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May 25 Last day of
school



Weekly Bulletin

May 24, 2021

Students' last day is TOMORROW, May 25.
This will NOT be an early dismissal.



What a year! We are very proud to report our number of COVID cases has not increased in the last couple months, and we are ending this year with only 13 cases total! You have all done such a great job of helping us to keep our students, faculty, and staff safe and healthy this year. Thank you for all your support!

We want to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We have all certainly earned it and are looking forward to time with friends and family!

Our summer office hours are:

June

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-12:00pm
Friday By Appointment Only*

July

Monday-Friday By Appointment Only*

*Please email the person you need to meet with to schedule an appointment.

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Also, please check your email over the summer. We will be sending out information on Final Forms, busing, etc.

Have a great summer, and we will see everyone in August!

Religious Education

Thoughts for our Teachers

Here is the Gospel for today - the last day of school – which is also for Tuesday of the Eighth Week of Ordinary Time: *Peter said to Jesus: "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said: "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age – the first will be last, and the last will be first."*

I feel this is a very appropriate Gospel for teachers on this last day of school. As a person who taught in classrooms in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for 25 years, I can honestly say that there were days that I felt like Peter in today's Gospel - *Lord we have given up everything!*

During these last weeks of school, teachers are exhausted, tired, frenzied, trying to get everything done, working hard to get their grades in, get their classrooms cleaned and secure for the Summer, and a doing a dozen other jobs that often go unnoticed yet are essential to every school at this time of year. So today I want to offer our great teachers a small word of encouragement - *You are essential. What you're doing does matter. No matter how frustrating it can be at times, your labor is never in vain. And here at OLGCS, our teachers always rise above and always finish STRONG!*



Teachers - Your Work Matters

During these last few days, I want to remind our teachers that there are students in your class who will look back on this year and be thankful for your influence. They may even be the ones causing you the most trouble. I want to remind you that growth takes time and tell you that the seeds you are planting in young hearts and minds will grow and bring forth fruit, even if you might not see it yet. I want to tell you that you are making a difference, that there are students who care, who are grateful, who are learning, who are growing - even if they never tell you. And there is one more very important fact.

God sees your effort, your work, and your labor.

God sees your long hours and shed tears. God knows your biggest frustrations and your deepest hurts. God doesn't overlook you and doesn't take you for granted. We put so much thought and effort into doing our best for our students - into being the best teachers we can be for their sake. And while we should always emphasize our students' needs above our own, there is someone else that we are serving above all else: our God. And whatever we do, we do it sincerely - *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. (Col. 3:23-24)* That powerful verse from Paul's Letter to the Colossians reminds us that we are working for an audience of one: our Lord Jesus Christ. *When no one else seems to notice, God sees. When no one else seems to care, God cares. When our words seem to be falling flat, God sees our effort and is pleased with our faithfulness.*

If we're doing it all for Him.

So today, in the midst of the busyness, the frustration, the chaos of these final days – take a moment and remember the real reason that you are teaching. It shouldn't be for the praise. It shouldn't be for the satisfaction. It shouldn't even be totally for the kids. The real reason we are teaching should be for God. And if we keep our focus on God, it doesn't matter as much what's happening around us. As St. Paul says: *"Therefore, my beloved sisters and brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)* So never give up. Be encouraged in the Lord. And keep making a difference for those students in the classroom.

God bless all our teachers for the good work they have done in the Lord's vineyard this year at OLGCS. And everyone please have a happy, healthy, and safe Summer!

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.