's not blind anymore. He's got to step up to the plate. No more sympathy. No more begging.

What's my point? It takes faith to be healed. But it takes even greater faith to go forward *from* the healing. People cry out to God for healing, to be saved, and sincerely believe God can do that for them. The problem comes with what do I do now that I'm saved, now that I've been delivered. A lot of people want to grab the sunglasses and cup and go back to the roadside. Nope – you can't go there. Not if you truly want to be healed.

The point of healing is to make your life better. You have to move on into a world that you've never experienced. You get your sight, now you're expected to go to work. If you weren't planning on going forward, why ask for healing? Healing demands a new direction and higher expectations. God loves us just as we are. But once He's touches our lives, He doesn't expect us to stay that way. He wants us to grow and develop and become productive in the Kingdom of God.

The story of the blind man is often held up as one of the great healing miracles of Jesus. In the gospels Jesus transforms the lives of those on the margins and draws them more and more into the center. But what if we saw this story as the crowd, the followers of Jesus, being blind *and not the beggar on the road*? The crowd in our gospel saw this blind beggar as annoyance, disturbing Jesus as he preached God's kingdom. He was a disturbance, a distraction from the 'way things are done', but Jesus skillfully moves him from the sidelines, recognizes his humanity and dignity and draws him closer to the center. The blind man wasn't blind where it really mattered because he had a perfect vision of what it meant to be a beloved child of God. Not only did he know that he was a beloved child of God he insisted on being treated like a beloved child of God. Not even the crowd could hold him back. The passage above from the Gospel is followed by this line: *"The blind man immediately received his sight and followed Jesus, giving glory to God. When they saw this, all the people gave praise to God."* Amen!

*God, following you isn't easy. As you bring deliverance to us, you create new opportunities and challenges for us. I need to be challenged to grow. I need you constantly moving me forward. I want my faith not only to make me well, but to help me grow as a person being formed into the image of your son.*

**Mark Friedman, CRE**

# Lunch Entrees for Upcoming Week

**Monday, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Chicken Tenders with Mac 'n' Cheese**

**Tuesday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>: Cheeseburger on a Bun**

**Wed, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>: Walking Taco with Tostitos, Corn, Salsa**

**Thursday, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pork BBQ on Bun, Onion Rings**

**Friday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>: Cheese Pizza**

- 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 Athletic Association

K-2 Instructional Basketball: K-2 Instructional Basketball sign ups are open! Boys and Girls who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and are in grades Kindergarten - 2nd grade can register to play instructional basketball. The season runs from mid-February through the end of March.

Sessions are one night a week, on Sunday's, for 1-hour. The sessions are typically split into two halves, where student athletes will focus on learning fundamental skills (dribbling, passing, shooting drills) and then participate in small scrimmage (providing there are enough participants).

Register today by clicking the link below! #letsgoeagles 🏀🦅💙

<https://k-2-instructional-basketball-2022.cheddarup.com>

# OLG Virtual



All talents are welcome! Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, comedy, magic tricks, dancing, etc...

- ★ All videos should be sent to Ms. Waltner at [mwaltner@olgcs.org](mailto:mwaltner@olgcs.org) by January 31 at 8:00am. Please include the student's name, grade, and talent in the subject line of the email.
- ★ The video cannot be longer than 1 minute 30 seconds.
- ★ All grades are welcome to submit their talent.
- ★ The Talent Show will premier on the OLG Family Facebook page on Friday, February 4th. All submissions are giving OLG permission to post their video on this page.

Late videos are not guaranteed to make it into the show.



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.

## 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.

Please contact your child care provider (including YMCA) to determine their policies and procedures for inclement weather.



## 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 Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 2<sup>nd</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 and financial assistance is offered). 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 16 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 14<sup>th</sup> and runs until May 7<sup>th</sup> and practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30.

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