



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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**Feb. 19** No School  
**Feb. 21** Lenten Prayer Service 2:00 St. Ann



### Weekly Bulletin

February 15, 2018



## BULLY-PROOFING YOUTH

On February 28, Our Lady of Grace is excited to welcome Jim Bisenius, the founder of Bully-Proofing Youth, to present three different programs to our students in grades K-2, 3-5, and 6-8. He will also be presenting a Professional Development training for faculty and staff after school that day.

Mr. Bisenius has twenty years of experience as a child and adolescent therapist specializing in teaching extremely targeted students how to handle bullying situations. He has developed response techniques which have been nationally recognized as highly effective at stopping the dance between kids who bully and the ones they target. Jim has taught his methods to over 950 schools nationally. All of these trainings were promoted school to school strictly through word of mouth.

Mr. Bisenius earned his Bachelor's Degree from Miami University, and his Master's Degree from Ohio State University. He has received a "Child Advocate of the Year" award, as well as a "Violence Prevention Award".

For more information on this program, please visit their website at <http://bullyproofingyouth.com/index/>

## Re-enroll for Next Year

[CLICK HERE](#) 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.



## Religious Education

### LENT – WHAT TO DO?

The season of Lent is here. As always, we ask ourselves *what will we do this year?* As I thought about this, I came across an online post about a recent papal audience that Pope Francis held at the Vatican. According to a Catholic online publication, a beautiful little girl with Down Syndrome got up from her seat during the audience and ran up towards Pope Francis. The security guards quickly moved in to take her back to her mother. But, the Pope stopped everyone and said to the little girl, “come – and sit next to me.” The girl then sat down on his chair and the Holy Father continued to preach while holding hands with the little girl.



The Pope has shown so often during his Papacy that “kindness” is at the heart of the Gospel. For example, he spoke out against frivolous spending in the Church. The average set of cardinal’s clothes costs as much as \$20,000. In October, Pope Francis urged officials to dress more modestly and to not squander such money. In the same month, he ordered a German bishop to explain how he had spent \$3 million on a marble courtyard.

During Lent last year, Francis held a major Holy Week service at Casal del Marmo jail for youth, rather than the Vatican. During the service, the pope washed and kissed the feet of 12 young offenders to commemorate Jesus’ gesture of humility towards his apostles on the night before he died. During the service, he broke tradition by washing the feet of women and Muslims.

*What great examples!* Perhaps *kindness* should be my Lenten resolution this year! **The following is from Pope Francis 2018 Lenten Message:**

“By devoting more time to *prayer*, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

*Almsgiving* sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.



*Fasting* weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew. With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.”

**Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE**

# Parent Teacher Organization



The 1st grade class received a visit from Raptor to learn more about birds

## Upcoming Events

2/22 - Skating Party @ The Place

2/26 - Skyline Dine & Donate (NCH)

4/13 - International Spring Carnival

5/14 - Volunteer Dinner @ Krimmer's

## What we do

The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) helps our school by sponsoring field trips, school equipment, additional monies for teacher's supplies, computer programs and more. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and participate with the sub committees.

We are currently seeking someone interested in joining the executive board as assistant treasurer. This person would shadow the current treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year with the expectation of taking over the 2019-2020 school year.

## What we've done so far...

1. **Field Trips:** The kindergarten class had a field trip to Caldwell Nature Center while the 1st grade students have had several trips to a local nursing home for community outreach. The first grade students also had a visit from the zoo. More field trips are planned for spring.
2. **Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:** The Friday of Catholic Schools week, the teacher's enjoyed a catered breakfast. Thank you to the volunteers that helped make this all possible.
3. **Ice Cream Social:** During Catholic Schools Week, all OLG students participated in an Ice Cream Social sponsored by the PTO.
4. **Christmas Gifts for Classrooms:** Each teacher picked out items their classrooms' needed and the PTO purchased Christmas gifts to help our teachers.

## Next Meeting

Our next PTO meeting is Monday, March 19th starting at 6:30pm at St. Margaret Mary. PTO meetings are typically the third Monday of the month.



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

FREE ADMISSION

**Our Lady of Grace**

2940 W Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45239

Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> | 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

## Game Tickets

- **Presale:** 4 for \$1  
[Free tote with \$20  
presale purchase]
- **At-Door:** 3 for \$1

## Activities

- Games
- Face Paint
- Photo Booth
- Entertainment from local  
international associations



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# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

*FRIDAYS IN MARCH*

*JOIN US FOR A*  
**FISH FRY**

*at St. Ann Parish 5pm-7pm*

*March 2, 9, 16, 23*



Supporting OLG Athletics

*Fried or Baked Fish*

*Fried Shrimp*

*Salted Rye from NCH*

*Draft & Bottled Beer*

**Dine in or Carry Out**

*Pizza, Mac-n-Cheese,*

*Potato Wedges, Hush*

*Puppies, Green Beans*

*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](http://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](mailto:olgtrackandfield@gmail.com)

**Dine N' Donate**

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**5-8pm**

**North College Hill Skyline**



**(1705 W. Galbraith Rd)**

**Dine In/Carry Out/Drive Thru**



**Bring this flyer and 10% of the proceeds will be  
donated back to Our Lady of Grace Catholic  
School.**

(Valid at the North College Hill Skyline location only)



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