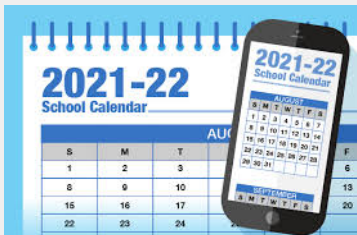




# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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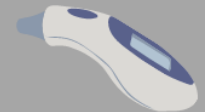
Weekly Bulletin

September 6, 2021

## BEFORE YOU COME TO SCHOOL . . .



## CHECK FOR FEVER

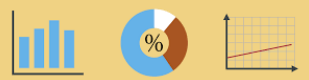


## STAY HOME IF EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS

- COUGH · SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING ·
- FEVER OR CHILLS · FATIGUE · MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ·
- HEADACHE · NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL · SORE
- THROAT · CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE ·
- NAUSEA OR VOMITING · DIARRHEA



## COVID-19 DASHBOARD



While the Ohio Department of Health encourages but does not require Ohio schools to report numbers of positive cases, we believe sharing these numbers **each week** is a transparent way to help us all track the movement of the virus and better manage our response. Our dashboard can be found on our school website at [www.olgcs.org](http://www.olgcs.org).

No school can control community spread of the virus, but we will continue to do all we can to keep our students and staff safe at school. On that note, we cannot overstate the importance of doing daily wellness checks at home before coming to school, using the above information.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy and safe!



### Random Kindness

Two soldiers, both seriously injured in Afghanistan, were airlifted to a US base in Germany and occupied the same army base hospital room. One soldier, Frank, had a serious chest injury but was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon in order to drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. Across the room, the other soldier – Jake - due to serious injuries to his back - had doctor's orders to spend all his time laying flat and was told not to move or his injuries would not heal. Between their beds was medical equipment and a partially drawn curtain. Pretty dreary accommodations.

But that didn't stop the two men from talking across the room. They spoke for hours of their wives and kids, their homes, where they had been on family vacations, and, of course, the war. Every afternoon when Frank - the soldier in the bed by the window - could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to Jake all the things he could see outside. The soldier in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

Frank told Jake that his window overlooked a park with a beautiful lake. There were ducks swimming on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young people walked arm-in-arm amid flowers of every color of the rainbow. Trees graced the landscape, and a view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As Frank described all this in exquisite detail, Jake – on the other side of the room - would close his eyes and imagine each scene and, in doing so, the terrible pain he felt from his injury would ease.

Late one night, the Frank began to cough, choking on the fluid in his lungs. The hospital staff converged on the room and frantically rushed the soldier into surgery. The following morning when Jake awoke, he saw the bed by the window neatly made and the area around it cleaned out. When the nurse arrived, she sadly informed him that Frank had lost the battle with his injuries and had died on the operating table. Jake was filled with grief that he had lost his new friend. Later that day, Jake asked if he was well enough to be moved next to bed by the window, and the nurse was happy to do so. Slowly and painfully, the soldier propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the beautiful world outside that Frank had so vividly described to him.

As he strained to look out the window beside the bed, Jake was shocked – for outside the window was nothing but a plain and ugly brick wall! Jake was confused - and asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such beautiful and wonderful things outside this window when, in fact, there was nothing to see at all. The nurse kindly said to Jake: "*Oh, that's right - you didn't know!* You see, Frank wasn't one to complain, but his chest wound wasn't his only injury. He also lost his eyesight when his transport got hit with a roadside IED (improvised explosive device). *Frank was blind.*" Jake – a little hurt and confused - said, "*What? Why did he go on and on about what he saw outside the window, when he couldn't see anything at all?*" "Well" the nurse said, "*I guess Frank just wanted to make your own burden lighter.*"

Let's us all do something kind for someone this week.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



A US serviceman gently holds an Afghan baby at Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul during the recent pullout from Afghanistan. Please remember our heroes as they come home – and pray for those whose lives were lost defending our freedoms.

# BEYOND THE CLASSROOM™

## Welcome Back Families!

Back to School time always fires up butterflies in students' stomachs, and again this year they will deal with the uncertainty of a pandemic plus whatever may be going on in their minds, hearts and in your home. This combination of excited, nervous anticipation and genuine apprehension can wreak havoc on your child's emotions... and yours! If it all becomes too much... Beech Acres Parenting Center's Beyond the Classroom™ team is here. Our name says it all, our team is here to remove barriers your students may have outside the classroom preventing them from bringing their best self to their academics.

### What do we do?

- **Behavioral Health Support** (Therapeutic Service Provider) - Helps student work on coping skills, self-control, staying on task and if needed crisis management.
- **Therapy** (Licensed Provider) - Helps students get to the 'root' of their mental health challenges; often working in tandem with therapeutic service providers.
- **Medication Evaluation and Management** - If needed, medication that supports your child's behavioral health can be prescribed by our doctor and nurse practitioner.
- **Family Peer Support** - A trusted partner and mentor who walks along side of you as you become your child's best advocate when working with the school or navigating community resources.

### Where else are we in the community?

Beech Acres Parenting Center's Kinship Connection program works closely with Beyond the Classroom™ families who are caring for a

loved one's child. Kinship Navigators have been your shoes, having experience caring for a loved ones' child full time. Because of their experience these professionals can walk alongside grandparents, aunts, uncles, or friends to find resources and connect you with a supportive community of other caregivers just like you.

Parent Connex™ is a parent coaching program located in pediatric offices around Greater Cincinnati. Their individualized coaching sessions have proven to improve a child/parent relationship in just 3 sessions. It is not mental health but instead supports parents in daily challenges from potty training to homework battles.

The Character Effect™ is a program for the entire school community built on positive psychology, character strengths and mindfulness.

### How do you get in touch with us?

Visit <https://beechacres.org/in-schools/>, find your school, and click on your team leads name, to connect directly with them via email! Team leads are ready to be your guide in identifying your unique needs and matching up the supports that are right for you and your family. We are delighted to be a new partner with your child's school and are actively working to grow our team to provide a full spectrum of care.

Using our strength of honesty, we have not been immune to the effects of the pandemic and are continuing to work to recruit additional Beech Acres staff to support you and your child.

**We are excited to be BACK In buildings with your students and ready to support their needs.**

With gratitude,  
Beyond the Classroom™ Team





## IMMUNIZATIONS Needed-New Students and 7th Graders

Please remember to send in a current copy of your child's immunizations to the school. This applies to your child if they are new to OLG this year or in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need to have the tdap and meningococcal vaccines for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. These are requirements for the first day of school in the state of Ohio. We have given families a 2 week grace period from the start of school to get these records into school or your child will not be permitted to attend school starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

You can send a copy in with your child or fax a copy to the school at 513-931-3707. Thank you so much for your prompt attention to this.

Mrs. Shewmaker

girlscouts  
of western ohio

**Time to  
press  
play!**



**Come make music and find your beat at Girl Scouts.**

**Activity and a surprise for you, plus  
conversation for parents & caregivers. All free!**

### **Join us.**

**Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church**

**7612 Perry Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45231**

**Learn more about the Girl Scout Program, volunteer opportunities, and  
how to form a troop!**

**If you prefer a virtual event, see options at [gswo.org/getstarted](https://gswo.org/getstarted).**

**[CLICK HERE for Registration](#)**



**3rd Annual  
St. Ann  
Car & Truck Show &  
Craft Fair**

**Saturday, September 18  
9am–2pm**

**Rain or Shine**

**\*Cars and Trucks from  
1920 thru 1999 \***

**Car Show Information**

- **Registration: 9am-noon,  
Awards @ 2pm**
  - **\$10.00 Entry Fee,  
\$15.00 for 2 categories**
  - **Dash Plaques to first 50**
  - **Split the Pot**
  - **Free Admission for spectators**
  - **Concessions**
  - **St. Ann Church not responsible  
for damages or accidents**  
**For more information contact  
Cindy - 513-521-8440  
info@saintannparish.org**
- Pre-register @ saintannparish.org on  
our Parish Life - Socials/Events page**

**Multiple  
Category  
Awards  
including  
Pastor's Choice**



**Shop our  
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