



OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

August 31, 2016

Dear Parents,

Although the junior high parents have received this information, I am thrilled to share this important change with our entire OLG community. This is something very unique to our school, and we are proud to offer this opportunity to our 6th-8th grade students.

We are excited to announce Junior High is implementing a new Family System this year. The mission of the Our Lady of Grace Family System is to create a junior high community where students work together and support each other as they grow in their Catholic faith. The purpose of each family is to guide and support the academic, spiritual, social, and personal development of each student during his/her time at OLG.

The Our Lady of Grace Family System enables sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students to interact with their junior high peers. This gives students an opportunity to collaborate with younger and older family members in a fun, spirited environment while building leadership skills, fostering communication, and promoting kindness. Students will learn to work hard individually for the good of their family, along with working as a family team. Additionally, the Family System helps incoming sixth graders and new students to transition into junior high. Our Family System encourages teamwork, friendship, cooperation, and leadership.

Another special component of our Family System is ongoing friendly competition among the families. This system allows students to earn gems for their families in four areas: citizenship, academics, participation, and service. All faculty and administration are involved in the constant rewarding of tokens based on individual student behavior and attitude.

Our seven OLG families and mottos include:

- Lupus Family - *The Strength of the Wolf is the Pack*
- Ursus Family - *Be True to Who You Are & the Family Name You Bear*
- Tigris Family - *ROAR - Removing Obstacles, Achieving Results*
- Leo Family - *Have the Courage to Make a Difference*
- Falco Family - *Soar to Excellence*
- Orca Family - *Dream Higher Than the Sky & Deeper Than the Ocean*
- Noctua Family - *Dare to Be Wise*

Each student will be a member of one of these families for their entire junior high experience allowing camaraderie and family spirit to grow throughout their time together. Participation in the family

experience will enable our students to develop both academic and personal excellence while preparing them to become future servant leaders.

Portrait of an OLG Family Member:

- Feels a sense of belonging and responsibility to the community
- Strives to become a person of integrity
- Respects differences in opinions, cultures, and personalities
- Works collaboratively and considerately
- Accepts responsibility for his/her learning
- Develops resilience by learning to cope with setbacks and challenges
- Understands learning continues beyond the classroom

Thank you to the teachers who put hours this summer into creating this environment for our students. Their dedication and care for our students is evident in this program. With the teachers' guidance and support, I am truly looking forward to watching these students grow with each other in their families.

Grace and Blessings-

Mrs. Kirk

Principal

Calendar Highlights

The event calendar is located at www.olgcs.org. If you need further information on an event, please click on the link. This will give you all the details on our upcoming events.



OLG Family Directory - ONLINE

In an effort to save paper, this link will take you to the PTO form to fill in all your contact information and also to request a **[T-SHIRT SIZE for Walk-a-thon.](#)** Please, everyone, take a minute and complete the form. All information is kept private until publication of the Directory, and you can opt out of having your information published.

<https://goo.gl/forms/bK5tNWiHbx1Rk4n92>

If you would like to purchase a Directory once it is published, look for an envelope in your Welcome Back Packet.



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

2016 GIRLS VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION NOW-SEPTEMBER 2ND

2016 Volleyball registration will be open for all interested girls who are entering the 3rd-8th grade from Friday, August 12 at 8:00 AM and will close September 3rd! The cost will be \$55/player.

We use Blue Sombreo for registration and this can be found on the OLG School Homepage. Please follow these directions: OLG Homepage>Current Families>Athletics>Blue Sombbrero

Please look on the OLGAA website (UNDER ATHLETICS TAB) for open gym and tryout information!

OLG Boys Basketball

Registration Opens on September 4th and close on September 25th

(Blue Sombbrero registration only)

[https://olgcs.ascendsms.com/images/FileStorage/33S328A30A2016%2010B44B50%20AMBasketball%20Boys%20Registration%20announcement%20\(002\).pdf](https://olgcs.ascendsms.com/images/FileStorage/33S328A30A2016%2010B44B50%20AMBasketball%20Boys%20Registration%20announcement%20(002).pdf)



Here is the link to the **September** lunch menu:

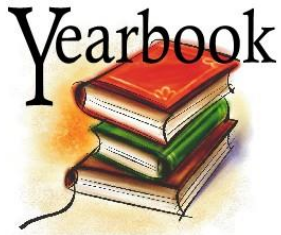
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Joee Lawwill (Roger Bacon High School Varsity Soccer) scored 3 goals in the first 4:00 minutes of a game last week and ended up with 4 goals altogether.

For her efforts, she is being nominated for athlete of the week. She is a former OLG Eagle who played multiple sports from K-8th grade. Way to go Joee!!

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/sports/high-school/2016/08/30/vote-top-girls-soccer-player-week-aug-29/89601430/>



2015-2016 Yearbooks are available for purchase if you did not get one last year. We have a few left, and they will be sold on a first come first serve basis. The hard cover is \$25.00/soft cover is \$20.00.

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Conrad at sconrad@olgcs.org.

Activity Flyers

Dance School

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Soccer City

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Mount Notre Dame Start Up for Junior High

MND Start-Up is geared to the inquisitive 6th, 7th and 8th grade girl who is seeking opportunities to expand her learning. Sessions are taught by leading Mount Notre Dame faculty members, experts in their particular fields of study and in engaging students in applied learning. Each session requires a separate registration, which opens exactly one month prior to the event. Space is limited - first come, first serve.

<http://www.mndhs.org/admissions/mnd-start-up-junior-high-series>

St. Ann's Parents Night Out

<https://olgcs.ascendsms.com/images/FileStorage/33S238A31A2016%209B23B32%20AMParents%20Night%20Out%20-%20flier.pdf>

**If you have a flyer for an available activity you would like in our Weekly Bulletin, please email it to boshaughnessy@olgcs.org by Friday.