

## **Our Lady of Grace**

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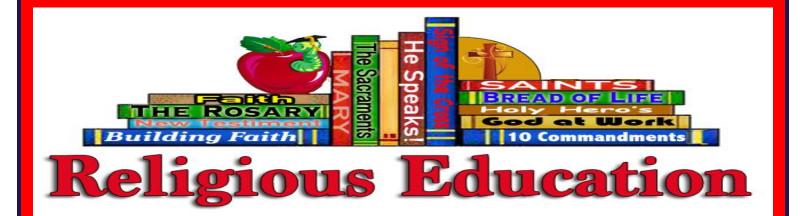
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Weekly Bulletin ~ September 21, 2017





#### The Rosary

Praying the rosary has been a tradition in the Catholic Church for a long time. Catholics pray the rosary because it's a powerful prayer to God, through His mother, Mary.

We know in history the prayer beads may have their origins in the Eastern religions in India in the 3rd century BC. The use of knotted prayer ropes in Christianity goes back to the Desert Fathers in the 3rd and early 4th centuries. These counting devices were used for prayers such as the Jesus prayer or the Our Father in Christian monasticism. The period after the First Council of Ephesus in 431 witnessed a gradual growth in the use of Marian prayers during the Middle Ages. It's a bit fuzzy who made it more formal; some say it was St. Dominic and others say it could date back as far as the 13h century or even earlier. What really matters is that this prayer is super powerful.

Throughout Church history, many popes and saints have highly recommended that we pray the rosary. St. Louis de Montfort said, 'When the Holy Rosary is said well, it gives Jesus and Mary more glory and is better than any other prayer.'

The rosary begins by reciting the Apostle's Creed, an Our Father, three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be. Then there are five decades which each begin and end with an Our Father and Glory Be, and have ten Hail Mary's in between. When you pray the rosary, you meditate on the events in Jesus' life. There are called the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries.

In various apparitions, Mary has appeared holding a rosary and has asked that we continue to pray this prayer. She always leads us to her Son, and presents our needs before Him. Prayer is about developing our relationship with God, and loving Him more, so it makes sense to get to know Him through the events of the life of Christ that we meditate on during the rosary.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says:

'Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This is necessary in order to deepen our faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him' (CCC 2708).

Rosaries are *not* just decorations. Battles have been won because people prayed the rosary! There have been hearts converted, and impossible intentions answered too! The rosary is an instrument of faith. Your life can only be blessed if you start praying the rosary. Try it!

Mark Friedman CRE



#### and Breakfast??

#### **Breakfast News:**

Our new breakfast is going great! Come join us for a healthy morning breakfast from 7:30-7:50. Breakfast will end promptly at 7:50 to ensure everyone has time to get to their classroom.

Tomorrow is Marco's Cheese Pizza Day. For Marcos Days only, an extra slice of pizza is \$1.00 cash instead of the usual \$1.50 for an extra entree. Extra slices must be ordered with the morning lunch count and purchased with cash. So if your child would like an extra slice, come with \$1.00 in cash. This is a fun day for the students and will happen every 5 weeks on our cycle menu.



Sign ups for our 10th Annual Walk-A-Thon have begun! We welcome anyone who is Virtus certified and would like to volunteer!

To sign-up, please go to:

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http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4ea5ae2baaf94-walkathon (link can be found on the PTO page on OLGCS.org)

Walk-A-Thon needs your help!
We are looking for volunteers to
collect donations for Walk-A-Thon
at each parish before and after
masses!

Please let us know if you and/or your child can help!

volunteers(a)olgcs.org



#### An Athlete's Prayer

God, let me play well but fairly.

Help me to learn something that matters once the game is over.

Let competition make me strong but never hostile.

Always let me help my opponent up.

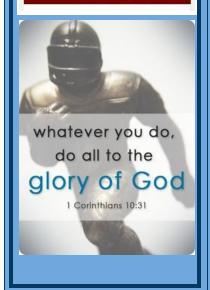
Never catch me rejoicing in the adversity of others.

If I know victory, allow me to be happy; if I am denied, keep me from envy.

Remind me that sports are just games.

If through athletics I set an example,

let it be a good one.



# 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: <a href="mailto:presidentolgaa@gmail.com">presidentolgaa@gmail.com</a> or Athletic Director Ellen Hughes: <a href="mailto:olgeaglesad@gmail.com">olgeaglesad@gmail.com</a>.



Boys Basketball: Sign-Ups are now open & will run through October 15th. More information on skills assessment & open gym times/dates to follow. Click the link below to register!

http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=759168

K-2 Instructional Basketball: We are very excited to announce that Boys & Girls K-2 Instructional Basketball will be offered as a new sport this school year! Registration will be coming soon for this winter sport, so stay tuned for more details! It's a great opportunity for kids too young for competitive play to learn the sport, stay active and have fun!

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.

### Box Tops & Coke Rewards



After cleaning up the end of year box tops from end of last year and this summer we were able to start off this school year a good portion into our \$5000.00 Goals on Boxtops!



Our goal this year is to get up to \$5,000.00 in BoxTop Rewards and Coke Rewards

We have a contest going.!!

Each child can earn a chance to win for each of the following:

- Every \$1.00 worth of coke rewards entered and donated to Our Lady of Grace School
  - Every \$1.00 of box tops counted and turned in either glued to the form (or in a bag marked with amount of box tops.)

Once a month we will do a random drawing of all the chances and pick a winner.

That winner will get a \$15 gift certificate to XScape Theatre.

At the end of the year the top three homerooms will win a popcorn party where Individual packs of popcorn will be given to each student from Cincinnati Popcorn!





McAuley High School Presents Fall Play, Ramona Quimby, October 20 - 22

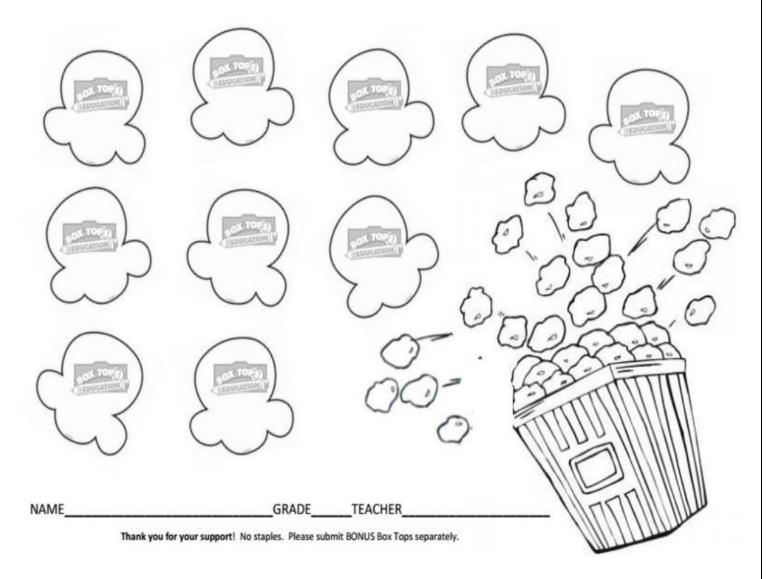
College Hill – McAuley High School, located at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in College Hill, will present its fall play, Beverly Cleary's Ramona Quimby, October 20 – 22. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, October 22. Tickets for the shows are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students/seniors and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased at <a href="https://www.mcacin.booktix.com">www.mcacin.booktix.com</a> or at the door.

On Sunday, October 22, Children and parents are invited to join us for **Ramona Quimby's Halloween Party** at 12:45 p.m., right before the 2 p.m. show. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes, and there will be Halloween treats and activities with the cast members. Tickets for the Halloween party are \$5 for adults and \$10 for children.

A special package deal is offered for those who purchase tickets to the Halloween party AND the October 22 show. Tickets for the show and the party can be purchased for \$12 total (adults and kids). Tickets for the party must be purchased ahead of time at <a href="https://www.mcacin.booktix.com">www.mcacin.booktix.com</a>.



## are POPPING up EVERYWHERE!



Instructions: Clip your box tops and glue or tape them (DO NOT STAPLE) to this page. Fill out the portion with your name, grade and teacher, then turn this page in for a chance to win a gift card to XScape Movie theatre!

The 3 top homerooms with the highest amount of Coke Points & Box tops combined will win a popcorn party at the end of the year!