



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Feb. 15 End of trimester
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WITH THE PTO
Please join us on the
2nd Monday of every month at
6:30 pm at school

Together we will explore the strengths,
opportunities and aspirations of our
students and families to encourage
positive results!

Weekly Bulletin

February 15, 2024



Re-Enrollment (Current Families) and Open Enrollment (New Families) is Open Now–

Please use the following link for directions on how to re-enroll your current student for the 2024-2025 school year:

<http://olgcs.org/Prospective-Families/Registration-ReEnrollment>

(Siblings of current students entering kindergarten should also enroll here. Parents will be contacted with kindergarten assessment information once their child is enrolled.)

There is a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per family. After re-enrollment, the deposit will be processed weekly through FACTS Management on Wednesday. Please do not send re-enrollment deposits to the school.

Students are not registered until the deposit for 2024-2025 is paid and the tuition/fees for the 2023-24 school year is current. Families who are delinquent and not current with tuition and fees may re-enroll when they bring their account to current status.

Since open enrollment for new families began on February 12, there is no guarantee there will be space available in the classroom for current students who re-enroll after the February 9, 2024 deadline.

Please contact Mr. Desmier at mdesmier@olgcs.org with account questions.

[CLICK HERE for EdChoice Renewal Information](#)



Our Lady of Grace will be in school on April 8 this year during the eclipse. Thank you to PTO for purchasing a special pair of viewing glasses for all our students, faculty, and staff. Although we are excited to share this experience with our students, we realize some families may have plans to view this together. Please make sure to call the school off if your child will not be at school that day.



We Rise Again from Ashes

Lent began this week with Ash Wednesday. Way back in the days of old when I was in grade school, I remember Ash Wednesday as a melancholy day. The nuns who taught us were unusually somber and whispery to us that day. It *felt* like Ash Wednesday, with its marked foreheads and meager meals, signaled the beginning of a long period of giving up candy and treats - and a feeling that we were all lost.

But many years later, a fresh look at today's readings changes my perspective and seems to invite us into a hopeful joy we can hang on to throughout Lent. God invites us to "return to Him with our whole heart" and we ask God to "create a clean heart in us and a steadfast spirit renewed within us." Rather than being melancholy, Lent invites us into a deep joy, for we are known by God as imperfect people, but we are *loved* by God as people who are now forgiven. The deeply forgiving love God extends to us is like an invitation to renew our relationship with God.

Yes, Lent might be a period of simplicity, paring down and clearing away the things that are getting in the way between us and God. Lent can also be a time to take a clear-eyed look at ourselves and honestly see who we are, just as God does. But it's a time of great hope, as we realize how much God longs for a relationship with us.

That doesn't mean we focus on us and our failings, but we can look at the way our lack of freedom gets in the way of our relationship with God. An honest look at ourselves as flawed creatures of God doesn't mean we give up. Rather we can rejoice in knowing that there is nothing we have done, no act or way of life, no hidden sin so deeply tucked away in our souls, that God does not forgive in us. Can we imagine the six weeks of Lent as time to spend with the One who loves us so much, who forgives and comforts us and rejoices in our love? And isn't that celebration of love even deeper and more joyful if we have been separated from God for a while?



Pope Francis receiving Ashes at Saint Peter's in Rome

Therefore, the ashes remain a symbol of our own mortality and of the sacrifice Jesus made for us with his death on the cross. Receiving the blessed ashes reminds us - and others - of God's message to us, "I created you for myself and gave you my only son to free you from sin and death. Even now, I am calling you, drawing you closer to myself so that someday, I can celebrate with you a never-ending banquet of love."

More than a sign of mortality, the ashes are a sign of God fighting for our freedom from this world, liberating us from the clutches of so many things that drag us away from God. During Lent, Jesus is calling each of us to himself in an ever-deeper way, inviting us into his endless forgiveness and asking us to return to his loving embrace. With tears of joy, we can accept his outstretched arms. When I was a kid my sense of Ash Wednesday was that we were lost. Now I see that the spirit of Lent really is that we are found!

Lenten Blessings!

Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG

VIRTUAL EVENT

Join us for The Character Effect™ virtual Strengths Around the World Trivia!



The Character Effect™ invites you and your family for fun with virtual family trivia! Join us to Strength Spot and discover Character Strengths around the World!

The Character Effect™ is an evidence-based, flexible, personalized social and emotional learning program that combines the science of positive psychology, character strengths, & mindfulness into a curriculum that can easily be implemented in every school environment. Through The Character Effect™ teachers, students and families develop skills everyone needs to rise to the challenges of our ever-changing world.

The Character Effect™ Family Events are designed to bring adults and children together! We strongly encourage an adult to be present for the event.

Day, Date, Time

Tuesday, February 20, 2024
6:30 pm - 7:15 pm

School Name

Program Wide Event

Please use the Zoom Link or QR code below to register for this event.

Please join us as we take a trip around the world identifying how character strengths are being used.



Scan me

*Please use an adult's email address to register as student emails are blocked by zoom


The Character Effect™
Being mindful. Building strengths. **Effect™**



Track sign ups are still open K-8th grade girls & boys who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Ann, St. Margaret Mary, or Little Flower) can register to play. Click on the link below.

La inscripción de atletismo está abierta para los niños y niñas de K-8º grado que asisten a OLG, o que pertenecen a una de las parroquias del convenio (Asunción, Santa Ana, Santa Margarita María o Little Flower) pueden registrarse para jugar. Haga clic en el siguiente enlace.

<https://track-2024.cheddarup.com>



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