



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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2018-2019
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR

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Dec. 13 2nd/3rd Christmas
Play 7:00 OLG gym
Dec. 16 Soarin' Concert ~
OLG Gym
Dec. 20-Jan. 2 Christmas
Break



Weekly Bulletin

December 13, 2018



Please join us this evening for the 2nd
and 3rd grade presentation of

God with Us~Nativity Play
@ 7:00 in the OLG Gym

*Students in the show need to report
to their homeroom @ 6:30.*



*Please join us for the Soarin'
Christmas Concert on December 16 at
3:30 in the OLG gym.*



Due to a problem with supply, tomorrow will be
Cheese Pizza instead of Cheese-Filled
Breadsticks.



**ACADEMIC
TEAM**

**Come join OLG's reigning
champion Academic Team!**

Tryouts will be Monday, December
17th after school for the 7th and 8th grade students. Please make
sure to arrange a ride home.



Religious Education

Advent – A Time to Prepare

For many of us, December is chaotic and filled with busy preparations for Christmas. We run breathlessly through crowded shopping malls trying to find the perfect present to please every member of the family. We bake dozens of Christmas cookies and goodies. We dust off the boxes of decorations stored away in the attic or basement and festively deck the house and string the lights on the tree. We struggle to write last-minute cards and holiday greetings to cherished friends. Each year it only seems to get worse.

As the shopping days decrease and our frantic pace increases, it is all too easy to lose sight of what these special preparations are meant for and to forget who it is we are getting ready to greet. Excitement fills the air and brightens our spirits as we hum snatches of Christmas carols, but our worries and the famous and still-lengthy "To Do" list weigh heavily on us as Christmas approaches. During these hectic days, Advent is a sort of spiritual "waiting room" where we anticipate the coming or the arrival of Christ, the anointed one, our savior.

But a time of waiting is not just a period of mounting expectation, to be impatiently endured until the long-for person or event arrives. It is an opportunity to set our sights on the promise, to hold fast to it, to consider its significance, to explore and fathom who and what it is that we are waiting for. This waiting is not a passive whiling away of the days and hours, but a time when we stand on tiptoe to catch the first glimpse of his coming. The great priest and preacher John Henry Newman vividly expressed the spirit of this waiting in one of his sermons: "We are not simply to believe, but to watch; not simply to love, but to watch; not simply to obey, but to watch; to watch for the great event, Christ's coming..."

"It may be explained as follows: Do you know the feeling, in this life, of expecting someone's visit, expecting someone to come, and there is a delay? Do you know what it is to be in anxiety lest something should happen which may happen or may not, or to be in suspense about some important event, which makes your heart beat when you are reminded of it, and of which you think the first thing in the morning. Do you know what it is to have a friend in a distant country, to expect news of that person, and to wonder from day to day what they are now doing, and whether they are well? Do you know what it is so to live for a person who is present to you, that your eyes follow his, that you read his soul, that you see all its changes in his countenance, that you anticipate his wishes, that you smile in his smile, and are sad in his sadness, and are downcast when he is vexed, and rejoice in his successes?

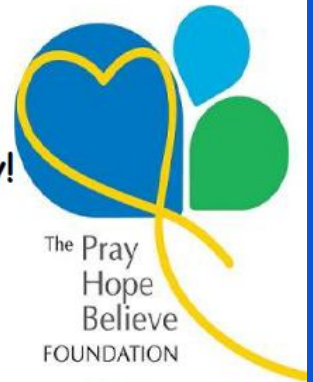
To watch for Christ is a feeling such as all these; as far as feelings of this world are fit to shadow out those of another." Yes, Advent is the season when we stand like sentries at the post, watching for the coming dawn. Scholars have described that there are the "three advents" of Christ. He named as first that advent which has already happened in historical time and space and which we now commemorate each Christmas, the one in which Christ entered the world through the womb of Mary to "seek and to save that which was lost". The third is the advent in which Christ will come to judge the living and the dead, and to take us to himself. Then there is the second, or middle, advent as the "time of visitation" by which Christ is now present and active in each of our lives. Daily he is at work in us through grace to transform us into his image and likeness and to bring us salvation and healing from the sin, difficulties, sicknesses, and human frailties of our everyday lives.

As we progress through this season, let us invite the Holy Spirit to deepen our appreciation and understanding of all these multiple dimensions of Advent and to stir in us an eager longing and desire to wholeheartedly greet our savior in all of his comings to us. May we be found living "lives of holiness and Godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of our God."

Mark Friedman, CRE

2nd Trimester Christian Service Days

Sponsored by Leadership Council



What & Why?

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

Remember:

All money raised this year through our Christian Service Days will be donated to the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation in memory of Tony Merk. We were able to raise \$812.00 during first trimester, but we still have a long way to go to make our goal. So, please be generous and be sure to bring in your donation to be out of uniform on these days!!



Second Trimester Monthly Christian Service Day Themes

- WEDNESDAY, December 19th - RED & GREEN DAY
 - Wear your favorite red & green Christmas clothes to show your Christmas spirit!
- FRIDAY, January 18th - PAJAMA DAY
 - Wear your most comfy PJ's to stay warm & cozy on this cold, winter day. (No slippers though!)
- FRIDAY, February 15th - SPORTS DAY
 - Wear your favorite team's jersey, t-shirt, or sweatshirt to show your team spirit!

Third trimester themes will be announced as those dates approach.

Remember our goal for the year is to raise \$4500!

We need EVERYONE's help!

Please give generously to support the fight against childhood brain cancer!

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

YOU ARE THE PTO



**TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH MORE.**

Jolly Old St. Nick



Thank you to St. Nick and his PTO helpers for celebrating his Feast Day with the students at OLG on December 6. Every student received a delicious candy cane in their shoes they left out in the hallway.

Off to a great school year!

Our school is awesome! Our teachers, students and families all work together to be and do our best. THANK YOU!

We also have a few great things coming up for the next Trimester:

- Catholic Schools Week and Open House – 1/27-2/2
- Perfect North Family Night – Saturday, 1/12. Look for a flyer with more details to come.
- Odd Ball Dance – Saturday, 2/9 at OLG. This is a new event where families can dance the night away. The flyer will be released and there will even be a photographer if you need to purchase family photos. 😍😍

PTO Meeting Reminder

Join us at our next PTO meeting in the teacher lounge on Monday, December 12/17 at 6:30pm. Our goal is to have 1 parent from each grade represented! AND REMEMBER, you have a chance to win a door prize.

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



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Boys Volleyball

Interested in playing Boys Volleyball this spring? If so, we need to hear from you. Please contact Terri Lynch at tlynch2@cinci.rr.com by the end of December if you are interested in playing. Sign up will be in January if we have enough people interested. This is for grades 3-8. Gather your friends and let us know you're interested!



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!



Our Lady of Grace

K-2 Instructional Basketball

Learn the basics!

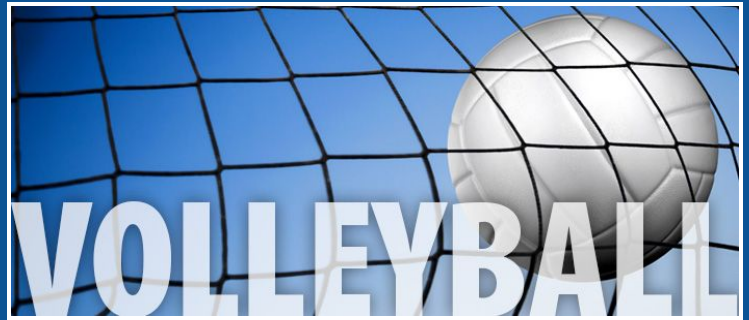
\$40 includes:

- 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



Girls Volleyball

7/8 B1 team lead by Coach Amber Newton beat St. James with Maddi Newton and Lovie Tacho each serving 8 straight points!

They also beat Visitation with a close match! The score was 26-24 in the second set and 25-23 in the third. Way to Fly 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.

OLG Athletics Presents



Family Open Gym

Wednesday, December 19th from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Family Open Gym is a great way to meet other families and let your kids burn some energy. There will be different stations for kids of all ages to enjoy. Our goal is to let kids have fun and build a strong community for OLG Athletics. We'll have light refreshments and snacks.

There is NO COST to attend.

Play. Socialize. Build Community.

Meet the OLGAA Board



**STOP the ARGUMENTS!
IMPROVE family relationships!
Come get the 411!**

"The manual the hospital forgot to give you!"

Empowering Parents. Transforming Teens.

- *Learn how to never argue with your child again!*
- *Prevent or intervene in alcohol or drug use!*
- *Improve school attendance and performance!*
- *Find resources to help your family!*

This 10 Week Series is scheduled to begin Wednesday, January 9, 2019.

REGISTER NOW! *No Cost Tuition: Childcare and dinner is provided.*

To register, please contact **Lindsey Gibson @ (513) 648-4085**

Not sure? Attend an Information Session on Thursday, January 3, 2019 @ 5:30 PM*.

Groups will be held on Wednesdays for 10 weeks (dates below) from 5:30-9:00 PM*.

Week 1: January 9, 2019	Week 6: February 13, 2019
Week 2: January 16, 2019	Week 7: February 20, 2019
Week 3: January 23, 2019	Week 8: February 27, 2019
Week 4: January 30, 2019	Week 9: March 6, 2019
Week 5: February 6, 2019	Week 10: March 13, 2019

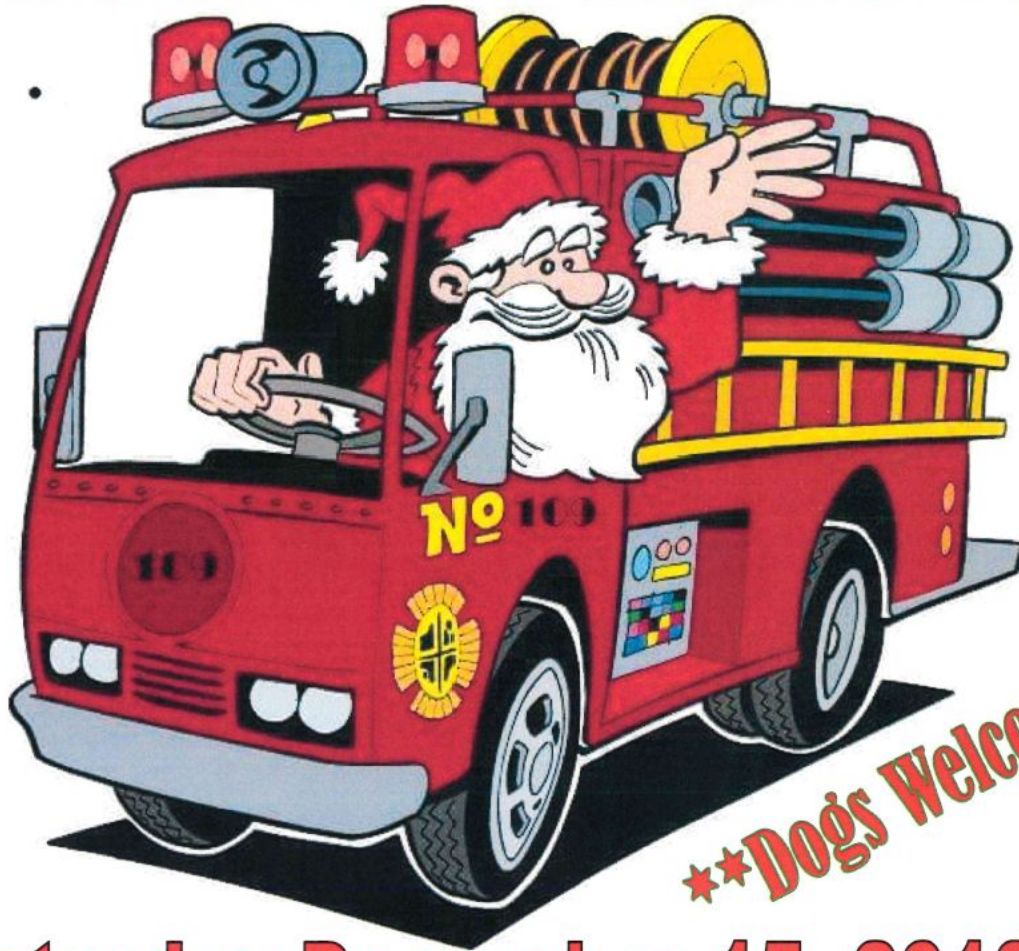
The Parent Project is offered through a collaborative effort between The Village Empowerment Network and Northwest School District.

**Information session and subsequent group sessions will be held at Houston Conference Center (3310 Compton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45251)*

Colerain Citizen's Fire Alumni

presents

PHOTOS with SANTA
@
Colerain Fire Station 109



****Dogs Welcome****

Saturday December 15, 2018
12pm-3pm

2850 W Kemper Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45251

****ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE ALLEN FAMILY****