



Our Lady of Grace

Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

October 21, 2022



DRESS-UP your PUMPKIN CONTEST

- Make it a FAMILY AFFAIR...ONE entry per FAMILY
- Everyone CAN WORK together!
- ANY MATERIALS can be USED...JUST NO CARVING
- Complete an INDEX card WITH STUDENT'S NAME and grade
- ENTRIES due by Friday, October 28th at 8:10 AM outside the MAIN OFFICE—JUDGING WILL COMMENCE SOON AFTERWARD
- PRIZE BAGS AWARDED to ALL ENTRIES
- ANY QUESTIONS? E-MAIL MRS. RENICK

Halloween Information

We will enjoy some Halloween fun on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Grades K-3:

- Come to school in your costume on Friday, October 28th
- Costumes need to be easy to walk in and easy to sit in and easy to use the restroom independently.
- Costumes cannot include makeup, masks or weapons.
- We will stay in our costumes all day 😊

We will enjoy a morning of learning in our classroom and participate in the Halloween parade in the afternoon.

The parade will begin at 1:30 p.m. We will parade outside, in the lower lot, weather permitting. Parents are welcome to come watch our parade!

Grades 4-8: Students can come in orange and black on Friday, October 28.



Saint John Paul II's Story

"Open wide the doors to Christ," urged John Paul II during the homily at the Mass where he was installed as pope in 1978. His Feast Day is this week.

Born in Wadowice, Poland, Karol Jozef Wojtyla had lost his mother, father, and older brother before his 21st birthday. Karol's promising academic career at Krakow's Jagiellonian University was cut short by the outbreak of World War II. While working in a quarry and a chemical factory, he enrolled in an "underground" seminary in Kraków. Ordained in 1946, he was immediately sent to Rome where he earned a doctorate in theology.

Elected Pope in October 1978, he took the name of his short-lived, immediate predecessor. Pope John Paul II was the first non-Italian pope in 455 years. In time, he made pastoral visits to 124 countries, including several with small Christian populations.

John Paul II promoted ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, especially the 1986 Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi. He visited Rome's main synagogue and the Western Wall in Jerusalem; he also established diplomatic relations between the Holy See and Israel. He improved Catholic-Muslim relations, and in 2001 visited a mosque in Damascus, Syria.



Pope Saint John Paul II at Yankee Stadium in 1979

The Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, a key event in John Paul's ministry, was marked by special celebrations in Rome and elsewhere for Catholics and other Christians. Relations with the Orthodox Churches improved considerably during his papacy. "Christ is the center of the universe and of human history" was the opening line of John Paul II's 1979 encyclical, *Redeemer of the Human Race*. In 1995, he described himself to the United Nations General Assembly as "a witness to hope."

His 1979 visit to Poland encouraged the growth of the *Solidarity* movement there and the collapse of communism in central and eastern Europe 10 years later. John Paul II began *World Youth Day* and traveled to several countries for those celebrations. He very much wanted to visit China and the Soviet Union, but the governments in those countries prevented that.

One of the most well-remembered photos of John Paul II's pontificate was his one-on-one conversation in 1983, with Mehmet Ali Agca, who had attempted to assassinate him two years earlier.

In his 27 years of papal ministry, John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals (official letters to the Church) and five books, canonized 482 saints and beatified 1,338 people. In the last years of his life, he suffered from Parkinson's disease and was forced to cut back on some of his activities.

Before John Paul II's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square, hundreds of thousands of people had waited patiently for a brief moment to pray before his body, which lay in state inside St. Peter's for several days. The media coverage of his funeral was unprecedented.

Presiding at the funeral Mass, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—then dean of the College of Cardinals and later Pope Benedict XVI—concluded his homily by saying: "None of us can ever forget how, in that last Easter Sunday of his life, the Holy Father, marked by suffering, came once more to the window of the Apostolic Palace and one last time gave his blessing *urbi et orbi* ('to the city and to the world'). Pope Benedict XVI beatified John Paul II in 2011, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.

"We can be sure that our beloved pope is standing today at the window of the Father's house, that sees us and blesses us. Yes, bless us, Holy Father. We entrust your dear soul to the Mother of God, your Mother, who guided you each day and who will guide you now to the glory of her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE/OLG



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Wednesday, November 02, 2022

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Join us for our 4th OLG Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 28th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

This is for Friends and Family of OLG members & St. Ann Parish

Family Friendly, Hot Chocolate, Prizes

Prizes for 'Best Theme', 'Kid Friendly' & 'Spookiest Trunk'

Do you want to be a trunk to treat? Donate Candy? Volunteer for our Hot Chocolate table?

Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-olgtrunk>



PTO NEWS

Room parents are back! Want to help? Sign up on here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-room>

- No spots open? No problem! We need all the help we can get!

Safe Parish training REQUIRED for all volunteer opportunities inside the school - Please be sure to register and get up to date asap!

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment/safeparish>

TRUNK OR TREAT is coming! Friday October 28th from 6-8pm!

- Want to participate? Want to Donate candy? sign up here!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49aca82ca4fa7-olgtrunk>

- We will have prizes for Best theme, Most Kid Friendly and Scariest cars! Bring the family and have some fun!

REMEMBER - PTO sponsored events are FAMILY centered. Please do not drop your child and leave. All children should be supervised by a family member at all times.

Links will need to be copied and pasted into your browser.



Our cafeteria staff has noticed students have been bringing large bills to school. The largest bill we can make change for is \$20.00. We do not want to see anyone lose money, and there is not any reason for them to bring this to school.