



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR
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Jan. 18 Pajama Day
Jan. 21 No School
Jan. 23 Spelling Bee 1:30 @
St. Ann



Weekly Bulletin

January 17, 2019



Visit us and explore all that we have to offer!

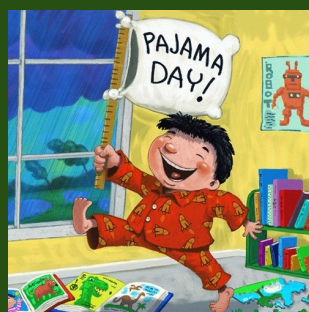


Open House

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

OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

www.olgcs.org · 931-3070 · 2940 W. Galbraith Rd.



Tomorrow is a Christian Service Day.
Students may wear their pajamas for \$1.00.

All proceeds go to the Pray, Hope, Believe
Foundation.



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.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2019

January 27 – February 2

#CSW19

We are excited to have the opportunity to celebrate Catholic Schools once again this year! The national theme for this important week is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” By celebrating Catholic schools and enjoying some special events, we can take time to reflect on the positive impact a Catholic education has on children and its contributions to our community.

Below is a brief summary of the fun-filled activities planned for CSW.

Sunday, January 27: “CSW Kick Off”

All parishioners and prospective families are invited to explore Our Lady of Grace at our Catholic Schools Week Open House from 1:00 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Tours will start in the gym. Visitors are invited to stop by the Trinity Rooms to explore our Book Fair!

Monday, January 28: “Proud to be an Eagle”

Show your school spirit today with your crazy socks! Students are encouraged to wear their craziest socks to show they are Proud to be an Eagle!

Tuesday, January 29: “Focusing on Our Faith”

Families are invited to join our school community at 10:30 as we gather for our weekly Mass.

Wednesday, January 30: “#soar2serve”

Eagles soar2serve their community this day with prayers and gifts of thanks to all the people who help us at OLG. Students will create thank you cards for friends and family, rectory and parish staff members, PTO, OLGA, and more. We are so grateful for all we have, and we will say thanks to those who make our Catholic school possible! PTO is “serving” lunch to the faculty and staff.

Thursday, January 31: “Appreciating Our Students”

To celebrate our tremendous OLG students, they will have an opportunity to be totally out-of-uniform for this day. To make their day extra special, all students will take part in an hourly Principal’s Prize Lottery and receive a special ice cream treat from PTO! Throughout the day, grade levels will partner up again for “BINGO with Buddies”! To top off this fantastic day, all students will enjoy a homework FREE evening!

Friday, February 1: “Celebrating Our Talents”

To conclude this year’s Catholic Schools Week, students and staff will gather in the school gym at 1:30 for a sneak peek of this year’s Talent Show. Families are invited to attend the 10th Annual OLG Talent Show at Little Flower beginning at 7:30 that night! \$1.00 Admission is split between Art Club, Soarin’, and Drama Club.

Charcoal fires.

I was reading from the Gospel of John last weekend and I came across the line – *they ate breakfast at the seashore round a charcoal fire*. I love the image and it brought some things to mind.

I have many fond memories of sitting around a charcoal fire as a kid. I remember especially weekend Boy Scout camp outs. After a long hike, our task was to build a fire - then the fun came of cooking hot dogs or burgers began. And, oh yeah – and toasting marshmallows! I remember family cookouts at home or at our local pool, loading the charcoal and using the lighter fluid under the close scrutiny of my Dad - with chicken, corn on the cob, and tasty burgers - our reward for patience as we waited for the coals to get white hot. Then there were s'mores!

By the time I had my own children we had discovered s'mores. I always assured my children that the hot coals were better for preparing the marshmallows than was the flame – making for a nice, soft, brown marshmallow cooked over the coals. Wonderful memories.

Charcoal fires.

My sense is that the apostle Peter also had memories of charcoal fires that he would just as soon have forgotten. The Apostle John tells us in the eighteenth chapter of his Gospel that it was around a charcoal fire while Peter was warming himself, that he denied Jesus three times. His good friend Jesus, the one he loved, the one he was willing to take up a sword and fight for, was before the rulers who were looking for a way to kill him. Peter wanted to be close to Jesus so he followed the authorities who had arrested Jesus. John had connections and was able to get Peter near where Jesus was being held. But it was there, around that charcoal fire on a cold night, that Peter swore that he did not even know Jesus.

Yet this is not the end of the story. It is not the last charcoal fire that Peter will remember. When Easter had come, and Jesus had risen, he appeared to his witnesses, including Peter. John tells us in the Gospel that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples and ate breakfast with them around a charcoal fire.

And it was there, around *that* charcoal fire, that the man who had denied Jesus three times was asked three times, "Do you love me?" Three times Peter said, "Yes, I love you." Three times Jesus told Peter to feed and tend his sheep, his lambs. To Jesus, Peter is one of the sheep to which Jesus says, "Follow me." To the rest of the sheep, he now has the responsibility to feed and tend them. Jesus even assures Peter that he will die even as Jesus had and that his death would glorify God.

Around a charcoal fire, Peter denied Jesus three times; around a charcoal fire, Jesus embraced and commissioned Peter three times to be the rock on which He would build His Church.

Let us pray:

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Or the charcoal fires.

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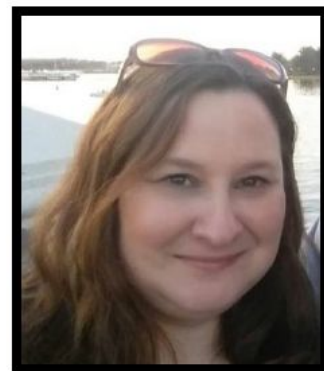


So many exciting new things!

Open House is right around the corner! If you haven't shared the Open House Announcement on Facebook, please do! Let all your friends and family see how AMAZING OLG is!

PTO has added a new board position!

At our last PTO meeting, the board voted to expand the board positions by adding a new Communications Board position. Kristie Ryan graciously stepped up to fill the position. Here's a little about Kristie.



Kristie has been married for 18 years. Her daughter is currently a 5th grader. She loves spending time with her family including her dog and cat. She loves traveling to the beach and Disney. When she's not visiting Disney, she's busy planning vacations to Disney because she's a Disney Vacation Planner. So, if you're planning to visit, you'll want to talk to Kristie! In her spare time, she's the proud owner of an online boutique called Pixie Dust & Mermaids Boutique.

Dine & Donate

Our next scheduled Dine & Donate will be held at Larosa's in White Oak from 10:30am-10:00pm on Tuesday, February 26th. Dine-in, Carry-out and Delivery options available. Please bring the flyer that will be sent home to participate. Remember, 20% of all sales will be donated to OLG!

Upcoming Events

Check out the Upcoming Events scheduled for OLG:

- Catholic Schools Week and Open House – 1/27-2/2
- Odd Ball Dance – Saturday, 2/9 at OLG. Tickets are now available at <https://squareup.com/store/olgpto>
- Perfect North Family Night – Rescheduled for Saturday, 2/22. Look for a flyer with more details to come.

PTO Meeting Reminder.

Join us at our next PTO meeting in the teacher lounge. Starting this month, for every meeting you attend you earn extra entries in the tuition raffle at our Volunteer Dinner in May.

If you have any questions you can always email PTO@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>



Boys Basketball season is starting off strong! The 7th grade team had 4 wins during their last week of play, beating St. Jude 43-27, St. Lawrence 48-42, St. Ignatius 48-44 and St. Dominic 38-19. Let's Go Eagles!



Due to lack of interest, we will not be able to field a boys volleyball team this year. We will continue to reach out for interest next season. There has been some discussion around having a volleyball open gym over the spring/summer, so look for more details to come!



The 7th grade boys basketball A team is playing in their championship game on Saturday at 6:30. The game will be played at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Come out and support your OLG Eagles!!

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.

Join us for...

THE FIRST EVER...
ODD BALL DANCE
BE SILLY! BE UNIQUE!
BE YOU!

FEBRUARY 9. 2019 7 P.M.
OLG GYM

snacks and drinks provided
guests do not need to be virtus
trained
tickets: \$18 per couple or \$30 per
family

cash, check, or pay square

<https://squareup.com/store/olgpto>



ST. XAVIER
High School
— MEN FOR OTHERS —

On Friday, January 25, the St. X Bomber Band will be holding their annual Bomber Workshop. This annual event is meant as an opportunity for any prospective student of Saint X to experience being a member of the Bomber Band!

The participants will meet current members, rehearse with them, and perform with the Bomber Band at the Moeller Basketball game. The rehearsal will begin at 5:00 pm in the band room at Saint X. Dinner will be provided as well as entrance to the basketball game that evening.

If you have questions, please contact Jody Besse at jbesse@stxavier.org.



Slice of the Pie.

FUNDRAISING EVENT

Our Lady of Grace PTO

**Thank you for supporting
OLG PTO!**

Please join us.

We will donate

20%

of our proceeds to

Our Lady of Grace PTO

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

10:30 AM - 10:00 PM

Please present your flyer to a Team Member to participate.



WHITE OAK

Dine In . Delivery . Carry Out

We love to help the neighborhoods we serve!

Hello, OLG Parents!

Does your child get excited about anything and everything that has to do with science?!

Dynamic Dinosaurs
Measurement Madness
Water Works
Science of the Sea



These popular **Crystal Clear Science** classes are being offered at Our Lady of Grace School for the next session:

Dates **March 7, 14, 21, April 4**

Classes meet right after school on **Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00.**

Grades 1-5

Mrs. Mary Jo Fischer is eager to inspire your child to love science. :)

For your convenience, register and pay online from your computer or phone. Please use link below to secure a spot for your child:

<https://www.crystalclearscience.com/our-lady-of-grace-science-club>

Please note your child's spot is not confirmed until you follow the link to submit payment. Once registered, **watch your email** for confirmation of your payment and more details about the class.

Best Regards,

Michelle White

513.828.9944

[crystalclearscience.com](https://www.crystalclearscience.com)



Questions about the class or registration? Contact:

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mifischer@fuse.net