



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Dec. 1 Spiritwear Day
Dec. 5 No All School Mass
Dec. 6 Advent Prayer
Service 2:00
Dec. 8 The Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
All School Mass 10:30 @
St. Ann Church

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Weekly Bulletin ~ November 30, 2017

COMMUNICATIONS


Inclement Weather

Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the telephone number you reported to Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be corrected within Option C.

OLG will not announce an early dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.



A valuable item was found in the cafeteria yesterday. If you are missing something, please email Mrs. Kirk @ mkirk@olgcs.org with a description of the item.



Religious Education

The Spirit of Caring!

Sixteen years ago on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001 - the day the World Trade Center towers fell, the Pentagon burned, a plane meant for DC crashed in a field in Pennsylvania, and almost 3,000 people died at the hand of terrorists - hundreds of aircraft carrying thousands of passengers were ordered to immediately land. After all, who knew how big this terrorist attack was? When the United States shut down its airspace, tiny *Gander International Airport* in Newfoundland opened its runways, taking in 38 wide-body planes on transatlantic routes. As Sept. 11 reminds America of the unfiltered evil in our world, it's also necessary to remind ourselves of the human capacity for kindness, selflessness and generosity of people helping people that day and beyond.

The people of Gander, Newfoundland - a town of no more than 10,000, looked at all those planes lined up at the airport and they didn't think of terrorism, didn't see potential attacks. *They just wanted to help.* And it was a challenge for this tiny town. The city didn't have hotels or restaurants to take in the nearly 7,000 passengers, and the community knew that the people from more than 100 countries stuck on those planes were mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, grandmothers. Just like the Newfoundlanders were.

The people of Gander and surrounding fishing villages filled their schools, community rooms and churches with cots for stranded passengers. The town's bus drivers, who were on strike that day, walked off their picket lines and went back to work. Bakeries went into overdrive production, hospitals staffed up, and many of the townspeople opened their homes and offered their beds to the "plane people." They found a way to care for the 17 dogs and cats and the two great apes that were also aboard the planes. There, on a Canadian island of green hills and rocky coasts, humans were at their best.

The arrival of the plane people, nearly doubled the town's population. "I didn't go home for five days," Mayor Claude Elliott recalled. Elementary schools were converted into makeshift dormitories. Volunteers from the Salvation Army and the Red Cross made lunches, and the hockey rink became a walk-in refrigerator. Other logistical problems were trickier. "We ran out of underwear," Elliott said, so more was trucked in from St. John's two hundred and seven miles away. "We started off with seven thousand strangers," Elliott said, "but we finished with seven thousand family members."

None of the townspeople would accept money. So after the passengers were finally able to re-board their planes, Shirley Brooks-Jones, a longtime fundraiser at Ohio State University, had a midair idea. She passed around a notebook and asked each of the passengers to contribute to a scholarship fund for the children of Gander. They had \$15,000 when they landed. Brooks-Jones did this for a living. So she helped turn that into more money - a scholarship fund that as now grown to about \$2 million. There were 28 scholarships just this past year. Brooks-Jones has returned to Newfoundland 26 times and often meets with students who got the scholarships, including one who is now a town doctor.

"9/11 will live long in memory as a day of terror and grief," said then-Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chrétien, "But thanks to the countless acts of kindness and compassion done for those stranded visitors here in Gander and right across Canada, it will live forever in memory as a day of comfort and of healing."



Most of us still have vivid memories of the horror of that day. We relive the fear those terrorists instilled in our society every time we take off our shoes at the airport, go through a metal detector at a museum or maneuver past ugly concrete posts. But let's also consider the incredible acts of bravery we witnessed that day. And the days that humans were at their best in a small town in Newfoundland.

-Mark Friedman, CRE

Left: Retired firefighter Bob Beckwith with a piece of steel from the World Trade Center being sent to Gander, Newfoundland, to thank the town for its help.



Monthly Focus: Gratitude



[CLICK HERE](#) for a video on optimism.



BOOKOPOLY

Again this year, students in grades 4-8 have been challenged to read 40 books in different genres. New this year is the theme, Bookopoly. There are 40 squares on a Monopoly board, one for each book. The different property groups are the different genres. Instead of buying the properties when they read and record a book, they earn value of the property. **Students can use this monopoly money to purchase items in our Bookopoly Store.**



The primary reason for this program is to encourage all kids to read more and to stretch our young readers to explore new types of books and genres of literature. It is also a fun way to track and reward reading that they have to do anyway.



All students have received information about this program in library class. They can access their Bookopoly Record in Google Classroom or Google Drive from any computer at school or home.

Any book read during this school year counts. Books from over the summer do not count for this program. Books can be AR or not, it doesn't matter. Books must be at the student's level. All books must be recorded on their Bookopoly Record to count towards their money total.



Bookopoly Store will be open December 18-19 and then again in the spring, TBD.



What I need from you

1. Support your student in their reading progress and book selection. Check in with them periodically to see what they are reading and how they're doing.
2. **Donate items** that can be sold at our store. Anything is acceptable - trinkets, stuffed animals, candy, treats, coupons, gift cards. Donations can be sent to school marked Library. Thank you!



Contact Mrs. Mattingly with any questions.
dmattingly@olgcs.org

JUST CHOICE	ADVENTURE AVENUE	THRILLER LANE	CHANCE ?	There will be a special reward for those that make it all the way to 40 books by the end of the program in May.	GO FREE CHOICE
VISITING	\$100	\$120	FREE CHOICE		



Education Commission would like to encourage all members of OLG's community to make a difference and get involved in various service activities.

Christian Service Days are a great way for our students to donate to local organizations. Matthew 25 Ministries offers many community service opportunities within their organization. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information on how you too can make a difference for others!



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 or Athletic Director Ellen Hughes: olgeaglesad@gmail.com.

Girls Volleyball

The 7/8th grade team coached by Lauren Stephens finished 2nd place in the Our Lady of Lourdes tournament played over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. They battled during this week long tournament to win all 4 of their games to make it to the championship. Congratulations!!

GO EAGLES!!



Girls Basketball - 3rd-8th grade Girls Basketball registration has been extended and is open for only 2 MORE DAYS!! Don't miss out - we are looking for girls across all grade levels. Click on the OLG Athletics page below for more details and to register!

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

K-2 Instructional Basketball K-2 Boys & Girls Instructional Basketball registration is now open! We are very excited to launch this new sport for our younger student athletes! This sport will focus on fundamental skills instruction, while encouraging teamwork and of course, having fun! The season will run from January - March, so make sure you sign up before registration ends on November 30th.

Click the link below to register:

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

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.



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

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

What a great first trimester at OLG!

We kicked off the school year with a fabulous Ice Cream Social and welcomed new families at the Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast. That led us to the Walkathon where our school did an amazing job and reached our goal of \$25,0000. Way to go families!!! In the last few weeks, we've had a packed calendar with Rockin Jump, a Chipotle Dine & Donate and the Skating Party.

- Rockin Jump was a new activity for OLG and was a fun time for those that were able to make it. We had about 29 jumpers throughout the evening which isn't too bad with all the other activities our school offers.
- Our Chipotle Dine & Donate was a huge success for also being a first time event. We were able to raise \$354 in just a few hours. Thank you to everyone that attended and/or shared our event.
- Everyone knows that the Skating Party is always a blast. This year we even made it the whole night without the power going out. Thank you to those that attended and congratulations to Colleen Harden who won the tuition raffle.

Look for more fun activities throughout the next trimester for families and parents. We are always open to new ideas and will work hard to implement them. It may not happen right away, but please know that we are doing our best to create a mixture of events for families, kids and parents. You are not expected to attend every event and hopefully you'll find something that is interesting for you!

Thanks for your support!

The PTO Events Committee

(Tracy Pellegrino, Susan Wells, Jenny Felix, Amy Porta, Katie Grueter, Leigh Howard, Jill Keller and Amanda Hood)



Marco's Pizza Day is tomorrow, December 1.

Extra slice for \$1.00, must be ordered in the morning.

Junior High Students (6-8) may order two extra pieces in the morning
The students will be processed through the electronic system as we do daily.