



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links

2018-2019  
SCHOOL YEAR  
CALENDAR

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SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)



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Jan. 27 Open House  
1:00-3:30  
Jan. 28-Feb. 1 Catholic  
Schools Week (see flyer)  
Feb. 1 Talent Show 7:00pm  
@ Little Flower



## Weekly Bulletin

January 24, 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](http://www.olgcs.org) · 931-3070 · 2940 W. Galbraith Rd.

Sign up to volunteer at Open House this Sunday:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EA5AE2BAAF94-open>

## CLOSINGS & DELAYS

All closings and delays are reported through Option C. The earliest students can arrive on a 2 hour delay day is 9:30 with school beginning at 10:00.

**2 hour Delays:** Breakfast is cancelled with a weather delay day. Lunch is served at usual time.

**Snow Days:** Lunch menu is not changed by snow days. We will follow the regularly scheduled lunch menu for the return day. If we have multiple snow days that affect food deliveries, parents will be notified of a menu change by Option C.

**Don't miss this scholarship opportunity!!**  
**All elementary school students, regardless of faith, are eligible.**  
**Deadline to apply for assistance is Jan. 31!!**



## 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](mailto:cef@catholicbestchoice.org).

Catholic Education - The Best Choice!

Instructions to apply for this financial aid.

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, OLGAA, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Religious Education

## Who Would Do This?

Lately I've been thinking about these words of Jesus: *"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it?"*

No one would ever do that. Nobody. No one does this.

It's insanity. If you lose 1% of your money in the stock market, you don't risk losing the other 99% of your holdings to get it back. By leaving the 99, you risk the sheep roaming off, being stolen, or being killed and eaten by a wolf. No one leaves the 99.

*"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'"*

Nobody. No one does this.

You don't call friends and neighbors together for a celebration only to spend more money feeding and entertaining them than what you found was worth. I mean why bother looking for the coin at all, if you're just going to blow more money anyway? It's insanity. Nobody does this.

*Except Jesus.*

Jesus does this. Jesus leaves the 99 to search for the lost. Jesus sweeps the house and then throws a party when the lost are found. It's totally and thoroughly insane. And, that's why the Gospel it is such Good News.

The Good News is that when a soul is lost, the soul is missed, it's longed after, and not only worth the search party, but worth the celebration-party when the soul is brought back into the fold. And, of course, when I read this, I can't help reading myself into the story as the sheep, or the coin, or as the lost one, or the stubborn sheep, or the coin that slipped out of the pocket and into the pillow cushions of the couch.

And remember that Jesus told this story to a group of highly religious leaders who fancied themselves as the 99 sheep or the nine coins that were never lost. They were the goody-two-shoes that would never (ever) run off, who would never (ever) slip under the car's passenger seat into the carpeted well which never fails to collect all manner of things. These guys weren't impressed with a God who spends all His time going after the sinner. They believed in a God who spends all His time with the well-behaved ones who seemingly never leave his side. They are the righteous ones who would never leave the 99, or throw a two-coin party after a one-coin find. The sinners? Can't bother with them! That is the opposite of Good News.

But Jesus says that our God is the God of the lost - the God who celebrates when the lost are found. Jesus is the Savior who "welcomes sinners and eats with them." This is something for us to celebrate. Something for us to be excited about. Something for us to get others excited about. This IS Good News!

No—the Church isn't just for the self-proclaimed self-righteous. The ones who can't help but tell us how faithful, prayerful, and saintly *they* are. The ones whose Instagram, Pinterest, and Facebook posts are dripping with cute Bible verse after verse of scripture or thoughts for how we should be living *our* life, or bumper-sticker quips of how God is *for* this and *against* that.

No - the followers of Jesus are the ones who actually *follow Jesus*. And not just to the cross, but to the fields and the valleys and the mountains, looking through the bushes and trees for a well-loved and well-lost sheep. The followers of Jesus are the ones who pull the world's refrigerators out from the wall to find the long-lost treasures underneath that are so precious to God.

Oh, if only people *would* accuse Jesus' Church of "welcoming sinners and eating with them." Because nobody does that. Nobody. Except Jesus, and those who follow him.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



# YOU ARE THE PTO

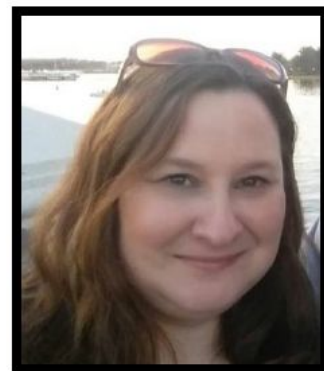


## So many exciting new things!

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](mailto:PTO@olgcs.org).



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



*Night at the Races was a huge success thanks to all the efforts of the OLGAA board members and the volunteers!*

*Everyone had a great night, and thanks to all for supporting the OLGAA!!*



Congratulations to our 7th grade boys basketball team, coached by Scott Nevius, who became back to back champions this weekend! Thanks to all the fans that came out to support them. What an amazing finish to the weekend! [#eaglesflyinghigh](#)



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](mailto: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](http://crystalclearscience.com)



Questions about the class or registration? Contact:

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