



OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**August 17, 2016**

Parents,

WOO HOO!! The children are coming, the children are coming!! It is almost time to welcome the greatest group of kids to another fantastic year at OLG! We are so excited and have been working hard to get ready for their arrival!

We have had some very positive changes this summer with personnel and classroom locations. We have added a new Intervention Specialist to work on Early Interventions in grades K-2. We have also added an Intervention Specialist to work with grades 6-8, and Mrs. Ford will continue to work with grades 3-5. We have also added another Title I teacher to work with grades 5-8 in Math and Reading. Lastly, we have added a Gifted Instructor to work with various grades. We are also welcoming new music and kindergarten teachers and a part-time library aide. Please see the Teacher Bio section below to meet our new teachers.

We now have official Primary (K-3), Intermediate (4-5), and Junior High (6-8) hallways. Our Intervention Team (Title I, Intervention Specialists, Speech and Language, and Gifted) are in more central locations to meet the needs of the students they serve. We also have the addition of the Trinity Room where we will be able to have smaller assemblies and a larger area for group meetings during our school day.

As you can see, we have been very busy this summer! We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ice Cream Social this Sunday from 12:30-3:00.

Grace and Blessings-

*Mrs. Kirk*

Principal

## **Calendar Highlights**

August 17 K-2 Parent Information Night @ St. Ann's Church

August 21 Ice Cream Social 12:30-3:00 at OLG'

August 24 First Day of School



## **Welcome Our New Teachers**

Regina Hamilton (Intervention Specialist K-2) has been teaching for a total of 18 years. Most of that time she was teaching a Special Needs Preschool class in the Ross School District. She has a BS from Eastern Kentucky University in Speech/Language and a Master of Education Degree from Miami University in Early Childhood Special Education.

Deborah Connelly (Intervention Specialist 6-8) has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master of Education in Teaching. She is also certified in Special Education. She spent fifteen years teaching in Catholic schools before taking some time to be with her children. The last two years she has been working as a tutor for the Northwest Local School District.

Mandy Blaut (Title I Reading/Math 5-8) taught second grade for several years after graduating from Xavier University. After taking time off with her children, she was a Title I tutor at Colerain Elementary.

Cathy Chenowith (Gifted Instructor) graduated from Xavier University. She has taught every grade from preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> in both the Ross and Fairfield school districts. For the last 5 years she has found her passion teaching language arts and social studies to fifth and sixth graders in a self-contained gifted program.

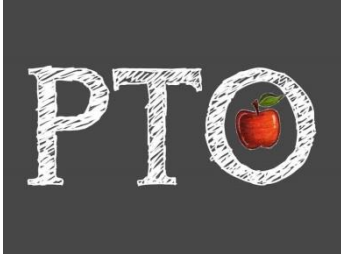
Kim Montgomery (Kindergarten) has a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from Bowling Green University. She has been teaching for 14 years as a Kindergarten and Third grade teacher. She absolutely loves animals and has some very interesting pets.

Brandon Langjahr (Music) graduated from Xavier University with a BS in Music Education in 2016. He student taught in the Indian Hill School District. He also taught at St. Xavier High School where he served as the choral intern for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Langjahr has been an active member of Cincinnati's choral scene by being involved with various musical ensembles, ranging from church choirs to University choral groups. He recently studied internationally for study and performance in Salzburg, Austria.



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

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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 Volleyball** registration is now open for all interested girls who are in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade!

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 Sombrero