



# Our Lady of Grace

## Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

### Calendar Links



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**Jan. 8** 6:30 PTO Meeting @  
SMM

**Jan. 9** 6:30 Education  
Commission Meeting @  
SMM

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### Weekly Bulletin ~ January 4, 2018

## School to Home Communication



### Inclement Weather

Our Lady of Grace School will follow Northwest Local District plans for any weather related school closings or delays. School closings and delays will be communicated by phone using the telephone number you reported to Option C. Any changes to your phone number should be corrected within Option C.

OLG will not announce an early dismissal for snow. No students will be released to district transportation operating on an early dismissal for fear there will be no supervision at home when they arrive.



If you believe your child will need to use the YMCA Before and After Care at any point this year (regular school days, delays and/or closings), you will need to fill out the registration form and return it to the YMCA program in the gym or the office at the Clippard YMCA. This can take a couple days

to process. With the cold/inclement weather delays, we know parents may need this service, but the student **MUST BE** registered or they cannot attend. [CLICK HERE](#) for the YMCA registration form.

If you have questions, please contact Danielle Galbraith at 513-923-4466.

# Catholic Education Foundation Tuition Assistance



Parents of Elementary School Children,

The Catholic Education Foundation is offering \$2 million of tuition assistance to families of elementary school students for the 2018-2019 school year. Families can apply for up to \$1,000 per student in needs-based tuition assistance.

The application period deadline is January 31, 2018.

If you have questions, please call Pam Jaspers at 513-421-3131, ext. 2713 or email [cef@catholicbestchoice.org](mailto:cef@catholicbestchoice.org).

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## Religious Education

### Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Today is the feast day of St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was the first native born American to be canonized by the Catholic Church. A true daughter of the American Revolution, she was born on August 28, 1774, just two years before the Declaration of Independence was signed. Elizabeth grew up in the upper class of New York society. Reared a staunch Episcopalian, she learned the value of prayer. Her father, Dr. Richard Bayley, did not have much use for churches but was a great humanitarian, teaching his daughter to love and serve others.

In 1794, Elizabeth married the wealthy young William Seton, with whom she was deeply in love and they had five children. The first years of their marriage were happy and prosperous and Elizabeth became the Belle of New York Society. Elizabeth wrote in her diary, "My own home at twenty! The world, that, and heaven too! It all seems quite impossible." This time of Elizabeth's life was to be a brief moment of earthly happiness before the many deaths and partings she was to suffer. Within four years, William's father died, leaving the young couple in charge of William's seven half brothers and sisters, as well as the family's shipping and importing business.



Events moved quickly from there with devastating effect. Both William's business and health failed. He was finally forced into bankruptcy. In a final attempt to save William's health, the Seton family sailed for Italy where William had business friends, seeking a cure. Unfortunately, William died of tuberculosis while in Italy. The many enforced separations from dear ones by death and distance served to draw Elizabeth's heart to God and eternity. The accepting and embracing of God's will would be a keynote in her spiritual life. In Italy, Elizabeth captivated everyone by her kindness, patience, good sense, wit, and courtesy. During this time Elizabeth became interested in the Catholic Faith and her Italian friends guided her in Catholic instruction. Elizabeth's desire for the Holy Eucharist was to be a strong force in her life.

Having lost her mother at an early age, Elizabeth felt great comfort in the idea that the Blessed Virgin Mary was truly her mother, and officially joined the Catholic Church in 1805. Moving back to New York City, many of her family and friends rejected her because of her newfound faith – and New York society shunned her. Forced to leave, Elizabeth moved to Baltimore and started a successful school there. Seton, and two other young women who helped her in her work, began plans for a start a Sisterhood. They established the first free Catholic school in America. When the young community – The Sisters of Charity - adopted their rule in 1812, Elizabeth made sure there was a provision for her to continue raising her own children.



Faith lifts the soul, Hope supports it, Experience says it must and Love says...let it be!

~ Elizabeth Ann Seton

By 1818, in addition to their first school, the sisters had established two orphanages and another school. Today, six groups of sisters can trace their origins to Mother Seton's initial foundation. The thousand or more letters of Mother Seton reveal the development of her spiritual life from ordinary goodness to heroic sanctity.

Elizabeth Seton suffered great trials of sickness, persecution, misunderstanding, the death of loved ones (her husband and two of her young daughters) and the heartache of a wayward son. She died January 4, 1821, and became the first American-born citizen to be beatified (by Pope John XXIII on March 17, 1963) and was canonized on September 14, 1975 by Pope Paul VI – the first American Saint! She is buried in Emmetsburg, Maryland and is the Patron Saint of Catholic Schools.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**





*Visit us and explore all that we have to offer!*

## OUR LADY OF GRACE

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Open House: January 28, 12:30 - 3 p.m.

**Hard Work & Strong Character Matter at OLG**



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**8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DAY**  
**JANUARY 6, 2018**  
**LITTLE FLOWER GYM**  
**GAME 1 @ 9 AM**  
**GAME 2 @ 10 AM**

**COME CHEER  
THE GIRLS  
TO VICTORY!!**

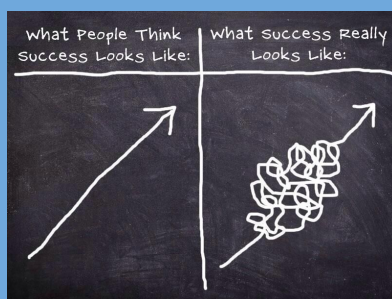


### La Salle Drama Presents Willy Wonka Jr.

La Salle Drama presents Willy Wonka Jr. as part of their PB&J production. This family friendly show is great for kids of all ages. The \$9 ticket price includes a paper bag lunch, the show, and games before and after the show. Shows are January 12 & 13 at 3:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.LaSalleHS.net/Drama](http://www.LaSalleHS.net/Drama)



Monthly Focus:  
Grit



[CLICK HERE](#) for a video on grit.



There are a few modifications to the cycle menu for 2018. [CLICK HERE](#) for the new menu is attached and is on-line on the OLG Cafeteria web page.

Here are some cafeteria reminders for inclement weather.

2-hour delay: Breakfast is cancelled for that day.  
Hot lunch is served at regular time.

Snow Day: The cafeteria will follow the menu that is scheduled for the day that schools resumes. On rare occasions, snow days will cause a menu change due to product delivery. In these occasions, parents will be alerted by Option C alert notification.



Education Commission would like to encourage all members of OLG's community to get involved in various service. We partnered with the 4 covenant parishes to bring joy to parishioners who are unable to get out of their homes for the holidays.

OLG students in grades K-8 created Christmas cards to send to over 103 shut in parishioners and over 300 local nursing home residents. Let us all remember the importance of kindness this Christmas season and throughout the year.

**UPDATE:** We have received several calls from people who received our cards thanking us for our generosity and kindness.

*"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14*





# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

[OLGAA](#)

The OLGAA has been hard at work with restructuring the Board positions and responsibilities. This is a volunteer organization and we need your support in order to run a successful program. If interested in helping out in any way, please contact President Jim Schreyer: [presidentolgaa@gmail.com](mailto:presidentolgaa@gmail.com) or Athletic Director Ellen Hughes: [olgeaglesad@gmail.com](mailto:olgeaglesad@gmail.com).



We are still looking for volunteers to organize/run our annual Lenten Fish Fry committee. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the chair positions and have availability starting at 3:00 pm on Thursday's & Friday's during the active season, contact Melinda Miller at [olgaasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:olgaasecretary@gmail.com) for description of the committee positions. We need your help in keeping this OLG community tradition alive!



OLGAA is in need of donations for the popular "Cooler of Cheer" raffle to be held at this year's Night at the Races event. Any type of adult beverages or accessories are accepted. You can drop off donations at the Little Flower concession stand during the following OLGAA home games:

**Saturday 1/13** at Little Flower from 9:00am-11:00 am,  
Assumption from 10:00am-2:30 pm

**Sunday 1/14** at Little Flower from 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Assumption from 1:00pm-4:00

If you can not make one of these dates, you can make arrangements for drop off with Jenny Ludwig @ 513-266-8226 or Terri Lynch @ 513-518-8474.

*The purpose of OLGAA is to provide athletic activities for the youth of OLGCS and/or the Covenant Parishes and the opportunity to engage in these activities/sports under the supervision and guidance of elected and/or appointed officials.*



PTO would like to thank Ms. Waltner on using her time and talent to help update the new and improved PTO page on the OLG website. [CLICK HERE](#) to get information on meetings, volunteer opportunities, Walk-a-thon pictures, and much more!



The PTO is currently looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Donations Coordinator. The Donations Coordinator is responsible for soliciting donations from local businesses to be used as prizes at events such as the Walk-A-Thon and Carnival. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please email [volunteers@olgcs.org](mailto:volunteers@olgcs.org). Thanks!!



**Join in the OLG Family Fun with these future events!**

2/22 Skating Party @ Skatin' Place

3/10 March Madness Basketball Tourney (12-4)

4/13 Spring Carnival (6-9)

5/14 Volunteer Dinner @ Italianette

# ❄️SAVE THE DATE❄️



## WINTER SOCIAL

Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00-10:00PM in Madonna Hall  
(Parish Activity Center)  
St. Margaret Mary Parish  
Music and Snacks provided

More information will  
be sent after the new year.

# Crystal Clear Science Specialty Class

Grades 1,2,3,4

January/February 2018



Our Lady of Grace School will host the popular Crystal Clear Science enrichment class with all new class offerings. Taught by certified teacher, Mary Jo Fischer, these classes are sure to delight and inspire the budding scientist in your child. Scientific concepts, critical thinking, following directions, measurement, reading, and teamwork are all strengthened in this course.

<b>Thursdays 3:00-4:00</b>
<b>January 18,25    February 1,8</b>
<i>(Possible Snow Day Make Up: February 15)</i>
<b>Shocking Science</b>
<b>Balancing Act</b>
<b>Cars and Ramps</b>
<b>Potential and Kinetic Energy</b>
<b>Swinging Scientists</b>

The \$50 cost includes demonstrations, hands-on activities, and ongoing experiments. Space is limited. Classes filled on a first come first served basis. Return this form and fee (payable to Crystal Clear Science) to the school office in an envelope labeled: Mrs. Mary Jo Fischer - Crystal Clear Science

Questions? Please contact me at [mjfischer@fuse.net](mailto:mjfischer@fuse.net) or call the school at 931-3070.

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## Crystal Clear Science Registration

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Room/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Please watch for Class Confirmation in your email.

Parents'/Guardians' Names \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency or class cancellation, contact \_\_\_\_\_

at Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Phone Numbers where you can be reached \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: (i.e. food, latex, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend the Crystal Clear Science class on the dates and times above.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is enrolled in the Y's Kids after school program. Please send my child to Y's Kids after the science class.