



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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April 1-12 State Testing
April 5 Spiritwear Day
April 8 PTO Meeting 6:30
OLG Lounge
April 11 To celebrate Spring,
dress in all the colors of the
rainbow for a \$1.00



Weekly Bulletin

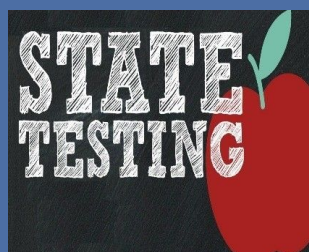
April 4, 2019



PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!

Call the office attendance line at 931-3070 ext.4 before 8:00am if your student is going to be late or absent. This helps us insure everyone is safe and where they belong for the day.

Also, parents are required to walk students into the building when they are arriving late. If your student is late, you need to sign them in and provide the reason for their tardiness. There is no exception to this rule.



All students who receive the EdChoice Scholarship in grades 3-8 will be continuing the state testing next week.

Please make sure your student gets a good night sleep, eats a good breakfast, and MOST IMPORTANTLY gets to school on time. The state requires we complete the testing within the dates they provide. When students are late or absent, it adds a major strain on our testing schedule.

Thank you for helping our students be the best version of themselves during our testing weeks!



Thursday, April 11 is Rainbow Day! For \$1.00, students may wear any and all colors of the rainbow to celebrate Spring! All proceeds will benefit the Pray, Hope, Believe Foundation.

Religious Education

The Lighter Side of Lent

A few weeks ago, many of us participated in a holy ritual – Ash Wednesday. *“Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”* Signing the ash cross on another person is somber and sacred and poignant. But it can be potentially a logistical nightmare. In one of my first teaching jobs, I worked as in a large private Catholic school and was made Campus Minister in charge of all things that had to do with Church, the liturgy, and the sacraments. I was fairly green in that capacity, and as we moved through the school year I began to plan our Ash Wednesday Mass which would be attended by about 1,200 students, faculty, and staff. As the date approached, I began searching the sacristy of our large school chapel – checking all the various drawers and cubby-holes but couldn’t find what I was looking for – where do I get ashes? Questions swirled in my brain: What do I mix with them? How many distributors do I need to put them on everyone’s forehead? Where are the dishes to put them in? *Remember I was new at this!*

Then I heard that you are supposed to burn palm branches from the previous year’s Palm Sunday and use *those* ashes. The teacher in me loves the symbolism of this – these palm branches signify the joy of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem even as they foreshadow his death – are saved and transformed into the ashes we use in a blessing that brings life – as it reminds us of our own mortality. Unfortunately, being the klutz I am – I apparently cannot burn palm branches. I tried. And I ended up with awkward, sooty chunks of plant and a very smoky church building. (A friend has since informed me that I should burn the palm leaves *outside*, which is an important safety tip.)

So I ended up going to the church supply store and buying ashes, although somehow that didn’t seem right. But those ashes lasted me for several years and – like the jar of flour in the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath – the ash jar never seemed to run out.

Mind you, my ash incompetence is not something I dwell on, but it does feel like a “campus minister fail.” Which is why I was delighted to read a story online recently of pastors’ similar “ash disasters.” That’s the term one pastor used to describe a tip his housekeeper gave him once about making a last minute trip to the pharmacy to buy black eye shadow. She said: “In the secrecy of your church office, chip that little cake of makeup out into your ash bowl and add a little olive oil.” *Oh my - NO!* In the same article, another pastor casually shares the following tip: “If you run out of ashes DON’T use the soil from a nearby potted plant! That’s what one of our hospital chaplains did when we ran out of ashes one year, and the soil had fertilizer in it. A nurse had an allergic reaction to the fertilizer and had to check in to the ER!”

So, to recap: burned palm branches: YES; Potting soil: NO!; Eye shadow: *Big NO!* However, there is a true story about a Pastor in Chicago who found himself in an last minute ashes – like hours before – crisis. Apparently he had read the same article I did and headed “off to CVS – in his black cassock and white collar. He got there, realized he couldn’t remember what makeup item he needed, and asked rather loudly: ‘Where can I get some mascara?!’ Luckily, he did find black eye shadow. When he returned with it, he showed his secretary and asked if he had bought the right thing, at which point she said – ‘I think you were supposed to buy eye shadow *WITHOUT* glitter.’ *Ooops.* But as they were too late to do anything else, they mixed it in anyway, and had lovely dark ashes with a hint of glitter, which were sparkly on a beautiful sunny Ash Wednesday. It became for many of the school children at Mass, and maybe for the grown-ups, too, a sign that even in the darkness of death, the light of Christ shines through.” *Is that a stretch?* I’m not so sure it is. Because – isn’t that what this season of Lent is all about? The darkness *and* the light. The grief *and* the joy, the soot *and* the beauty, the death *and* the life, the human *and* the divine – they swirl around and within each other all the time, and during Lent we are called to open our eyes and our hearts just a bit wider to receive it all.

Mark Friedman, CRE



Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!

This is the calendar for the 2019-20 School Year.

2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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AUGUST					SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER				
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Aug. 18 - Ice Cream Social 1:00-3:00	Jan. 6 - School Resumes
Aug. 22 - First Day of School	Jan. 20 - Martin Luther King Day - No School
Sept. 2 - Labor Day - No School	Feb. 17 - President's Day - No School
Oct. 18- Teacher In-service - No School	Feb. 21 - End of 2nd Trimester
Nov. 15 - End of 1st Trimester	March 12 - Conferences 3:30-8:00
Nov. 25 - Conferences - 3:30-8:00	March 13 - Teacher In-Service - No School
Nov. 26 - Conferences - No School	April 10-17 - Easter Holiday - No School
Nov. 27-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School	April 20 - School Resumes
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 - Christmas Holiday - No School	May 25 - Memorial Day - No School
	May 27 - Graduation at St. Margaret Mary Church
	May 28 - Last Day of School



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



K-2 Instructional basketball finished up the season last week. This program, only in its second year has been a great success and continues to grow! Big thanks to Kelsey Schneider for the hard work she puts in to coordinate this sport, and thank you to all the parents and family members who volunteered and helped out this season!





Lasalle High School Boys Volleyball Grade School Night - Free admission to all kids K-8th grade. Door prizes, split the pot, and serving for shirts in between games. See below for details!

April 10th VS Fairfield High School
JV-B at 5pm
JV-A at 6pm
Varsity at 7pm

BE COOL.

GIVE BACK.

VOLUNTEER.

Open Board Positions** See below for descriptions - contact olgaasecretary@gmail.com if interested.

President:

The President is responsible for managing board meetings and ensuring that the Bylaws and Constitution of the OLGAA are followed, and when appropriate, amended to meet current needs. The President also serves as a liaison to other organizations including school administration, participating parishes and booster organizations to coordinate activities,

address any escalated administration issues and promote OLG Athletics. **Volunteer Time: On average the person holding this position will spend 30 minutes per week on these duties, along with 1 hour each month attending the board meetings**

Vice President:

The primary roles of Vice President are to fill in when needed at board meetings for the President & serve as the OLGAA representative at the monthly sports league meetings (GWAC, etc). The Vice President is also responsible for sending out the end of season sport season, which is delivered electronically via Survey Monkey. **Volunteer Time: On average the person holding this position will spend 30 minutes per week on these duties, along with 1 hour each month attending the league and/or board meetings.**

Girl's Basketball Coordinator:

The Girl's Basketball Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- Be VIRTUS trained
- Attend periodic meetings with Board and Athletic Director, as needed, to review current activities
- Select Head/Assistant Coaches from available volunteers to be approved by Athletic Director
- Secure suitable judges and venue for skills assessments
- Work with board secretary to open registration on Blue Sombrero
- Assign athletes to teams based on skills assessments
- Assist Coaches and AD with resolution of parent/athlete issues
- Assist Head Coaches in the dissemination and collection of uniforms
- Work with board members to secure suitable practice locations
- Handle all communication to coaches regarding: league information/changes and expectations for cleanup/concessions in gyms as well as providing sufficient volunteers.
- Attend league meetings/provide league with all required information for enrolling teams and available gym space for games as needed.

YOU ARE THE PTO



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL!

PTO Meeting Reminder

Join us at our next PTO meeting on **Monday, April 8th** in the teacher lounge at 630p. For every meeting you attend, you earn extra entries in the tuition raffle at our Volunteer Dinner in May. We love seeing lots of new faces!

Box Tops!

Remember to turn in your Box Tops! For your student and your student's class to get credit, please include your student's name and class on the envelope or baggie. Send in at least 10 box tops and your student will earn a prize from PTO!

Visit btfe.com for a list of participating brands or See the attached page!



an easy way to
earn cash for
your school!

Upcoming Events

Check out the Upcoming Events scheduled for OLG. Check out our new SQUARE page to purchase tickets for our upcoming events.

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

- Odd Ball Dance NEW DATE – We've rescheduled the dance to Saturday 5/18 at OLG.

Searching for New Board Members

The PTO is looking for some new Board Members – come join us and help make a difference at OLG! We are currently looking for people to fill the following positions:

- Treasurer
- Events Chairperson

If you are interested in learning more about these open positions, please email us or attend the next PTO meeting

WALKATHON 2019

The planning for Walkathon 2019 is getting underway – if you would like to be part of committee please see the attached flyer or join us at the next PTO meeting for more details.

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



OUR LADY OF GRACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

WalkATHon Committee

*Parents...would you like to be
part of something **BIG**?*

***Consider joining OLG's 2019
WalkATHon Committee!***

We would love to have YOU on the WalkATHon Committee to share your ideas and help create a new, fresh and exciting WalkATHon for 2019!

The WalkATHon is OLG's one and only fundraiser each year and it is planned, organized, and executed entirely by parent volunteers.

We would never be able to have such an amazingly successful fundraiser each year without an amazing community of parent volunteers!

If you have questions or are interested in joining the 2019 WalkATHon Committee, please email us at **PTO@OLGCS.ORG**

"I volunteer to spend time with my kids and to get to know other OLG families, as a result we have made some great friends over the past 6 years. I also want our kids to see that we are 100% vested in the quality of their education and in the enrichment of their school community."

~Jenny Felix, mother of two OLG students



Design Contest for 4th of July Pray~Hope~Believe 5K Walk/Run (t-shirt and posters)



Please help us design the image for our t-shirts and posters.

Requirements:

- Name of event included: 4th of July Pray~Hope~Believe 5K
- Date: July 4, 2019
- Reference the cause: Pediatric Brain Cancer research; childhood cancer
- Number of colors permitted: 4-6
- Size of design (no larger than 11x17)

Other things to keep in mind:

- Color for brain cancer awareness is gray; color for childhood cancer awareness is gold
- Fireworks/4th of July theme
- Superhero theme
- Can be paper medium or computer-generated image

Winning images will be used for t-shirt design and posters advertising the 5K. T-shirt designs might have to be modified to meet printer's specifications. This may include changing drawings to digital images. Artist will be given final approval before design is used. Winners will be notified by May 15, 2019. Art submissions will be on display at 5K event.

*This 5K is held in loving memory of Our Lady of Grace Kindergartner, Tony Merk (2004-2011)

www.prayhopebelieve.org (follow us on Facebook and Twitter)

Deadline for submission: May 1, 2019 to info@prayhopebelieve.org, mail to PHBF, P.O. Box 43256, Cincinnati, OH 45253, or arrange for us to pick it up by calling Lynne at 513-687-4009.

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