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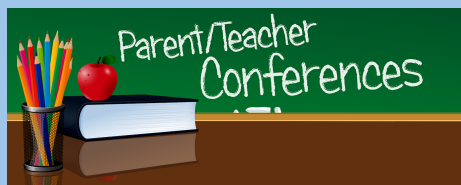
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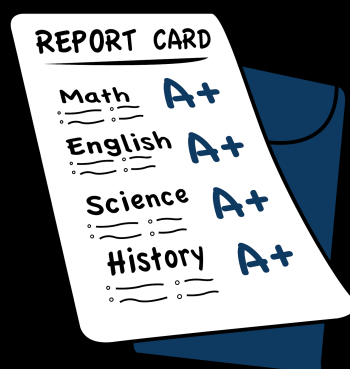
Weekly Bulletin

February 27, 2020



Parent-teacher conferences will be held on the evening of March 12. The sign up will be open in Option C from February 27- March 9.

After March 9, you will need to contact your child's teacher to sign up for a conference.



Report cards will be sent home today with your student. Please sign the envelope and return it to school tomorrow.

Please contact the Business Office at 513-931-3070 ext. 317 if your child's report card is not in their envelope today.



THE IOWA TESTS

IOWA testing will begin next week. It is extremely important that students get to school on time, so they will not miss class to make these tests up if they are late or absent.

These tests are required by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and they are a great way to measure student growth. They help us to help the students. (see letter in bulletin)

Religious Education

A Proposal for Your Lenten Season: Do Nothing!

In this time of crazy technology when we are “on” at all times – on the phone, online, headphones plugged in, music on - we rarely ever take a moment to just be still. It seems we live in a world where every last minute ends up captured, optimized, or appropriated by the various technologies we use daily. And in the midst of social media, push notifications, likes, and friend requests, there can develop a certain nervous feeling that overtakes us, a feeling of being overstimulated and unable to sustain a train of thought. When this happens – like we are on a speeding train – we often never really feel alone. And during that time, do we ever take a moment to know God and to let God know us?

Ash Wednesday was yesterday. Lent has started. Here’s a radical thought - that before you decide to give up candy or French fries or even Facebook, I encourage you to just *do nothing*. Rather than fill your Lent with a waistline conscious fast or a bold test of your willpower, take time each day to simply *do nothing*. Sit before the Lord, let God marvel at you as you marvel at God. Maybe even while you’re eating French fries!

We are all really busy and life can really be draining. In the midst of it all, we have barely a moment to rest, to slow down, to be still – and often when that rare slow moment does come, our minds can be filled by a range of emotions - wounds that are festering, exhaustion we’d ignored, people we know who are hurting, things we need to do, difficult moments we must process. When those feelings overtake us – that’s when it’s good to just sit in silence, emptying our minds of everything and allowing God to come in. Ask yourself – do I fill every waking moment with activity because I don’t want to listen to that voice there inside of me?

What can we do? We can take the time to just walk and think, or sit in church before the Blessed Sacrament, or be alone in the house, or drive in the car with all electronic devices switched off – including the cell phone! Doing this, we might be able to sort out the parts of our lives where God was most active and the parts where it was hard to find God. You may be able to hear God’s voice because the noise is turned down, because we often block it out with so many distractions– social media, to-do lists, podcasts and music, Netflix, video games, and idle fretting about work. Instead, just be present to exactly what you are feeling at each moment.

So I encourage you this Lent to do nothing. Create the space in your life where God’s voice won’t be drowned out by a thousand other things. You don’t need to fill every moment. You don’t need to listen to a podcast while you walk to work. You don’t need to check emails while you work out. You don’t need to watch television while you eat dinner. Do nothing, or at least, do one thing at a time.

In the *Book of Kings*, Elijah climbs a mountain to hear the voice of God. He does not hear it in the roaring wind, in an earthquake, or in a raging fire. Instead, Elijah hears God speaking in a tiny whispering voice. So, too, with us. God is calling to us in a small voice and you need to turn down the rest of the noise in your life in order to hear it. This Lent, for a time each day, turn it down by doing nothing, and take the time to just listen.

Mark Friedman, CRE





Iowa Assessments™

Dear Family,

From March 2 to March 12, your student will take the *Iowa Assessments*™. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the tests so that—with your support and encouragement—your student will do his or her best on the tests.

About the *Iowa Assessments*

The *Iowa Assessments* help determine how students are performing on nationwide standards. These assessments measure achievement in several important content areas including Reading, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The exact tests that your student takes will depend on his or her grade level. Third grade students may also take Word Analysis and Listening subtests.

The *Iowa Assessments* help teachers identify a student's strengths and areas that may need additional emphasis. The *Iowa Assessments* also measure student growth and progress in the content areas assessed from year to year and may provide information about college readiness for older students. The assessments produce information that enables sound decision making and provides a focus for teachers to evaluate instruction.

Each test includes sample questions to help students become familiar with the content and format of the tests. Samples help students understand what to do—how to mark answers and move from question to question.

For most tests, students read the questions and mark their answers by filling in a circle for each question. All test questions are multiple choice, and the tests last about 10 to 35 minutes.

How your student can prepare for test taking—and what you can do to help

A student who is well rested and well fed and has a positive attitude about testing is best prepared for testing. You can help your student do his or her best by considering these tips:

- Make sure that your student is in school and on time on test days. Reschedule dentist appointments and other out-of-school time on nontesting days.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast before each day of testing.
- Remind your student that these tests are only one measure of what he or she has learned. Emphasize that you have confidence in his or her ability to do the best job possible.
- Remind your student to listen to the directions and read each question carefully during testing. Encourage your student to ask the teacher for help if he or she does not understand the directions.

Score reporting and how we use test results

The school will receive test scores in about 10 weeks. Results will go home with report cards. These scores will indicate how your student performed on the tests compared with students across the nation in the same grade.

Our Lady of Grace and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati uses test results to measure individual student growth from year to year and to monitor the progress of class groups to ensure that our school is meeting or exceeding learning targets.

Thank you very much for encouraging and supporting your student during testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mandy Kirk
Principal

[CLICK HERE for the English and Spanish Version of IOWA Letter](#)



Let Your Kids Know You Love Them Every Day... And Make Sure They See It 📱

Sometimes your children just need to hear that you love them.

Between school, sports, clubs, & other responsibilities you may miss these opportunities to let them know how you feel. **Send them a quick text .**
They already have their phone 📱 in their hand anyway!

Share messages of love openly and often.

It may sound corny, but anything parents can do to practice communicating is good. Reaching out frequently lets your kids know that you love them even if they roll their eyes when you say it.



OLG PTO

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Thursday February 27, 2020

SAVE THE DATE!

- Thursday 3/12 – OLG Night at Rockin Jump! 6p-8p
See flyer for more info!

BOX TOPS/COKE REWARDS

We have collected \$622.30 towards our \$1000 goal in Box Tops this year. Please send in your box tops!! If we meet our goal, the whole school will get a special out of uniform day and a little surprise from the PTO! See the attached flyer for more info on how you can help earn money through Box Tops for OLG!

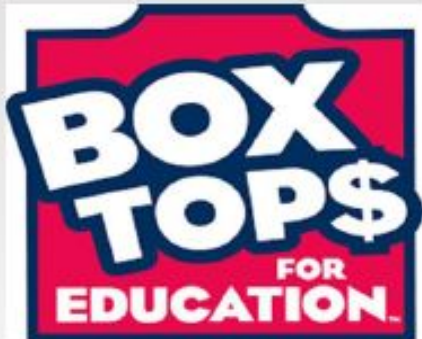
PTO is looking for people to help enter Coke Reward codes – if you are interested in helping, please reach out to Susan Wells via email smwells1122@gmail.com

OPEN PTO BOARD POSITIONS

President and Vice President are both becoming open for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to run for these positions or nominate someone, please email pto@olgcs.org. We will be announcing the candidates at the March meeting and voting will be at the April meeting.

PTO MEETING REMINDER

The next PTO meeting is **Monday March 9th** at 630pm in the Teacher's lounge. Please join us!





Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Saint Ann Parish and
Our Lady of Grace School
are partnering together
to bring back the
Best Fish Fry Ever!

Doors Open at 4:30

Volunteers still needed
Go to bit.ly/stannolgfishfry
or email:
bestfishfryever@gmail.com
or call 513-521-8440

Carry Out Available

**Desserts
available for
sale by various
OLG groups**

**Come early for food, fellowship and fun.
Stay late for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 in
the Church followed by video Lenten series.**

Fish Dinner (2 sides)	\$7 (\$6 for seniors)	Sides (available a-la-cart)	
Shrimp Dinner (2 sides)	\$7 (\$6 for seniors)	Potato Wedges	\$2
Fish Sandwich Only	\$5 (\$4 for seniors)	Hush Puppies	\$2
Shrimp Basket	\$5	Mac-n-Cheese	\$2
Cheese Pizza Slice	\$2 (\$14 whole pizza)	Green Beans	\$1
Hot Pretzel	\$2	Cole Slaw	\$1
Weekly SPECIAL - Feb 28 - Seafood Bisque		Applesauce	\$1

**CASH
OR
CREDIT
CARDS**



EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



SCAN

YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.

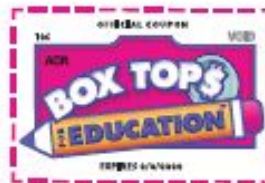


EARN

CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



BUY
BOX TOPS
PRODUCTS



CUT
OUT THE BOX TOP
FROM EACH PACKAGE



SEND
YOUR BOX TOPS
TO SCHOOL

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT BTFE.COM

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THE ALL-NEW BOX TOPS IS HERE!
DOWNLOAD THE APP:





Hey Eagles – Come FLY with us at Rockin' Jump!

When: Thursday March 12th, 2020

Where: Rockin Jump – Colerain Avenue

Time: 6pm-8pm

Cost: \$18 per person for 2 hours of jump time (socks included)

Show this flyer to the cashier and a portion of your admission price will go to OLG

