



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

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Sept. 28 **Early Bird Turn In Day for Walkathon!**  
Christian Service Day  
Character Day \$1  
Oct. 5 Walkathon



## Weekly Bulletin

September 27, 2018

Friday, September 28th will be our first Christian Service Day. The theme will be Character Day. For \$1.00, students can dress up as their favorite character from a book, movie, TV show, etc.

## Celebrate the Saints



Among the many miraculous images of the Mother of God through which she deigns to grant her favors, there is one in the monastery church of the Carmelites in Vienna, entitled the Mother of Grace, or Our Lady of Grace, also known as Our Lady of the Bowed Head.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about Our Lady of Grace.



**Early Bird Turn-in Date** is tomorrow, Friday, September 28th. Students will earn 5 extra raffle tickets!

Students who turn in their minimum individual/family contribution will earn and out of uniform starting Monday, October 1st! (\$70/individual, \$100/family)

[CATCH THE SKITTLES POX](#) Check out our Walkathon video!



## Religious Education

### Random Kindness

Two soldiers, both seriously injured in Iraq War, occupied the same VA army base hospital room. One soldier, Frank, had a serious chest injury but was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon in order to drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. Across the room, the other soldier – Jake - due to serious injuries to his back - had to spend all his time laying flat and was told not to move or his injuries would not heal. Between their beds was medical equipment and a partially drawn curtain. Pretty dreary accommodations.

But that didn't stop the two men from talking. They spoke for hours of their wives and kids, their homes, where they had been on family vacations, and, of course, the war. Every afternoon when the soldier in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The soldier in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

Frank told Jake that his window overlooked a park with a beautiful lake. There were ducks swimming on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young people walked arm-in-arm amid flowers of every color of the rainbow. Trees graced the landscape, and a view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, Jake – on the other side of the room - would close his eyes and imagine each scene and, in doing so, the terrible pain he felt from his injury would ease.

Late one night, the Frank began to cough, choking on the fluid in his lungs. The hospital staff converged on the room and frantically rushed the soldier into surgery.

The following morning when he awoke, the Jake saw the bed by the window neatly made and the area around it cleaned out. When the nurse arrived she sadly informed him that Frank had lost his battle with his injury and had died on the operating table. Jake was filled with grief that he had lost his new friend.

Later that day, Jake asked if he was well enough to be moved next to bed by the window, and the nurse was happy to do so. Slowly and painfully, the soldier propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the beautiful world outside that Frank had described to him. As he strained to look out the window beside the bed, he was shocked – for outside the window was nothing but a plain and ugly brick wall!

Jake was confused and asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside this window when, in fact, there was no view to see at all. The nurse kindly said to him *"Oh, that's right - you didn't know! Frank wasn't one to complain, but his chest wound wasn't his only injury. He also lost his eyesight when his transport got hit with an IED (improvised explosive device). Frank was blind."*

Jake said, "He couldn't even *see* the wall!" and looked at the nurse as if to say - *why?* "Well - perhaps," she said, "Frank just wanted to make *your* burden lighter."

Let's us all do something kind for someone this week.

– **Mark Friedman, CRE**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

# YOU ARE THE PTO



Our September meeting was this past Monday. PTO meetings are a great way to meet other parents and hear firsthand what's going on at school. We were excited to have all grades except 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> represented. AND we had 3 new families attend! Our goal is to have at least one family from every grade represented. Who will it be from your students' class?

**Reaching our \$30,000 Goal** As of Tuesday evening, we have reached 32% of our goal. That means, we've raised approximately \$9,700 to date. Keep up the AMAZING job!!!! However, we are only at 19% student participation. Remember, the students will get a week of fun if we reach 100% participation!

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**Volunteering** If you're interested in volunteering for the Walkathon, please sign up! If you aren't VIRTUS trained and have signed up, we may not be able to let you participate. We are not assigning people to stations until the day of, so please sign up!!

**A special place in our hearts** This Friday, the Merk family will sell capes at lunch to wear during the Walkathon. They will also have a table the day of Walkathon if students and/or families would like to purchase a cape to support the Pray Hope Believe Foundation in honor of Tony Merk.

**Raffle Tickets.** Students earn raffle tickets by reaching goals on their sponsorship journey. Below is a list of some of the prizes they can use their raffle tickets to win

- 5 Various Grab Bags
- 1 of 3 Gift Cards to School Book Fair (*valued at \$25*)
- 1 of 3 Lunch with a classmate prize
- Pump It Up
- 1 of 3 PJ's for a Day
- Free Entrance to Skate Party & Gift card @ The Place (*valued at \$15*)

**PTO Meeting Reminder** Join us at our next PTO meeting on Monday, October 15th the teacher lounge. If you have any questions, please email us at [PTO@olgcs.org](mailto:PTO@olgcs.org).



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



Teams have been posted on the Girls Volleyball page on Blue Sombrero. Practice times will be determined at the coach's meeting in early October. You will hear from your daughter's coach once all of the schedules have been confirmed.



3-8 Boys Basketball registration is now open & will close on October 16th - Click the link below to sign up!

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=958716>

ALSO

Open Gym will be held at Assumption gym from 6:30 - 8:00pm on the following Thursdays:

- 9/20
- 9/27
- 10/4
- 10/11

Open gym is a great for boys who are interested in playing basketball at OLG. It's an opportunity to practice the skills that will be evaluated during assessments and get active!

Any questions? Feel free to reach out to Scott Nevius at [boysbasketballolg@gmail.com](mailto:boysbasketballolg@gmail.com)



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](mailto:olgaasecretary@gmail.com) for more information.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the Crystal Clear Science sign up.



The Y's Kids is looking for potential employees for the before-school program. Applicants must have a High School diploma and experience with school aged children. Hours are 6:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Monday-Friday. Benefits include a YMCA membership and discounted rate for family members. For more information/questions, please contact Site Coordinator, Liz Kummer at [ekummer@cincinnatiymca.org](mailto:ekummer@cincinnatiymca.org) Thanks!



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#### Free & Reduced Meal Applications

Meal applications must be submitted annually. If your student received meal benefits last year, please ensure that your household has reapplied for this academic year. Contact the school office or cafeteria if you would like an application. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Families who do not qualify are welcome to reapply if they experience a change in circumstances.



We are excited to announce Lifetouch will be creating our yearbook this year, and they need our help collecting photos!

If you attend any OLG events and take photos, please send those to [Olgraceyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:Olgraceyearbook@gmail.com). The more pictures we have, the better the yearbook will be.

If you have questions, please contact Tracy from Lifetouch at [tshroyer@lifetouch.com](mailto:tshroyer@lifetouch.com).