



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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Oct. 11 PTO Meeting  
Oct. 15 No School

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## Weekly Bulletin

October 4, 2021

If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT**. Parents are required to inform the school within 24 hours if a student or someone in the student's home tests positive. This is non-negotiable and applies to everyone.



Beacons of Light is a multiyear process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Rooted in prayer, groupings of parishes will come together as one faith community. These new Families of Parishes will be stronger together, focused more on mission than on maintenance. In the Families of Parishes we will grow closer to God, follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and radiate Christ in our lives.

Please use the following link to see the proposed family groupings and to provide feedback: <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light/parish-families>

A couple of very important things to consider:

- \*Each family with multiple parishes will be staffed with multiple priests, as appropriate per family.
- \*No parishes or schools are being closed at this time.
- \*Families of Parishes will be implemented July 1, 2022.

We are very fortunate to have such a strong community of faith to help pray for our churches and priests. Please pray with us for all the parishes during this time of transition.



### A Graced Moment

We are often conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider *graced moments*. The following is a true story told by a New York City Taxi Driver a few years back. It reads as follows:

I was responding to a call from a small brick fourplex in a quiet part of town. I assumed I was being sent to pick up some partiers, or someone going off to an early shift at some factory for the industrial part of town. When I arrived at the address, the building was dark except for a single light in a ground-floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a short minute, then drive away. Too many bad possibilities awaited a driver who went up to a darkened building at 2:30 in the morning. But I had seen too many people



trapped in a life of poverty who depended on the cab as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation had a real whiff of danger, I always went to the door to find the passenger. It might, I reasoned, be someone who needs my assistance. Would I not want a driver to do the same if my mother or father had called for a cab? So, I walked to the door and knocked.

"Just a minute," answered a frail and elderly voice. I could hear the sound of something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. "Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her, "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated." "Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. *You see, I'm on my way to a hospice.*" I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued in a soft voice, "and the doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove around the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were considerate and intent, watching her every move - they must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" She asked, reaching into her purse.

*'Nothing,' I said.*

"You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You know, you gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said, "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. *It was the sound of the closing of a life.*

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? How many other moments like that had I missed or failed to grasp? When that woman hugged me and said that I had brought her a moment of joy, it was possible to believe that I had been placed on earth for the sole purpose of providing her with that last ride. I do not think that I have ever done anything in my life that was any more important.

**Mark Friedman, CRE**



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



## Boys Basketball

Boys basketball registration is open! 3rd-8th grade boys who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), can register to play. The season runs from December through mid-February.

3rd & 4th grade plays an instructional-style league and 5th-8th grade plays in a competitive league. Click on the link below to sign up! #goeagles  
<https://boys-basketball-2021-2022.cheddarup.com>

## OLG Boys Basketball Program Night

Sunday October 3rd 5:30-7pm  
At Assumption Gym

Interested in playing boys basketball for OLG?  
Interested in coaching boys basketball?  
Already registered to play basketball this season?  
Want to learn more about it?  
Has it been a while since you've picked up a basketball?

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the boys basketball program to join us for an informative gathering. Players, potential players and coaches and families are invited.

We will have some of our coaches there to run drills with the boys. And our coordinators and members of the OLGAA will be available to answer any other questions you may have.

Hope to see you there!!



### IMPORTANT CHILD NUTRITION UPDATE

Food shortages are nationwide, and our district is also experiencing unavailable items or last minute replacements. Menus are subject to change, but we will do our best to notify you via social media if there are any changes.

We appreciate your patience and understanding!  
We look forward to serving all of our students free breakfast and lunch this school year.

This institution is an equal opportunity employer. Marketing courtesy of SEA Level Social.



We could all use a little more kindness in our lives. And while it's nice when kind acts enter our lives at seemingly random moments, what if everyone approached being kind *intentionally*?

Kindness, above all your strengths, has the ability to change the world. Being kind makes you feel better physically and emotionally. Kindness improves your relationships with your family. Being kind increases your sense of community and brings you closer to those important persons in your life. Kindness can help shape and improve your world view.

We are asking you to help spread the word about *Signed to be Kind*!

Once a family signs the pledge, they receive weekly text messages and/or monthly emails that encourage them to be kind to themselves, their families, their community, and yes, even the world. The tips are easy and fun and bring families closer together.

The campaign is supported on social media with regular posts and the hashtag #SignedToBeKind

You can learn more about Signed to be Kind here <https://beechacres.org/signed-to-be-kind/> (it's ok, go ahead and sign up while you're there!) This page also includes the pledge itself. Please make sure parents include Our Lady of Grace School so we can track how many families sign up!



Families can also download and print a certificate to actually sign and hang up in their homes to remind them to be kind. <https://beechacres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Signed-to-be-Kind-Certificate.pdf>

(Please copy and paste the links in your browser)



# Virtual FREEZE DANCE!



The Character Effect™ is a flexible, developmental framework focused on strengths and mindfulness. The Character Effect™ is designed to improve student self-control, increase classroom participation, cultivate an atmosphere of respect for others, and boost overall self-acceptance.

The Character Effect™ invites you and your family for a fun Virtual Freeze Dance Party!

October 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 – 7:30PM (EST)

Please use the Zoom link below to register for this event. (Register with an adult's email address as student emails are blocked by Zoom.)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join-link>



  
**The Character Effect™**  
Being mindful.  
Building strengths.

## High School Information

Junior High Parents-This section of the Weekly Bulletin will be used to offer various information about the Catholic high schools in our area. Click on the link to get to the high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.



<https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/>



<https://www.badinhs.org/admissionshome.html>



<https://www.mercymcauley.org/admissions>



<https://www.rogerbacon.org/future-spartans/application-process>



<https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions>



<https://www.purcellmarian.org/admissions/>



<https://www.depaulcristorey.org/admissions>



<https://www.lasallehs.net/admissions/class-of-2026-checklist/incoming-class-checklist/>



<https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/classof2025>