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Weekly Bulletin

February 2, 2024



Re-Enrollment Open Now (Current Families) – Deadline February 9, 2024

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 begins 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](#)



We are *missioned*

Throughout scripture, we see many examples of how Jesus gave his disciples and followers a mission to spread the gospel of faith to all. It is now our turn. We are all being *missioned* into the world, and we are asked to take nothing with us except our faith and trust in God – this will be our walking stick – and courage will be our sandals. We are to journey as we are and not cloaked with a second tunic of self-doubt and fear. We are to travel light as we go forward in service. Quite often when I am about to travel for any reason, I usually have a mental checklist of things I need to remember to do, or things I need to remember to take along - the right clothes, the documents, money, and so on. Even when I pack the bare minimum, and decide on only the essentials, I am often weighed down with the baggage of worry, fears, and my need to make sure every moment is covered.

In our journey of life, we can spend so much time “packing,” that we lose sight of the graces we will receive along the way, the opportunities to experience God’s love, and the opportunities to experience fully all the gifts God has bestowed on us. Yes, we are each a child of God, and when we walk into a room, our grace can bring a smile to the face of a hurting soul. Our goodness can bring peace to a home filled with negativity. Our light can drive out the darkness. These are not just gifts the twelve disciples had way back when, this is our gift as well. We are being *missioned* out into the world to do good work – to serve for the greater glory of God – and we will not be alone. Just as the disciples were sent out two by two, we are sent to serve together. Being successful in ministry is kind of a team effort. And our “mission” is to carry the good news of Jesus to others through our actions, service, faith, and love.



Next Tuesday is the feast day of Saint Paul Miki and his companions who were crucified on a hill overlooking Nagasaki, Japan, for their own mission of spreading the faith. Nagasaki is familiar to Americans as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, now known as the *Holy Mountain*. Among them were priests, brothers, laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, and members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, simple artisans, and servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common mission - faith and love for Jesus and service to His Church.

Paul Miki, a Jesuit brother and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. Even while hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ’s example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.” His mission ended there on that hill – but he and his companions’ example live on - and is one we can look to as strength for our journey.

As we prepare to enter the Season of Lent, what are the things that weigh us down as we journey through life? What are the things that get in our way of doing God’s work? We will never have to face what Brother Paul Miki and his friends had to, but do we have the courage to go where we are sent, to move on when it is time, to take rejection, to lead and to serve when it is difficult and inconvenient, to do work for the greater glory of God? *Do we have the courage?* I am often still afraid to answer these questions for myself - but one thing I do know is that it seems our options open up when we travel light through life; leaving our baggage – physical or emotional – behind as we respond to our call for *missioning* into the world. When you feel disconnected, remember, you are not traveling through this life alone – you have *companions*. Yes, travel light, but let’s travel together. Yes, brothers and sisters, let’s pick up our walking sticks, put on our sandals, and do ministry together.

“Jesus instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick - no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals.” – From the Gospel of Mark Chapter 6

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE / OLG

**YOU'RE
INVITED**

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH
PTO EVENT**

**FRIDAY
09 FEB**

**OLG GYM
7-9 PM**

FREE

FOOD, FAMILY, FUN

**PTO BOARD
NOMINATIONS**



Seeking nominations for PTO
president
vice president

Send nominations by 2/14/24 to
PTO@OLGCS.org

All nominations will need to qualify per PTO bylaws prior to voting - Have questions?
Email or talk to a current PTO board member directly

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Sponsorship Form
for Eagle Walk

Please call the school office if you need a
hard copy of the sponsorship form sent home.

Cafeteria News



FREE & REDUCED MEAL APPLICATION ARE ACCEPTED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

- Apply on-line at [LINQ Connect](#) or paper Applications are available in the school office or the OLG Website/Calendar/Cafeteria.
- Households that were denied benefits in the fall may re-apply if their circumstances change during the school year (loss of income, new baby).
- Money is added to student's accounts by sending in labeled **cash/check** to the OLG Cafeteria or by **electronically** at [LINQ Connect](#) to your student(s) meal account. Credit card payments incur a service fee.



Menu Changes for February

Wed. Feb 7th: Chicken Sausage & Pancakes, Tater Tots

Wed. Feb 14th (Ash Wednesday): Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

**Thurs. Feb 15th (End of 2nd Trimester Treat): Marco's Cheese Pizza Day
(extra slice \$1.00)**

- ❖ All meals include a choice of fruit and milk.
- ❖ Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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>



<p>School Office Pick Up Procedures Final Forms Option C Volunteer Information</p>	<p>Cafeteria Lunch/Snack Account Breakfast Information CLICK HERE to Volunteer</p>	<p>PTO/Athletics Out of Uniform Passes</p>
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Tuition Assistance Scholarships



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) will once again offer tuition assistance scholarships for the 2024-2025 school year.

Scholarships are available for Pre-School - 8th grade students. FACTS applications may be submitted between now and **February 25, 2024**.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



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