



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Nov. 20 Conferences 3:30-8
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Weekly Bulletin ~ November 15, 2017

COMMUNICATIONS

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held the evening of November 20th from 3:30-8:00 and during the day on November 21st from 9:00-noon.

Sign ups for conferences this year will be completed through Option C. The link can be found on the main login page. They will be open November 6-16. Please schedule your conferences within this window.

If you have questions or need assistance with Option C, please contact Mrs. O'Shaughnessy at boshaughnessy@olgcs.org.



Due to the holiday, there will be no Weekly Bulletin next week. We sincerely hope everyone enjoys the time off with family and friends!

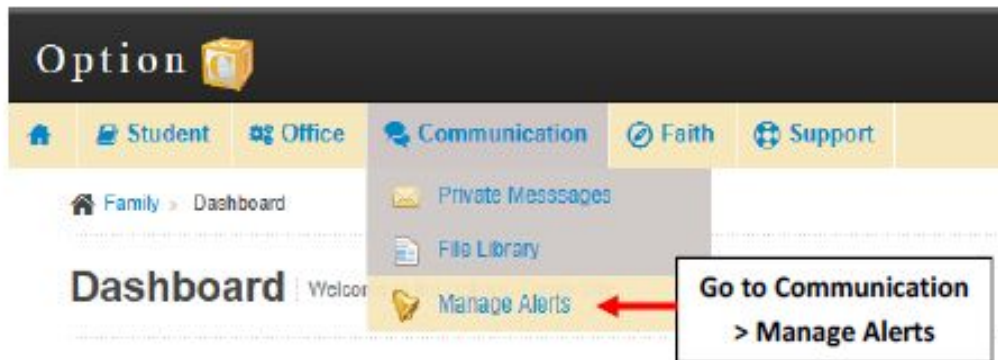
COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to the email and phone calls we are using for Option C, we are also offering communication via text message starting this year. A text was sent out on Monday of this week. If you received the text, no change is needed. If you did not receive the text, and you would like to in the future, the Alert Preferences will need to be updated. Please use these directions to update your preferences as needed.

Updating Parent Alert Preferences with the Family Login

****Please Note This Functionality Must be Enabled by Your School****

Once logged into OptionC please go to Communication > Manage Alerts.



Place a Check Mark next to the Contacts that should receive Alert Messages. All Changes will **Save** Automatically.


Manage Alerts Manage Parent Alerts notifications from your school

Changes made on this page are saved automatically. For best possible message delivery it is advised that you select at least one of each of the voice, email and text options.

Destination	Type	Voice	Text	Email
(555) 478-1200	Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(555) 679-3333	Family	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saved	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(555) 897-9800	Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
myemail@email.com	Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
work@email.com	Work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

All Changes will **Save** Automatically

Place a Check Mark next to the Contact



Religious Education

Why Bad Things Happen...

When my kids were little, I remember a time my daughter brought home two pieces of art she made at preschool, one of which was accompanied by a question, "Why are they throwing him in a hole?" Having not yet seen her artwork nor been offered any context to accompany this question, I looked at the picture she had colored and saw it was of the Biblical character Joseph being ambushed by his jealous brothers and, yes, being thrown into a hole (GN 37). For her and her three-year-old brain, this scene begged the same question the most wise among us ask: *why?* Why is there suffering in the world? And more troubling, perhaps, why do good people always seem to suffer? History and fiction both are filled with figures and characters who are really good people, yet also suffer. Joseph, from the above story could fit this mold well, as can fictional characters. How about Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*, or Edmond Dantès in *The Count of Monte Cristo*, or one of my favorite characters - Judah Ben-Hur from the movie *Ben-Hur* - to name just a few.

One scene from the 1959 film *Ben-Hur*, in particular, stands out to me considering these questions. Judah Ben-Hur has been wrongfully accused of a crime and separated from his mother and sister, fearing for their safety and assuming the worst fate. While marching, chained to other slaves, they stop in a small village with a well. As his fellow slaves grasp for even a drop of water in their exhaustion, Judah is passed over by the guard and not given the water. Overcome now - not only by his mental anguish at the fate of his family - but also by physical suffering - he lies on the dusty earth, his body and his spirit crushed. Thinking he will now surely die, a hand appears that wipes his face, lifts his head, and offers him a drink of life-saving water.



As human beings we have the capacity to experience joy, suffering, and everything In-between. Our greatest joys can be ambushed by the most profound suffering without a moment's notice.

In the story of Ben-Hur - after Judah is given the water and is held and helped by these hands, he looks into the compassionate eyes of the one to whom they belong. His suffering and present circumstance still remain, however the torment has left him.

Returning to Jerusalem many years later, Judah sees that same man again, but now those same eyes look at him from under the weight of a wooden cross. And as Jesus falls to the ground as the soldiers whip him - Judah returns the favor and offers Jesus the water he so desperately needs to continue his journey to Calvary.

In our own suffering and pain, may we, too, reach out to Jesus and find healing and comfort in his eyes, and let us honor God knowing that he holds us in the palm of His hand.

Mark Friedman, CRE



Monthly Focus:
Gratitude

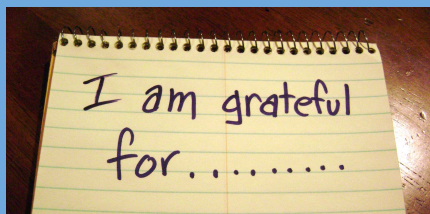
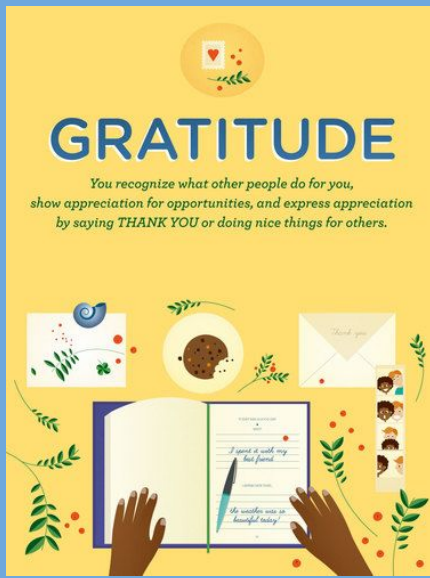


Gratitude Trophy Contest

The art contest for November will be centered around gratitude since we are concentrating on that character trait this month.

Idea: pick one person for whom you are grateful as a family and create a 2D or 3D trophy commemorating that person.

- Make it a family affair... one entry per family
- Everyone can work together!
- Any materials can be used... can be 2D or 3D
- Complete an index card with student's name and grade
- Entries due by Tuesday November 28th 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



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



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.

Calling all basketball parents!!! We've recently completed a uniform inventory and there are a lot of jersey unaccounted for from last season. The start of both the boys and girls' seasons is fast approaching, so please return all jerseys/uniforms to either your sports coordinator or the school front office by Friday at the latest. Thanks in advance for your prompt attention.



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>

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.

EVENTS

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 \$25,000. 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)



School Lunch

Due to product availability, there will be a **Menu Change for Monday, Nov 20th**. Instead of Chicken Giggles, we will be having Dress Your Dog Day:

Beef Hot Dog on Bun, Toppings of Chili, Cheese & Beans
Homestyle Baked Beans, Assorted Fruit, Milk

ST. ANN CRAFT BEER TASTING

30+ CRAFT BEERS FROM MORE THAN 15 LOCAL AND REGIONAL BREWERIES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017 ST. ANN GYM 7:00 - 11:00

\$20 (Pre-sale) INCLUDES 6 (5OZ) TASTINGS

WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE - SNACKS & FOOD INCLUDED, MUST BE 21

TICKETS AT THE DOOR ARE \$30, ADDITIONAL TASTINGS \$4

ADVANCE TICKETS SOLD AFTER MASSES ON NOV. 4/5 & 11/12.

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FIND MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.SAINTANNPARISH.ORG

As with any event, it takes many folks to make it happen. We are asking that you join as a participant or a hospitality volunteer.

Come and try some brews from some of the newest local breweries, have a glass of wine and enjoy the evening. We have snacks and BBQ sandwiches included in the cost.

To reserve your spot, just call the parish office at 521-8440.

To assist us in making it a great evening, contact Katie Richter or

Tim Clifford at 521-8440 or tclifford@saintannparish.org.

9th Annual Tony Merk Blood Drive (A chance to save lives)



HOXWORTH BLOOD CENTER
Our Donors Save Lives



In loving memory of Tony Merk (brother to Alex '08, Ben '11 and Max '14 – and former kindergartner), the Merk Family and Pray-Hope-Believe Foundation will hold the 9th annual Tony Merk blood drive at St. Ann's on Saturday, November 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Monsignor Lunn Center. Walk-ins will be accepted but appointments are preferred at <http://www.hoxworth.org/groups/stann.html>, by phone at 513-451-0910, or by contacting Rick or Lynne Merk at 513-541-3389. Thank you for helping us save lives!