



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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April 27 8th Grade
Graduation Pictures (see packet)

People are often unreasonable and self-centered
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives
BE KIND ANYWAY
If you are honest, people may cheat you
BE HONEST ANYWAY
If you find happiness, people may be jealous
BE HAPPY ANYWAY
The good you do today may be forgotten
DO GOOD ANYWAY
Give the world your best and it may never be enough
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY
For you see, in the end it is between
YOU AND GOD
It was never between you and them anyway
-Mother Teresa

Weekly Bulletin

April 16, 2021



On August 20, 2020, our community embarked on an adventure which none of us saw coming. Like other famous explorers, we went in search of a new way of thinking. We had moments of fear and uncertainty, but we were resilient and never lost focus on our purpose: Providing the best education for our students!

Every day on the announcements, I remind the students that **HARD WORK** and **STRONG CHARACTER MATTER** at Our Lady of Grace. I am so proud of our community for truly embracing this and helping to keep everyone physically and emotionally safe this year! Our school community was prepared for whatever came our way, and I am so proud to say we have only had 13 cases of COVID in our building since the start of the school year. While other schools were staying closed or shutting down, we were working hard to stay open safely. This is cause for a great celebration and a great **REWARD!**

In honor of all our hard work, I am happy to share with you that faculty, staff, and students will all have the last day of school, May 26, OFF this year! The building will be closed, so everyone can enjoy their day off celebrating our **HUGE** successes this year! You have all earned it! Now let's finish this year strong!

Grace and Blessings,
Mrs. Kirk



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Religious Education

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

A friend of mine tells the story that one Easter Sunday, at the dinner table, his three-year-old named David was asked by a relative about what happened at Easter. My friend heard the question and quickly leaned over and whispered in David's ear: "Jesus rose from the dead!" David then looked up with his big blue eyes at the person who asked the question and proudly announced, "Jesus froze to the bed!"

It's a cute anecdote that I'm sure my friend's family brings up when the Easter season rolls around – and yes, it's one they'll likely share at David's future wedding. I'm thankful that, as he's grown, my friend's son has developed a rich understanding of the Easter season, and is continuing to uncover more truths about the depth of God's love and the magnitude of Christ's sacrifice. He didn't, however, come to this place on his own. Much of the credit is due to his parents, who diligently taught that little boy about Christ.

Parents play a vital role in their children's faith development and, considering the central role of Easter in our Christian faith, it's a significant season to engage with your kids about Jesus' death and resurrection. However, there are many themes within the Easter story that may leave some parents uneasy about addressing them with young children. While this season represents the ultimate expression of love and sacrifice, Christ's resurrection didn't occur without betrayal, denial, torture, pain and death. If you're feeling anxious or uncertain about what to say to your children, consider these tips as you talk to them about Easter in the coming weeks:

Consider your child's age, developmental stage, and personality. Some children may be more sensitive to certain details than others. If you're unsure about reading your children the entire Biblical account of the Easter story, use John 3:16 as your guide to explain what happened: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." Continue to build on the foundation you've set by adding more details about the story every year, or as you see fit.

Listen and answer your children's questions honestly. Give them time to process what you're sharing with them and don't be afraid to tell them when you don't know the answer. Even as adults, there are some things about Easter we still may not fully comprehend.

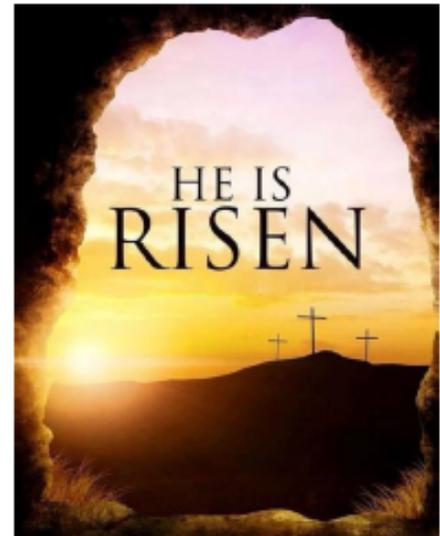
Engage them in activities that can help bring the truths of Easter to life. Get creative! Use real-life scenarios, science experiments, skits or an Easter-themed book (there are so many online) to help your kids understand forgiveness, sin, new life and salvation.

Use discretion when viewing films about the passion and crucifixion of Jesus. The newer movies about Jesus often show a very graphic depiction of the torture and crucifixion of Our Lord. As children mature, they will be able to handle those scenes – but for young kids – I suggest the older movies like *King of Kings* or *The Greatest Story Ever Told*. Also, *Spotify* and *YouTube* offer so many wonderful contemporary Christian songs about the resurrection of Christ - the latter providing words and pictures on the screen. Take a listen!

Explain to your children what Easter means to you. It can be easier to chat with your son or daughter when you focus on personal reflections. Share what you remember about Easter when you grew up – what you were taught in school – and what traditions were passed on to you by your family.

Remember, the Gospel message is simple to grasp – even for a child. Pray that God would give you wisdom and that the Holy Spirit would bring clarity to your children as they learn. Ultimately, as a parent, you know what's best for your family. Take advantage of the opportunities you have to engage your children in conversations about Jesus and His sacrifice. And make sure you take opportunities to celebrate Easter with your family. It's a whole season – not just one day. After all, Jesus didn't stay frozen to the bed!

Easter Blessings,
Mark Friedman, CRE





Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Fall Soccer Registration is now open! Girls and boys who attend the school or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and were born between January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2015, can register to play soccer for the Fall 2021 season. Visit the link below to sign up. Registration will close at the end of June, so grab your spot today!
<https://soccer-fall-2021.cheddarup.com>



3rd-8th Grade Girls Volleyball Registration for the 2021-2022 season is now open! Visit the link below to register. Registration closes at the beginning of August - sign up early & get a jump on next year!
<https://girls-volleyball-2021.cheddarup.com>

Congratulations to the Girls 7/8 B1 Basketball Team on playing in the finals of the GWAC Tournament! They played their hearts out, but just came up short losing 14-18. Congratulations to our coaches Steve Maddox and Melissa Vaughn and our three 8th graders: Renir, Royal, and Ally!





Our Lady of Grace PTO has decided to hold a Read-a-thon this year!
Due to Covid restrations the PTO was not able to host the normal walk-a-thon this year. However, we are still incurring expenses and need to raise funds for the work we do for students and teachers and for you!

Read-a-thon actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-a-thon starts Monday May 3rd 2021.

About a week or 2 before our Read-a-thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We've chosen Read-a-thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Thanks so much,

Our Lady of Grace PTO



The deadline is approaching for the EdChoice Expansion Scholarship. If you have not already done so, we need your application and documentation asap!

Instructions on renewing your scholarship were also sent with the application. After reading these instructions carefully, please email questions and/or paperwork to edchoice@olgcs.org.



Due to the current pandemic, we will not be selling a yearbook this year. Many of the events which are highlighted in our yearbook were not able to happen this year. We are hopeful we will have a yearbook next year.

Thank you for your understanding.



We have some faculty changes to share which will take place for the 2021-22 school year.

Kathy Baker (6-8 Religion) is retiring after 44 years of teaching in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. She is going to take time to enjoy her grandchildren.

Kathy Schloemer (3rd grade) is leaving OLG so she has more time to support her family. She will also be using her time to search for her new kitty cat!

Victoria Gonzalez (Music) is leaving OLG at the end of this school year.

Although we are sad to see them go, we wish them all the best!