

Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds•Growing Faith•Inspiring Service







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Feb. 13 No Mass Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday All School Mass

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Weekly Bulletin

February 1, 2018



Our Lady of Grace School Talent Show Friday, February 2 At 7:30 PM In the Little Flower Parish Center Admission \$1

The show includes Our Lady of Grace School students from Kindergarten through the 8th grade! We have singers, dancers, musicians, comedians and several novelty acts! <u>Please note, OLG students must be accompanied</u> by an adult.

Re-enroll for Next Year

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to start the re-enrollment process for the 2018-19 school year. If you have questions, please call the school office at 513-931-3070.



A Saint for Ahead of His Time

Yesterday was the feast day of one of my favorite saints – Saint John Bosco. John Bosco's theory of education could well be used in today's schools. It was a "preventive system," rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in friendly school surroundings and off the streets. He combined religious training and fatherly guidance, seeking to balance a young person's spiritual life with work, study, and play.



As a boy, John witnessed a traveling troupe of circus performers and was captivated by their magic tricks and acrobatics. He realized if he learned their tricks, he could use them to attract others and hold their attention. He studied their tricks and learned how to perform magic, juggling, and circus arts himself. One Sunday evening, John staged a show for the kids he played with and was heartily applauded. At the end of the show, he recited the homily he heard earlier in the day at church. He ended by inviting his neighbors to pray with him. It was during this time that John heard the call to become a priest and was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for young workers, John opened the *Oratory of St. Francis de Sales* for boys. Several wealthy and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring. He went into the streets and started to meet young men and boys where they worked and played. He used his talents as a performer, doing tricks to capture attention, then sharing with the young people his message for the day. By 1856, his school had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious pamphlets. His interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John's preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together. With Pope Pius IX's encouragement, John gathered 17 men and, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales, he founded the *Salesian Society* in 1859. Their activity concentrated on education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls. In the years that followed, Fr. Bosco expanded his mission, which had, and still has, much work to do.



Fr. Bosco died on January 31, 1888. The call for his canonization was immediate. Pope Pius XI knew Fr. Bosco personally and agreed, declaring him blessed in 1929. St. John Bosco was canonized on Easter Sunday, 1934 and was given the title, "Father and Teacher of Youth."

John Bosco was ahead of his time and believed in educating the whole person—body and soul united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should be in everything we do—work, study, and play. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting God's love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too. Saint John Bosco is the patron saint of apprentices, editors and publishers, schoolchildren, magicians, and juvenile delinquents. His feast day is on January 31. Mark Friedman, CRE



Monthly Focus: Social Intelligence





<u>CLICK HERE</u> for a video on social intelligence.



YOU are the PTO

Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO is a group that supports the students, school and community. We hold events throughout the year to help bring together our families and have fun. We are

getting ready to kick off planning for the Spring Carnival on April 13th. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to PTO@olgcs.org. A sign-up genius will be sent out closer to the date for day of volunteers.

Our Walkathon is our only fundraiser for the school, and it's never too early to start planning for the 2018-2019 day. If you are interested in helping with this event you can email PTO@olgcs.org for more information.

Are you interested in attending a PTO meeting to see what we really do? Check out the PTO page for upcoming dates and meeting minutes. Click here



The PTO is currently looking to fill the position of the Donations Coordinator. The responsibilities include soliciting donations from local businesses to be used as prizes at events such as the Walk-A-Thon and Carnival. The Donations Coordinator will work closely with the Events Committee and keep the donations

organized in such a way to coordinate with each event. If you or someone you know is interested in this position or want to know more, please email volunteers@olgcs.org. Thanks!!



Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!

2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place 4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9) 5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette



RECIPE FOR — SUCCESS — FUNDRAISING



Slice of the Pie.

Our Lady of Grace PTO

Thank you for helping us raise funds for the school PTO!

Please join us.



We will donate 20%

of our proceeds to

Our Lady of Grace PTO

February 06, 2018 10:30AM – 10:00PM

Please present your flyer to a Team Member to participate.

We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Please join us for our annual

Fish Fry

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association at St. Ann Church Campus 2940 W. Galbraith Road



Dates:

Fridays in March (March 2, 9, 16, 23)

Times: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Carryout available Credit Cards Accepted

Choose from delicious Fried or Baked fish with salted rye bread from NCH Bakery & Pizza Side Options Include: Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw, Hush Puppies, Green Beans, Potato Wedges

Draft & Bottle Beer available including local craft brews

Weekly Dessert Table hosted by various OLG Youth Programs!



Track & Field registration is now open for grades K-8 and will run through February 23rd. No previous track experience needed - we encourage all kids who want to have fun and strive to do their best! Practices begin in early March, with meets beginning on March 23rd. See the flyer included in the bulletin for more details.

Our Lady of Grace Track & Field



OPEN to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade

- * No previous track experience necessary.
- * We take all kids who want to have fun and who strive to do their best.



* Learn self- discipline, build endurance and develop your internal drive.

Practice location, days and times will be announced closer to the start of the season. First practice is the week of March 5th. Meets begin March 23rd and are on Friday nights/ Saturday days.

Sprints - Long Distance - Relays - Long Jump - High Jump

Softball Throw - Discus Throw - Shot Put

Don't forget the Ice Cream Run! It's one of the season highlights every year!!

Registration is online thru Blue Sombrero. Access from the OLG website.

www.olgcs.org> Current Families > Athletics

Registration OPENS Wednesday JAN 24th and CLOSES Friday Feb 23rd. Don't wait to sign up for this great activity!

Questions?- Contact Kate Romanello Jones 513-746-9920 or olgtrackandfield@gmail.com



November Winner : Ava Keller December Winner : Ava Weitmarschen January Winner : Lainey Neuman

Our goal this year is to get up to \$5,000.00 in

BoxTop Rewards and Coke Rewards

Do you want to win a gift card??? Here is how!

Each child can earn a chance to win for each of the following:

*Every \$1.00 worth of coke rewards entered and donated to Our Lady of Grace School

*Every \$1.00 of box tops counted and turned in either glued to the form

(or in a bag marked with amount of box tops.)

Once a month we will do a random drawing of all the chances and pick a winner. That winner will get a \$15 gift card to XScape Theatre.

Help your class win! At the end of the year the top three homerooms will win a popcorn party where individual packs of popcorn will be given to each student from Cincinnati Popcorn!!

Click here for Box Tops Counter

How to enter COKE REWARDS

Helpful Tips



Rubik's Cube Club Monday's After School Starts on February 5th, 2018 5th grade-8th grade 3:00-4:00pm At OLGCS room is TBA

All participants must bring their own Rubik's Cube & have a signed permission slip from parent/guardian. Permission Slips are due by Friday February 2nd. All participants must have their own transportation after the club meetings.

Please contact Cecilia Long-Adult Coordinator, with any questions or concerns, <u>ceillong77@gmail.com</u> or 513-283-3471.

CLICK HERE for permission slip



LINKS

Precious Kids Learning Center

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