



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Nov. 9 End of First Trimester
Nov. 12 Veterans Day prayer
Service 1:45
Nov. 15 Report cards go
home



Weekly Bulletin

November 1, 2018



UPDATE: Junior high uses a group conference model when they meet with a student's guardian.

Conferences are scheduled for November 19th and 20th

Parents can schedule conferences through Option C from Nov. 5-15. If parents would like to meet with a Specials/Intervention teacher or it is after Nov. 15, they should email the teacher directly to schedule a conference.



The Canned Food Drive continues this week with everyone pitching in to help. (see the flyer later in the Bulletin.) We are hoping to reach our school goal of 3000 items by Nov. 13. We currently have a little over half of our goal. Students can turn in canned foods/non perishable items to their homeroom.

Let's help our neighbors in need and "Share what you can".



Veterans Day will be celebrated on Monday, Nov. 12 at OLG. We will have a prayer service in the afternoon starting at 1:45 in St. Ann Church. All are welcome to join us.

This will also be a Christian Service Day. Students may dress in red, white, and blue to show our support for our veterans and our country.



Religious Education

A Graced Moment...

I recently heard the following true story told by a New York City Taxi Driver.

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. 'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her: 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.'

'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. *I'm on my way to a hospice.* I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse.

'Nothing,' I said.

'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light.

Behind me, a door shut. *It was the sound of the closing of a life.*

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

Mark Friedman, CRE

YOU ARE THE PTO



Congratulations!

Congratulations Walkathon Winners!!

Top Overall Student/Family

Name on announcements, Principal for a day, Spirit Wear and Free Sports Sign-up or Tuition Credit

- Student - Tyler Helton (\$800)
- Family - Brady & Colin Porta (\$815)

Top Student

Have lunch with Mrs. Kirk and \$50 Gift Card

- Primary - Tyler Helton (\$800)
- Intermediate - Kylie Grueter (\$500)
- Jr. High - Ewon Jones (\$400)

Top Classrooms

Pizza Party and Skittles Dessert

- Primary - Montgomery (\$2200.85)
- Intermediate - Prough (\$2606.00)
- Jr. High - Chouteau (\$1692.00)



The Raffle is underway and every day students are being drawn to win the raffle prizes. We will list those winners next week... Stay TUNED!

WE LOVE MRS. KIRK! You may have seen Mrs., Kirk dressed as a Skittle yesterday. Mrs. Kirk agreed to dress as a Skittle if our students reached their goal. Congratulations students on achieving your GOAL!!

THANK YOU, KRIMMER'S! And... Thank you to all our families and friends that dined in and carried out to support our school Krimmer's donated 15% of sales. Look for the total in an upcoming bulletin!

Look for more events and fun through the school year!

PTO Meeting Reminder. Join us at our next PTO meeting in the teacher lounge on Monday, November 26th at 6:30pm. Our goal is to have 1 parent from each grade represented!

If you have any questions you can always email PTO@olgcs.org.



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Girls Basketball

Registration for Girls Basketball is now open and will run until November 16th. Click the link below to sign up!
<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958717>



OLGAA is selling Larosa's Buddy Cards for \$10 each....Enjoy your favorites while also supporting OLG Athletics - Stop by the school office and pick one up!

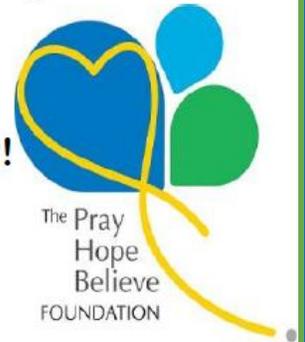


WE NEED YOUR HELP! OLGAA is looking for 2-3 general board members, as well as an executive board and sports coordinator position.

If you're interested, you can reach out to Melinda Miller at olgaasecretary@gmail.com for more information.

1ST Trimester Christian Service Days

Sponsored by Leadership Council



What & Why?

- A fun, monthly event to raise money for a special charity!
- Donate \$1 to participate in our monthly out-of-uniform theme days!

NEW THIS YEAR...

The Leadership Council has decided that all money raised this year through our Christian Service Days (as well as other events which will be coordinated by Leadership Council) will be donated to the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation in memory of Tony Merk, a beloved OLG student who passed away in July 2011 after an almost three year battle with brain cancer. Because Tony would have been a member of this year's graduating 8th grade class, the Leadership Council wants to honor Tony in a special way!



First Trimester Monthly Christian Service Day Themes

- **September – Character Day – Raised \$276**
- **FRIDAY, October 26th – Pink Out Day**
 - Wear pink from head to toe in honor of Breast Cancer Month.
- **MONDAY, November 12th – Red, White, & Blue Day**
 - Wear your red, white, and blue or camo clothes in remembrance of Veterans' Day and to honor the veterans attending our annual prayer service!
- 2nd & 3rd trimester themes will be announced as dates approach.

***Our goal for the year is to raise \$4500!
Thank you for supporting our efforts to
honor Tony's memory and support the
fight against childhood brain cancer!***

**JEANS, SWEATPANTS, & BOOTS ARE PERMITTED
ON ALL CHRISTIAN SERVICE DAYS!!**



OLG'S ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Sponsored by Leadership Council



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

When?

October 29 - November 13

Why?

To help people in need!

All items will be donated to our
four covenant parishes:

St. Ann's, Assumption,
Little Flower & St. Margaret Mary

Goals & Incentives

School Goal: 3,000 Items

If Achieved = School Wide Out-of-Uniform-Day
on Monday, November 19th!!

Top Homeroom in School Wins the "Golden Can"
Trophy & Receives Donuts & Juice

(average per student)

Top Quantity Per Grade Level = Candy Treat
(Actual Count)

St. Ann Craft Beer & Wine Tasting

Sample craft beers from 7 local breweries

Wine from 7 countries

Saturday, November 17th 6pm-10pm in the Gym

Must be 21

**\$25.00 (pre-sale) includes 7 tastings along with
BBQ sandwiches and snacks**

Advance tickets will be sold after Masses on
November 10 & 11 and at the parish office.

Tickets at the door are \$30.00

Sample Craft Beers from the following:

50 West Brewing

Brink Brewing

Frettboard

Paradise Brewing

Mad Tree Brewing

Westside Brewing

Narrow Path Brewery