



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

### Calendar Links



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**Oct. 20** No School  
**Oct. 25** Prayer Service  
2:00 in St. Ann's Church  
**Oct. 31** Halloween  
Parade 1:30 Lower Lot

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*Weekly Bulletin ~ October 19, 2017*

## COMMUNICATIONS

### *School to Home Communication*

*Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date in Option C. All families with current information in Option C will receive emails, texts, and calls from school with important information.*

*Weather announcements, safety updates, busing info, etc. are all sent using this system. It is crucial for our school to home communication that this information be current. Without this, we cannot guarantee you will receive these important announcements.*



The busing situation has been one of great frustration for parents and the office at OLG. If you are still having problems with a specific bus or route, please contact your public school transportation office. They are in charge of all scheduling of routes and hiring drivers.

Thank you for your patience. We will always help anyway we can, but the public schools are ultimately in control of their transportation.



# Religious Education

## Beginning Again: Talking With God

We all have good intentions and resolves - and one thing so many of us want is a deeper relationship with God. It is a longing that comes from our hearts but we don't always know what to do with it. Below are a few hints and resources to get us started - or re-started - talking to God. It sounds simple, so why does it get complicated? The good news is that God is the one *who really wants to talk with us*. God wants us to feel that He loves us with a bottomless love and is just waiting to listen to anything we want to say. Further proof of this good news: It was God who sparked our hearts to make us want to respond to him in a newer way. But what is standing in our way?

### *I just don't know where to begin.*

We can reflect on our prayer and what we mean by prayer. Sometimes the most difficult journey in prayer is the short distance from our heads to our hearts. This happens when we move from "saying prayers" to praying in the sense of entering into a close, personal relationship with God, which centers on a sense of closeness, accompaniment and intimacy. Prayer is really just conversation with someone who loves us more than we can imagine. What do we want to thank God for? What do we worry about? What are we facing today? What do we want to ask of God?

### *I don't have a minute free all day - when can I possibly pray?*

Spending 30 minutes in silent meditation is wonderful, but most of us can't do that in our lives. But we all can find small "in-between" moments in our lives when we can find a greater intimacy with God. It means looking for the tiniest spaces in our day when we can simply lift our hearts to God. St. Ignatius encouraged his followers to be "Contemplatives in Action," "seeking and finding intimacy with God, in all things," and we can do that by continually tucking small prayer spaces into our days. Developing this pattern in our days can help us feel accompanied by God all day long.

### *Here are a few suggestions. Which ones might work for me today?*

- Brushing teeth is something we do every day for a few minutes. If we transform that time into a simple dialog with God, it can begin and end our day in prayer.
- A drive in the car can become a brief retreat if we turn off the radio and use that time to have a conversation with God.
- A regular shower or bath time can be the perfect, undistracted spot to connect with the One who loves us.
- We can pray walking to a meeting, crossing a street or heading into a store.
- As we reach to answer a phone, a 2 second prayer for the person calling can change my interaction with the caller.
- A ten minute visit in church to pray before the Blessed Sacrament can be soul-relaxing and revitalizing. Don't know what to say to God? Then sit in silence and let God enter in.

If we find our mind wanders, gently transform it into a prayer by saying to God, "I am distracted by the meeting I have today. Let me tell you what I am worried about." Or, "I can tell I am preoccupied by my relationship problems with my brother. Please give me the grace to forgive him." We can take our distractions to God and ask for help. Ultimately ask yourself: "Where is my focus, on me or on God?"

Mark Friedman, CRE





Monthly Focus:  
SELF Control

## SELF-CONTROL

You come to class prepared, follow directions, get to work right away, and avoid distractions. You also remain calm when criticized, allow others to speak without interrupting, and remain polite even when you are stressed or angry.



[Self Control Video](#)

**→ SELF ←  
CONTROL**

[Self Control Video](#)



OLG families enjoy a fun night out together at the FC Cincinnati game.

## Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!\*

- 10/19 Rocking Jump
- 10/30 Chipotle Dine and Donate
- 11/6 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place
- 11/14 Skyline Dine and Donate – Groesbeck
- 2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place
- 3/10 March Madness Basketball Tourney (12-4)
- 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9)
- 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette

\*All events can be found on the Event Calendar found on our website at [www.olgcs.org](http://www.olgcs.org).



## **K-2 Instructional Basketball**

*We are very excited to announce **Boys & Girls K-2 Instructional Basketball** will be offered as a new sport this school year!*

*Registration will be coming soon for this winter sport, so stay tuned for more details! It's a great opportunity for kids too young for competitive play to learn the sport, stay active and have fun!*

# **Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association**

**OLGAA**

The OLGAA has been hard at work with restructuring the Board positions and responsibilities. This is a volunteer organization and we need your support in order to run a successful program. If interested in helping out in any way, please contact President Jim Schreyer: [presidentolgaa@gmail.com](mailto:presidentolgaa@gmail.com) or Athletic Director Ellen Hughes: [olgeaglesad@gmail.com](mailto:olgeaglesad@gmail.com).



We are so pleased to announce that the Girls 8th Grade team won the Small School City Championship on Monday night at Colerain High School! The trophy/plaque will be on display at school for all to see! Congratulations to them and their coaches for an outstanding event!

**Girls Basketball** - 3rd-8th grade Girls Basketball registration is now open and will run through Sunday, November 12th. Click on the OLG Athletics page below for more details and to register.

<http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=759168>

**Boys Basketball** - Mandatory skills assessments are in progress and continue through tonight, Thursday October 19th. See the schedule below for grade level times:

Skills Assessments - All at Assumption

**Thursday Oct. 19th**

4th grade 5-6 pm

7th grade 6-7pm

8th grade 7-8pm

**Make up date Friday Oct. 20th from 5-6:30pm**

*The purpose of OLGAA is to provide athletic activities for the youth of OLGCS and/or the Covenant Parishes and the opportunity to engage in these activities/sports under the supervision and guidance of elected and/or appointed officials.*







# CINCINNATI CYCLONES

## OLGCS NIGHT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

**NICKELODEON  
NIGHT** FEATURING  
**TEENAGE MUTANT  
NINJA TURTLES**

**\$14 TICKETS**


\$5 per ticket goes back to  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic  
School.



For more information, contact:

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## DRESS-UP YOUR PUMPKIN CONTEST

- Make it a FAMILY affair...one entry per FAMILY
- Everyone can WORK together!
- ANY MATERIALS can be USED...JUST NO CARVING
- COMPLETE AN INDEX card WITH STUDENT'S NAME AND grade
- ENTRIES due by Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:10 AM outside the MAIN OFFICE—JUDGING WILL COMMENCE SOON AFTERWARD
- PRIZE bags awarded to ALL ENTRIES
- ANY QUESTIONS? E-MAIL MRS. RENICK

## St. Margaret Mary Turkey Dinner

**Join us for an evening of  
good food and good fun!!**

NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH ACTIVITY CENTER

MADONNA HALL

FOLLOWING 4:30 MASS

Dinner will be served from 5:45 until 7PM.

Cost: Adults \$9.00 (Childs portion ages 5-10 \$5.00)

(Children under 5 eat free!!)

Dinner includes:

Turkey, Mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dressing,  
and cranberry sauce. Dessert and drink also included



**Split the Pot ~ Turkey Raffle ~ Basket Raffle**



Calling ALL 6th-8th Grade Musicians

You are invited to join the

Colorguard, too!  
No experience needed

The Pride of  
**La Salle**  
Marching Band

for **Grade School Band Night**  
at the La Salle Home Football Game  
**October 20, 2017**

Arrive at 4:00 to rehearse with the Band  
Dinner at 5:00 provided by Band Boosters  
On the field for Pre-Game Show  
Sit with the Band in the stands  
Watch the band perform their  
2017 Competition Show "Leap of Faith"

*Don't Worry,  
Mom...*

**I'M With the BAND**

To Register contact [asylvester@lasallehs.net](mailto:asylvester@lasallehs.net)  
or visit [www.prideoflasalle.com/jrprograms](http://www.prideoflasalle.com/jrprograms)

TAKE A BITE OUT OF  
CHILDREN STUDENT TICKET PRICES  
FOR THE THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW! FREE  
FANGS \* WITH YOUR PAID TICKET!



**"The Addams Family"**  
TEENAGE WEREWOLF NIGHT  
OCTOBER 19TH 7:30PM  
RSVP:  
[WWW.LASALLEHS.NET/DRAMA](http://WWW.LASALLEHS.NET/DRAMA)

THURSDAY NIGHT TICKETS  
\$5.00  
STUDENTS/CHILDREN!

**ARE YOU A WEREWOLF?**

\* While Supplies Last

**Ghostly Glow Show**  
Sunday, October 22, 3:00pm  
Students/Children  
get free glow bracelet  
with their  
paid show ticket!



**"The Addams Family"**  
RSVP: [www.lasallehs.net/drama](http://www.lasallehs.net/drama)


**TRICK OR TREAT**

Treat your Kids to a show followed by  
Trick or Treat with the cast and crew...  
Saturday Matinee Show tickets for  
Children 10 and under.  
Their tickets only \$5



**"The Addams Family"**  
Saturday, October 21st, 3:00pm.  
RSVP: [www.lasallehs.net/drama](http://www.lasallehs.net/drama)

*Kids come in costume to the show!*



**Adult  
Midnight  
Madness  
Grave Night!**

Get a free ticket\* to win a  
Pumpkin full of late  
night/crave night treats!  
LaSalle Drama  
LATE SHOW  
"The Addams Family"  
October 21st, 8:30pm.  
RSVP:  
[www.lasallehs.net/drama](http://www.lasallehs.net/drama)

\*One free ticket per paying adult!