



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Jan. 9 PTO Meeting 6:30
Jan. 12 Bengals/Bills
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Weekly Bulletin

January 6, 2023



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.

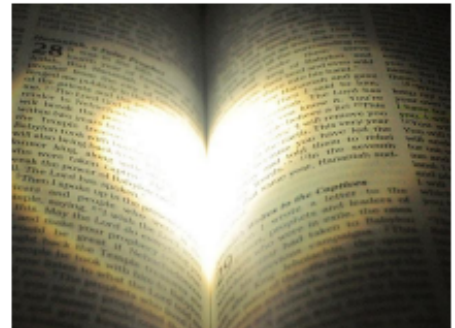
* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.



A Bible Resolution!

*Did you make a New Year's resolution this year? Was it one of these: diet and exercise more, lose weight, save more and spend less, take up a new skill or hobby, quit smoking, learn a language, get a better job, drink less alcohol, spend more time with family and friends? These are some of the top resolutions according to a national survey. But you know what is NOT on that list of resolutions? *Spending more time reading and reflecting on the Bible!* I know – we are busy – we go to church - but I can think of a no more fulfilling activity than spending time to read the greatest book ever written! *So here are some tips for you to help you develop this good habit.**

1. **Schedule a devotional "appointment."** Write a specific time and location on your calendar. You might want to choose a time that corresponds with another daily activity: after you get up in the morning while you have your cereal, right after school, or immediately after dinner. Try to avoid putting devotions off until the end of the day when you're tired.
2. **Choose your tools.** Some basics include: 1) A physical Bible. Or online you can try: Biblegateway.com – it offers over 20 versions for you to compare, from the *Catholic Bible* or the classic *King James Version* to modern versions like *The Message* or the *Goof News Bible*. Or, consider using a study Bible—many contain reading plans and practical ways to apply Scripture to everyday situations. 2) Online reflections – there are so many. I like the daily reflections from Creighton University – a Jesuit university. They reflect on the daily Mass readings and much more. Go to: onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html
3. **Keep a journal.** Use it to record your favorite Bible verses and reflections on Scripture. Or, try writing a poem or letter to God.
4. **Start with prayer.** Ask God to keep you focused and to help you understand what you're about to read. If your mind starts to drift, tell God you've set aside this time especially for him, and that you choose to focus on him. 5 or 10 minutes is all you need.
5. **Read it until you get it.** First, read verse by verse—read each verse several times until you understand what it is saying, then move on to the next one. Then, go back and read the entire passage, putting its meaning all together in your mind. Even if you're familiar with a passage, try to read it like you've never seen it before—don't skim.
6. **Don't just read the Bible—do what it says** (James 1:22). Make a list of personal traits (patience, kindness) or spiritual goals (witnessing, prayer) you'd like to work on. Each week, choose one item from your list. Using an index, biblegateway.com, online search, or a devotional book, find verses about that topic. Then, try to find ways to apply what you've read.
5. **Make a commitment.** On a piece of paper, write these words: *"I commit to read my Bible every day for the next month."* Sign your name and tape the paper somewhere in your house where you can see it.
6. **Don't give up.** Let's face it: There will be days when you skip devotions. But don't worry – God knows you're busy. Just try to keep it a high priority and do it whenever you can. God is not going to abandon you if you don't do a devotion one day—he knows what our schedules are like, and he knows our hearts. Any time that you spend with God, he can use it to teach you and to grow your faith.



A final thought! *What if we prioritized our Bible as much as we do our cell phones?* Think about it. Really think about it. Like our cell phones - what if we carried our Bible around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through our Bible several times a day? What if we turned back to go get our Bible because we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to our kids as gifts? What if we used our Bible when we traveled? What if we used the Bible in case of emergency? Do you ever ask yourself - where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing - unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

Many Blessings to you and your family this New Year! **Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG**

JOIN US

Thursday, January 12

in support of

Damar Hamlin & the Bills



Students and staff can show support for Damar Hamlin, The Bills and the Bengals by wearing:

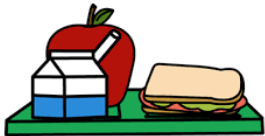
- Blue / Orange for Bills / Bengals
- Bengals or Bills Gear

In the classrooms, we'll write cards with your thoughts, prayers and well wishes for:

- Damar Hamlin
- Tee Higgins
- The Bills Team
- The Bengals Team

We'll send all cards as soon as they're collected. Let's show these teams our own Eagle Pride as we #soar2serve

School Lunch Prices



The lunch price has increased to \$3.25 for a student lunch. Due to increased cost of supplies, the price increase has become necessary. This price increase will not affect students who are qualified for free/reduced lunch. It is not too late for a household to apply for meal benefits! Households that did not qualify for benefits earlier in the school year may re-apply experience a change in financial circumstances. Applications are available by request or on the Cafeteria website.



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

Please use the following link to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4DA4A623AAFD0-olgcafeteria>



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Volunteers Make a Difference

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.

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 for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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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
Office 513-521-8440 or cwithrow@saintannparish.org