



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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March 30-April 6 Easter
Break~No School

School resumes April 9



Weekly Bulletin

March 23, 2018

Re-enroll for Next Year

[CLICK HERE](#) to start the re-enrollment process for the 2018-19 school year.

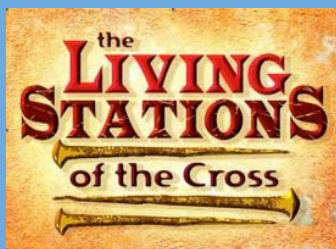
We have started assessments for new families, and we are adding students to classes every day.

If you are intending to return to OLG next year, but you have not re-enrolled in Option C, please do so TODAY. This will ensure your spot for the coming school year!

If you have questions, please call the school office at 513-931-3070.

2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

[Click Here](#) for the 2018-2019 school calendar.



Our seventh grade students will be presenting the Living Stations of the Cross next Monday, March 26 in the Church. Members of the OLG family are welcome to attend any time between 9:30-11:15 A.M or from 12:30-1:45 P.M.

If you would like to attend, please do NOT enter from the outside Church doors or you will interrupt the Stations. Instead, enter by way of the main school doors, turn left, and proceed to the end of the hallway. Turn left at the end of the hallway and wait by the inside Church doors near the cafeteria until the guides are ready for you.

Thank you for supporting the students in this project!



CHARACTER SPOTLIGHT

During morning meeting, the 1st Graders and Ms. Braun were discussing JOY: Jesus, Others, You. They try each day to show JOY in their lives. As they were talking, the students started to discuss the pizza party they won for their participation in the Walk-a-thon. At the conclusion of their discussion, the first graders, with the help of Ms. Braun, wrote the following letter to PTO.

HARD WORK and STRONG CHARACTER definitely matter at OLG!!

Dear OLG PTO Friends,



We had such fun at the walk-a-thon in October!
Thank you for making the day so special.

We were excited to hear that our class earned pizza for lunch.
We really like pizza. We get to have it a lot.

During our morning meeting, we talked about pizza and we talked
about JOY. We really try to show JOY in our classroom.

Do you know what JOY means?
Jesus Others You.

So we have an idea . . .

We'd like to donate the money you would have spent on our pizza
to the doctors who work with kids with cancer. We remembered
when Mrs. Merk came to talk with us and we'd really like to help the
doctors.

We took a class vote and we want to show JOY this way.
Thank you for helping us show JOY.

Love,
Braun's Busy Bees





Religious Education

Confession. Sin. Reconciliation. Do those words strike fear in you?

We are down to the wire! Ten days to go to get that confession in before Easter! During this season of Lent, we are encouraged to make a good Confession in preparation for Easter. Still, for most people, there is a sense of dread. Perhaps it is simply because we do not like to have to confront “that part” of ourselves, the part that we would much rather keep hidden. Perhaps we are ashamed to say aloud to the priest what we have done. Perhaps we believe that asking for God’s forgiveness in personal prayer is enough. If this resonates with you, here are some tips to help you get over the fear of the Sacrament of Confession.

Finding Joy in God’s Mercy through Confession

Let me be honest: when I was in high school, I went to Confession maybe twice a year because I knew I was supposed to go and my parents made me go with them. I hated every part of it. I didn’t want to say the bad things I had done aloud – especially to a priest I knew. One of my big fears as a teen was worrying about what the priest would think. Would he think less of me if he *really* knew all that bad stuff I did? Would I give the old parish priest a heart attack if I told him what I did? If that’s how you feel, you can always go to confession at a neighboring parish, or anonymously behind the screen. I’ve been told by many priests that they simply don’t remember anything they hear in the confessional – they hear so many!

There’s nothing that you can say that a priest hasn’t already heard someone else confess. He is not going to say, “Wow! How on earth could you do that?!” A priest once told me, “Don’t flatter yourself into thinking that you’re so creative so as to find a novel way to sin that no one has thought of in 2000 years!” No matter what you think your deepest, darkest, worst sins are, the priest has heard them in the confessional before. The priest is not there to lecture or scold you; he is there to show God’s mercy. We tell Jesus through the priest our spiritual wounds and sicknesses so that he can heal us. We need to pray for the courage to share honestly our spiritual “pain,” even if it’s uncomfortable to do so, because it is only in so doing that Christ, through the priest, can remedy the pain. Yes, you might still feel embarrassed but that is actually a good thing! Believe it or not, the more often you go to Confession, the easier it gets!

What Am I Supposed to Do Again In Confession?

Maybe it has been a while since your last Confession and you can’t remember how it goes. That’s okay. The priest will not exclaim in horror or chastise you. Priests go to school for this and know how it’s supposed to go; they will help you through it if you tell them you’re unsure of what to do. The first step comes even before you get in line for Confession: pray for the Holy Spirit to help you make a good Confession and to recognize the times you’ve failed to love God above all else. A *written examination of conscience* can help you remember your sins. When you get into the confessional, tell the priest how long it has been since your last confession; an estimate is sufficient. Then state all the sins you can remember. The priest will then offer you some counsel to help you live a more holy life and will give you a penance, something for you to do as a sign of your sorrow. The priest will then ask you to make an Act of Contrition. You can use a formal Act of Contrition or use your own words to express your sorrow for your sins. Then, listen as the priest speak the words of absolution and know that God has forgiven you of your sins.

Just Do It

I have to admit, even now, I still feel anxious when I’m waiting in line for Confession. Even though I know everything I just told you, it is still nerve-wracking to have to tell a priest my sins and I worry that I’ll forget the words of the Act of Contrition (even though that’s never actually happened). As soon as I get started, though, I feel the nervousness replaced by peace. Often times, the priest is able to offer me some advice or words of wisdom that really encourages me. Always, I am able to leave with joy in my heart because I get to hear the priest speak the merciful words of Jesus:

“God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

So if you’re still nervous about going to Confession, that’s okay. Do it anyway. You’ll be glad you did!

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE

Football Sign Ups



- **Football Sign Ups for 2018 are OPEN**
- Please go to the following link to register:
- <http://www.stjamespanthers.org/>
- Click **Login /Register** in top right hand corner of the web page
- **Key Info for 2018**
- **Panther Football plans to offer Bandits (K-2nd) Pony (3rd & 4th) Reserve (5th & 6th) & Varsity (7th & 8th) teams in 2018**
- 3rd & 4th grade weight limit is 120 Lbs.
- 5th & 6th grade weight limit is 140 Lbs.
- 7th & 8th grade weight limit is 170 Lbs. If you are 171 – 175 Lbs. you can play with a X on your helmet
- Please contact me on Bandits weight limits
- Practice is set to start on Monday 7/30 and for 3rd – 8th grade & is 4 -5 times a week till school starts
- K – 1 Bandits practice 2-3 times a week till school starts
- Please sign up by 4/15/2018 so we can give the league a firm number of players\ teams for the 2018 season
- Any questions feel free to contact Paul Reynolds pgreynolds@hotmail.com

A screenshot of a web browser showing the St. James Athletic Club website. The page features a navigation menu with links like HOME, TEAM CENTRAL, SPIRITWEAR, DIRECTIONS, PARKING INFO, SIAC BOARD, FUN STUFF, POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, EVENTS, REGISTRATION HELP, FIELD CONDITIONS, and FORMS. A 'Create New Account' form is overlaid on the right side of the page, with fields for First Name, Last Name, Email Address, Create Username, Password, and Confirm Password. A 'Create Account!' button is at the bottom of the form. The background of the website shows a person standing in front of a display case filled with trophies.

If you have played Panther football or another sport at St James click sign to register. If you have never played before Create an Account



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

INTERNATIONAL CARNIVAL

FREE ADMISSION

Our Lady of Grace

2940 W Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45239
Friday, April 13th | 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

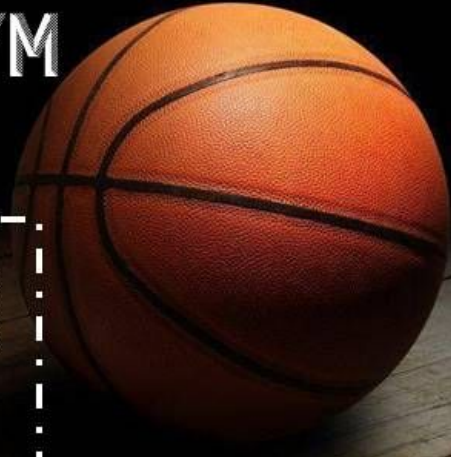
Fried or Baked Fish
Fried Shrimp
Salted Rye from NCH
Draft & Bottled Beer

Dine in or Carry Out

Pizza, Mac-n-Cheese,
Potato Wedges, Hush
Puppies, Green Beans

8TH GRADE DAY
MARCH 25, 2018
LITTLE FLOWER GYM
2 PM

**COME CHEER
THE GIRLS
TO VICTORY!!**



LINKS

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