



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Jan. 11 Marco's Pizza
Jan. 14 PTO Meeting @ 6:30
@ OLG



Weekly Bulletin

January 10, 2019



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Open House

January 27th from 1-3:30 p.m.

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Lunch entree for this Friday, Jan 11th, is Marco's Cheese Pizza. **Students may purchase an extra slice of pizza for \$1 cash.** Grades 6-8 may purchase two extra slices. Due to the large number of meals and extras at the register, we will require cash for the extra slice. Students must order extra in their morning lunch count.

Note: On all other lunch days, extra entree is \$1.50 and may be purchased with student meal accounts.



Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance



Parents of Elementary School Children,

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is offering over \$2 million of needs-based tuition assistance to Catholic school students for the 2019-2020 school year. Families can apply for tuition assistance of up to \$1,000 per student.

For elementary school (K-8) tuition assistance, the application period deadline is January 31, 2019.

If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email cef@catholicbestchoice.org.

Catholic Education - The Best Choice!

Instructions to apply for this financial aid. **All elementary school students, regardless of faith, are eligible.**

Go to <http://catholicbestchoice.org/k-8-tuition-information/> for information about the scholarship. Click on APPLY TO FACTS CLICK HERE. Create an account to apply for financial aid.

The deadline is January 31, 2019. Applications must be complete to be considered. It is necessary to attach the requested tax returns for 2017 or 2018.

An Epiphany

This past Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany. It celebrates the visit of the Magi – the Three Kings – the Three Astrologers – the Three Wise Men. They have many names, but whatever you might call them, the story of their visit is a way for us to understand that Jesus came to save ALL people. After all, the word EPIPHANY means “an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure.” Jesus was “made known” not just for the Jews but for the whole world. On the feast of Epiphany, I am always reminded of the tender, heartwarming story of “Amahl and the Night Visitors.” Expressly written for television, it premiered on NBC on Christmas Eve, 1951 and was repeated thereafter for twenty Christmas seasons. *Television sure has changed!*



The story begins with Amahl, a poor shepherd boy with a disability, who struggles to walk with a small wooden crutch. Although Amahl has a kind and pleasant heart, he has a habit of exaggerating and making up stories. One day, he is sitting outside playing his shepherd's pipe when his mother calls for him. He enters the house but his mother does not believe him when he tells her that there is an amazing star "as big as a window" up in the sky, over *their* roof. Later that night, Amahl's Mother weeps for her son, praying that he might someday become healthy again - and not have to live his life as a beggar.

After bedtime, there is a knock at the door and Amahl is amazed when he sees three splendidly dressed kings (obviously the Wise Men). He runs to tell his mother, but she thinks he is making up another story. The Kings tell the surprised mother and Amahl that they have been following a special star and are on a long journey to give gifts to a wondrous child that had been born to save all people, and that they would like to rest for the night at Amahl's house, to which the mother agrees. Amahl is told to go fetch all the surrounding neighbors so that the kings may be fed and entertained properly. After the neighbors have left and the Kings are sleeping, the mother, being poor and also sickened at the thought that her child's only future may be to grow up to be a poor beggar, attempts to steal some gold for the King's treasure chest that was meant for the Christ Child. As she opens the chest, she is discovered by the Kings who threaten



to put his mother in prison for stealing. Amahl desperately pleads with the Kings to not take her away, saying she is good and kind and was only thinking of him. The Kings see just how much Amahl loves his mother and realize her motives for stealing the gold were good at heart. Compassionately, King Melchior says she may keep the gold, as the Holy Child will – after all - not need earthly power or wealth to build his kingdom. But the mother says she will not keep it and, knowing of the Child's greatness, she wishes she could send a gift but has nothing to give. Amahl, too, has nothing to give the Christ Child – but then realizes his only possession is the wooden crutch he needs to walk.



Amahl, who is leaning on his crutch for support, is so excited by the idea of giving his crutch as a present for the Christ Child, that he extends his crutch and offers it to the Kings. All are wide eyed as they see Amahl miraculously standing up on his own two feet, Then – shakily at first – he walks slowly forward on his own to hand the crutch to the Magi. By offering the only gift he has, his leg has been miraculously healed by the child in the manger so far away. Overjoyed at being cured, Amahl leaves his mother at the cottage and goes off with the Magi to see the child and personally give his crutch to him in thanks for being healed, promising to return to his mother after the journey. Amahl waves goodbye to his mother as he *walks* away to Bethlehem with the Three Kings.

What gifts do we have that we can offer the Christ Child in this New Year? – **Mark Friedman, CRE**



Negative Balance Reminders will now go out by an automated email system on Mondays and Fridays. Yellow paper notifications will go home with students in their backpack on Wednesdays. To get an email and/or text notification before your student runs out of money on their account, sign up for "**Low Balance Notification**" under Manage Profile in the K-12 Payment System.

We have updated our Cafeteria Financial Policies for Students and Families. We ask that families please review this document:

Our Lady of Grace Cafeteria Financial Policies for Students & Families

We care about our student's wellbeing. It is Our Lady of Grace Cafeteria's top priority to feed students meals to ensure they have the best opportunity to learn every day. We understand there may be circumstances when a student's account may fall past due or they come to school without a meal therefore we allow them to charge a complete well-balanced meal to their account.

Students may not charge snacks and beverages to their account. Chilled water with cups is available for students who forget a beverage.

We believe learning opportunity exist outside the classroom. Students are responsible for their own cash lunch money-the cafeteria will not replace lost or stolen cash.

Our meal charging policy system is as follows:

All students will be allowed to charge 3 meals. After 3 meals, they will then receive an overcharge lunch of PB&J /or cheese sandwich & milk only. Please note, each overcharge lunch will add \$1.50 to the student account.

Payments can be made by the following:

- Cash, check, or money order made payable to *Our Lady of Grace Cafeteria*. Please make sure your students name is on the payment. Please put cash in an envelope or bag with your student name(s). Students can turn in envelopes in the morning or can pay as they go through the line.
- On-line payments may be made at www.k12paymentsystem.com. If you don't have an account you will need to set one up with their student I.D. number. Contact the cafeteria if you need assistance. There is a \$2.00 convenience fee for credit card use.

Overdue Notices: We have an automated email system that will send out outstanding balance notification every Monday & Friday. Yellow paper notifications of negative balances will be sent home in backpacks on Wednesdays. Any student with a negative balance may receive a letter and/or a phone call as a friendl reminder.

Report Cards: If balance is not paid in full at the end of each trimester, the student's report card will be withheld.

Free & Reduced Applications: Meal benefit applications are sent out annually at the beginning of each school year and are also available at the school office. If your family circumstances change during the school year, a parent/guardian is welcome to submit another application mid-year.

Graduating Students: For 8th grade students, please note all balances are expected paid in full in order to participate in graduation activities or to have transcripts sent on to high school. Positive balances at the end of the year are automatically transferred to siblings in the same household if applicable. Otherwise, please contact the cafeteria for a refund or if you wish to donate your balance to another student.

Transferring Students: Please contact the cafeteria for a refund of positive balance or if you wish to donate your balance.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the OLG Cafeteria:

Cathy Lawson, Cafeteria Director 931-3070 x7 clawson@olgcs.org

Mike Desmier, Business Manager 931-3070 x3177 mdesmier@olgcs.org



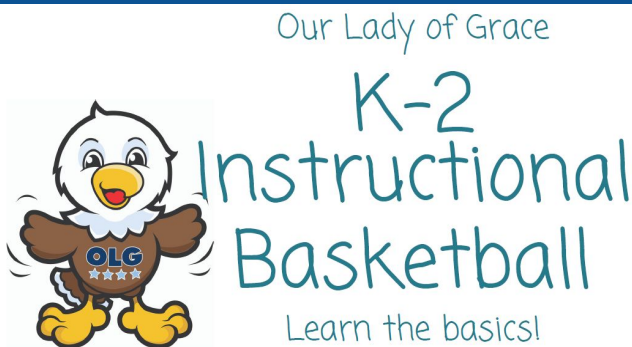
Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Night at the Races is only a few weeks away! In the past we've asked you to sell raffle tickets for this event, but this year instead of selling tickets we are asking each family to volunteer for a shift during the event on January 19th.

In addition to helping keep our athletic fees low, you will also receive a \$5 discount on your admission price for volunteering. Admission includes food and drinks all night, so why not come out and work a little and a play a little! Click the link below to sign up for a spot!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0f44afa823a0fa7-night1>



\$40 includes:

7 nights of instruction,
focusing on dribbling,
passing and shooting
team shirt
30 minute practice
30 minute game
end of season award



Sign up @ bit.ly/k2bbolg

For any questions, email k2bbolg@gmail.com



Our girls volleyball season is coming to a close, but OLG showed up to play this year! Our 5/6 B1 team, coached by Ellen Hughes finished the season 14-0 and GWAC League Champions!

Our 7/8 B1, coached by Amber Newton, also finished strong by ending their season with a win against Our Lady of Lourdes, sweeping the match and winning all three sets!

Congratulations to all the teams on another amazing season - Our Eagles keep flying high!

OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETICS



NIGHT at the RACES

JANUARY 19, 2019

at Assumption

\$15 Admission includes food and drinks

\$10 for ages 60 and over

Purchase tickets online at
squareup.com/store/OLGAA
or by contacting Jennie
Ludwig at 266-8226

Bingo Ball, Split the Pot,
Wheel of Fortune!
Doors open at 7pm
First race at 7:40pm

OWNERS BONUS!! Buy your own Horse before the night ONLY \$7

Our Lady of Grace Athletics Association fundraiser, A Night at the Races, will be held on Saturday January 19, 2019. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the first race is at 7:40. Tickets are \$15 per person. \$10 for ages 60 and over.

This annual event is a major fundraiser for OLGAA which helps to maintain costs for our athletic program for students and families. This annual event is an opportunity for Our Lady of Grace parents, grandparents, etc... to socialize, catch up with old friends and make new ones here at OLG.

Ticket price includes draft beer, pop, water, Brotherton's Family Restaurant chicken wings, Larosa's pizza, chips and pretzels. Feel free to bring desserts/appetizers to have at your table that evening. Games include betting on 10 Horse Races, Wheel of Fortune, Bingo Ball, and Split the Pot.

In addition, we have 100 horses to name (sponsor) at \$7 each. You can name the horse that you sponsor for just \$7 and will appear in the official horse program that evening. If your horse wins a race, you will take home 1 of 10 limited edition engraved gifts (and bragging rights!)

Tickets and Horse Sponsorships will be available December 1, 2018 at www.olgcs.org thru the Square page or by contacting Jennifer Ludwig at 266-8226 or ludwig@fuse.net.

OPEN HOUSE

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OPEN HOUSE AND

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2019 CLASSES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019

6:00 TO 7:30 P.M.



- **Preschool for 3, 4 & 5 year olds**
- **Degreed Teachers & Teacher Assistants**
- **Secured Building**
- **Peanut – Free Classrooms**
- **Spacious Classrooms**
- **New this fall: due to changes in State Regulation we are no longer able to be a co-op preschool.**



**Come visit us and see all we have to offer
and meet our staff.**

**You can also visit us on our website at
www.stpaulnurseryschool.com**