

Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Sept. 29 Wacky Tacky Day for \$1 (see handout below) October 6 Spiritwear and WALK-A-THON

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MONEY/PERMISSION DUE TOMORROW

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for the permission slip for the Fall Mixer. We hope to see all our OLG Junior High students there!

Monthly Christian Service Days Sponsored by the Jr. High Families

What & Why?

- A monthly event to raise money for designated charities
- Donate \$1 to participate in monthly out-of-uniform theme day!
- All proceeds donated to the following charities:
 - September, October, November \rightarrow Matthew 25 Ministries
 - For continued support of their hurricane relief efforts.
 - *December, January, February* \rightarrow Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation
 - In memory of Tony Merk, a past OLG kindergarten student who passed away in July 2011 after an almost three year battle with brain cancer.
 - \circ March, April, May \rightarrow St. Vincent De Paul
 - To support the St. Vincent De Paul Societies of OLG's covenant parishes.

2017-2018 Monthly Christian Service Day Themes

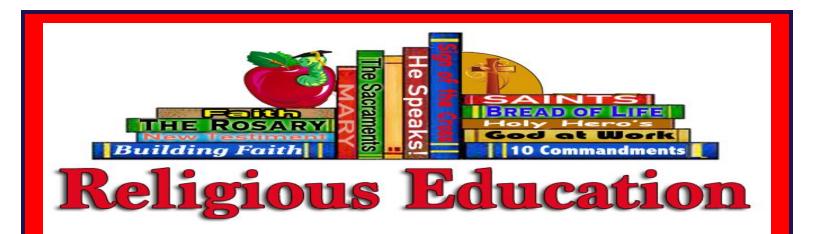
- Friday, September 29th Wacky Tacky Day
 - Wear the <u>silliest</u>, <u>craziest</u>, <u>mismatched</u> <u>outfit</u> you can create! Let your creativity shine! *No hats please*.
- Friday, October 13th Pink Out Day
 Wear pink from head to toe in honor of Breast Cancer Month.
- Friday, November 10th Red, White, & Blue Day
 Wear your red, white, and blue or camo clothes to honor Veterans' Day!
- Friday, December 15th Christmas/Red & Green Day
 - Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater or red & green in celebration of the holidays!
- Friday, January 26th Pajama Day
 - Wear your favorite PJs for a comfy, cozy day at school! <u>No</u> robes or slippers please!
- <u>Tuesday</u>, February 13th Red & Pink Day / Fat Tuesday
 - Wear red & pink or your favorite Mardi Gras colors (purple, green, & gold) to celebrate the beginning of Lent on February 14th!
- Friday, March 16th Green & Jeans Day

 Wear green & your shamrock accessories to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
- Friday, April 20th Superhero Day

 Dress as your favorite superhero and show off your super powers!
- Friday, May 11th Hawaiian Day
 - Wear your favorite summer gear (sunglasses, grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts & leis, etc.) No bathing suits are allowed though!

NOTE: JEANS, SWEATPANTS, & BOOTS ARE PERMITTED ON ALL OF THESE DAYS!!





Wednesday, September 27 is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul

The deathbed confession of a dying servant opened Vincent de Paul's eyes to the crying spiritual needs of the poor people of France. This seems to have been a crucial moment in the life of the man from a small farm in Gascony, France, who had become a priest with little more ambition than to have a comfortable life.

The Countess de Gondi – whose servant he had helped – persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of able missionaries who would work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general. Vincent was too humble to accept leadership at first, but after working for some time in Paris among imprisoned slaves, he returned to be the leader of what is now known as the Congregation of the Mission, or the Vincentians. These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.



Later, Vincent established groups of charity for the spiritual and physical relief of the poor and sick of each parish. From these, with the help of Saint Louise de Marillac, came the Daughters of Charity, "whose convent was the sickroom, whose chapel was the parish church, whose cloister was the streets of the city." He organized the rich women of Paris to collect funds for his missionary projects, founded several hospitals, collected relief funds for the victims of war, and ransomed over 1,200 slaves from North Africa. He was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries.

Most remarkably, Vincent was by temperament a very short-tempered person—even his friends admitted it. He said that except for the grace of God he would have been "hard and repulsive, rough and cross." But in time he became a tender and affectionate man, very sensitive to the needs of others. Pope Leo XIII made him the patron of all charitable societies. Outstanding among these, of course, is the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, founded in 1833 by his admirer Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, a French lawyer, author, and professor. Today, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society helps countless people with basic needs all around our country and the world.

The Church is for all God's children, rich and poor, peasants and scholars, the sophisticated and the simple. But obviously the greatest concern of the Church must be for those who need the most help—those made helpless by sickness, poverty, ignorance, or cruelty. St. Vincent de Paul is a particularly appropriate patron for all Christians today, when hunger has become starvation, and the high living of the rich stands in more and more glaring contrast to the physical and moral degradation in which many of God's children are forced to live.

Mark Friedman, CRE



and Breakfast??

Breakfast News:

Our new breakfast is going great! Come join us for a healthy morning breakfast from 7:30-7:50. Breakfast will end promptly at 7:50 to ensure everyone has time to get to their classroom.

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That is how prayer works."



Sign ups for our 10th Annual Walk-A-Thon have begun! We welcome anyone who is Virtus certified and would like to volunteer!

To sign-up, please go to :

To sign up, please go to: <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-walkathon</u> (link can be found on the PTO page on OLGCS.org)

Walk-A-Thon needs your help! We are looking for volunteers to collect donations for Walk-A-Thon at each parish before and after masses!

Please let us know if you and/or your child can help!

<u>volunteers(a)olgcs.org</u>





Mandatory skills assessment: This is a requirement for participation in boys basketball at OLG. See below for open gym & grade level assessment days/times.

> <u>Open Gyms - All at</u> <u>Assumption:</u> Wednesday Oct. 11th 3rd grade 5-6pm 5th grade 6-7 pm 6th grade 7-8pm

Thursday Oct. 12th 4th grade 5-6pm 7th grade 6-7pm 8th grade 7-8pm

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Assumption Wednesday Oct. 18th 3rd grade 5-6pm 5th grade 6-7pm 6th grade 7-8pm

Thursday Oct. 19th 4th grade 5-6 pm 7th grade 6-7pm 8th grade 7-8pm

Make up date Friday Oct. 20th 5-6:30

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

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.



Boys Basketball registration is now open through October 15th. Click this link to register!

http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958716

Any parent interested in being a head coach, assistant coach, or team parent please contact Scott Nevius at boysbasketballolg@gmail.com

K-2 Instructional Basketball: We are very excited to announce that Boys & Girls K-2 Instructional Basketball will be offered as a new sport this school year! Registration will be coming soon for this winter sport, so stay tuned for more details! It's a great opportunity for kids too young for competitive play to learn the sport, stay active and have fun!

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.





Shadow Visits at Elder

Current 8th grade students are invited to schedule a Shadow Visit at Elder High School. Parents can register online at <u>http://www.elderhs.org/ShadowProgram</u> or by calling 513-921-3744.

Elder Grade School Nights

Grade school students are invited to join us for Grade School Night at The Pit and Panther Athletic Complex (PAC). Learn more at <u>www.elderhs.org/UpcomingEvents</u> Grade School Night at The PAC (Soccer): Tuesday, September 16th, 7:00

Grade School Night at The Pit (Football): Friday, October 6th, 7:00 PM

HSPT Prep Class at Elder

Elder is offering a one-day prep course for 8th grade boys taking the High School Placement Test (HSPT). Parents can register online at <u>www.elderhs.org/PlacementTest</u> or by calling Mrs. Maura Korn at 513-921-3427.

Elder Open House

Save the date for Elder's Open House on Thursday, November 9th, from 5:00 – 8:00 PM.



ATTEND THE ST. X X-PERIENCE NIGHTS

St. Xavier High School hosts six X-perience Nights in October (5, 9, 17, 19, 23 & 25). Your school and all 7th & 8th grade families will receive an invitation to attend. While we hope families can join on the specific evening of your school's invitation, they certainly can attend any night that best fits their schedule.

The evening begins in our Chapel of the Holy Companions at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. Parents will hear a presentation about the mission of St. Xavier from a current student, the parent of a current student, faculty member, and an admissions

representative – with ample time for questions and answers afterward. Students learn about St. X by taking a tour of the school, guided by current St. X students, also followed by a question and answer session. (Parents will not receive a tour on X-perience Nights.) Families have found these nights to be an intimate opportunity to receive information and hear different perspectives. Parents and faculty often can give a more "on the ground" view of the school.

<u>ST. XAVIER OPEN HOUSE</u>

On Sunday, November 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. prospective students and families are invited to attend our annual Open House. Tours are given by current students, allowing families time to speak with teachers, co-curricular moderators, and students about their experiences.

SHADOW AT ST. XAVIER

Shadowing is an integral role in a student's decision making process. The X-perience Day program provides interested eighth grade students with a firsthand, day-long experience on campus. The program runs from October, 2017 through January, 2018. Prospective students will be hosted by an Ambassador of Excellence, a freshmen or sophomore qualified to speak on the various aspects of St. Xavier High School. On these days at 8 a.m., parents have the opportunity to hear a presentation from a St. Xavier representative about programs, tuition assistance, scholarships, and the admissions process. Students may register for an X-perience Day on our website at <u>www.stxavier.org/shadowing</u>.

<u>ST. XAVIER ENTRANCE EXAM</u>

The High School Placement Test is on Saturday, November 18 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Families may register for the test at our website, <u>www.stxavier.org/exam</u>. Take the test at any Catholic high school and send your results to St. Xavier.





Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools Hold Grade School Volleyball Nights

Cincinnati – Mother of Mercy and McAuley High Schools will hold Grade School Volleyball Nights for grade school girls interested in experiencing the athletic programs at Mother of Mercy and McAuley. Grade school girls who attend will receive free admission to the games, will enjoy snacks and giveaways, and will learn cheers with current Mercy and McAuley students.

• **Thursday, September 28 at Mother of Mercy, 3036 Werk Road** – Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the gym lobby. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m., and Varsity begins at 6:30 p.m. The Mercy Bobcats will take on Ursuline. The theme is "Whiteout;" grade school students are encouraged to wear white.

• **Wednesday, October 4 at McAuley, 6000 Oakwood Avenue** – Grade School Night festivities will begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The JV game begins at 5:30 p.m. and Varsity begins at 6:30 p.m. The McAuley Mohawks will take on Sycamore. The theme is "Blackout;" grade school students are encouraged to wear black.

Any questions, please contact Tricia Reisman (Mother of Mercy) at 661-2740 x346 or reisman_t@motherofmercy.org or Lorraine Effler (McAuley) at 681-1800 x2272 or <u>efflerl@live.mcauleyhs.net</u>.



