



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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May 25 Last day of school

As a mother
comforts
her child,
so will I
comfort
you
Isaiah
66:13

Weekly Bulletin

May 14, 2021

UPDATE: Students last day will be Tuesday, May 25. This will NOT be an early dismissal.

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We are excited to share that we have passed our stretch goal of \$20,000 and still have a few days left of our fundraiser!! Below is information on how students will receive their rewards and upcoming treats.

T-shirts are being delivered to the classrooms today. Students are allowed to wear them this Friday and next Friday.

Treasure Chest (for posting read-a-thon on Facebook) awards will be passed out on Thursday & Friday this week.

Free Snack (for sending 10 emails to potential donors) award will also be passed out on Friday.

Free Ice Cream (for reaching \$150/\$200 per student/family) award will be passed out during lunch this Friday.

Free Prize (for reading 250 minutes) awards will come next week, so those kids can hold tight on those coupons or keep reading to reach that milestone!

Kona Ice (for reaching our All school stretch goal of \$20,000) will be at school on Tuesday, May 18th. All students will receive this treat as a thank you from PTO for doing such an amazing job!

Wrap up and Read day will be Friday, May 21st, we will have a few more details on that but the kids can also wear their Read-A-Thon shirts this day as well.

Thank you all for embracing this fundraising idea for our school!

Religious Education

Our Lady of Fatima

Today is the feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. On that fateful day near that tiny village, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7. As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun - indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters. From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month.

News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children said that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children had actually seen the Virgin Mary, many others discounted the children's story, subjecting them to much hate and ridicule. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, thousands of pilgrims made plans to attend.



Lúcia dos Santos (left) with her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto in 1917

Though the region had been subjected to three days of torrential downpour, nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the heavy rain and mud to the place of the previous apparitions to witness the predicted miracle. Many were scornful, unbelievers whose sole intent was to discredit the children's stories. Suddenly the "clouds separated and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance". The huge fireball whirled rapidly with dizzy and sickening speed, flinging out all sorts of brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner three times, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and, retracing its zigzagging course, returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes. After realizing they were not doomed, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting and weeping. Many discovered their previously drenched clothing to be perfectly dry.



After what has become to be known as "The Miracle of the Sun," the children were grilled many times about what they had seen and been told. Their story never changed. Mary asked the children to pray the rosary for world peace, for the end of World War I, for sinners, and for the conversion of Russia.

Mary gave the children three secrets. Following the deaths of Francisco and Jacinta in 1919 and 1920 respectively, Lucia revealed the first secret in 1927. It concerned devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The second secret was a vision of hell. Pope John Paul II directed the Vatican Secretary of State to reveal the third secret in 2000; it spoke of a "bishop in white" who was shot by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows into him. Many people linked this vision to the assassination attempt against Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square on May 13, 1981. Francisco and Jacinta Marto died in the international flu pandemic that began in 1918 and swept the world for two years. When Lucia grew up, she became a Carmelite nun and died in 2005 at the age of 97.

The message of Fatima is simple: *Pray*. Lucia agreed that Pope John Paul II's public consecration of Russia in St. Peter's Square on March 25, 1984, fulfilled Mary's request. Let us listen to Mary's request. Rosaries are always available. *Pray!*

Blessings to All!

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>

OLG Athletics is looking to fill a couple of positions on the board next year. We are looking for a Track & Field Coordinator and an Athletic Director. OLG Athletics is a 100% parent run organization and volunteering is a great way to be a part of your child's development at OLG while also helping the school, and its sports programs, thrive. Below is a quick summary of each position. If interested, please send an email to olgaasecretary@gmail.com. Get involved today!

Sports Coordinator Summary

- Provide Board Secretary registration dates & key dates for communication posts
- Attend league meetings & provide all required information for enrolling teams & gym space for home games
- Select Coaches from available volunteers (to be approved by AD)
- Secure suitable independent evaluators and venue for skills assessments
- Assign athletes to teams based on skills assessments
- Work with Facility Coordinator to secure practice locations
- Hold coaches meeting at the beginning of each season
- Assist Coaches & Athletic Director with resolution of parent/athlete issues

Athletic Director Summary

- Support the sports coordinators and act as a liaison between the leagues and the OLGAA Board.
- Assist the sports coordinators with resolving any escalated parent/athlete issues.
- Confirm with sports coordinators that all coaches are VIRTUS trained and have undergone the required Archdiocesan background check.
- Attend OLGAA monthly board meetings and submit reports on behalf of the individual sports coordinators.