

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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### Weekly Bulletin

January 14, 2022

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.

## No School Tomorrow, Friday, January 14



We would like to welcome parents of the Lower School students (K-3) from 1:00-2:00. Parents of Upper School students (4-8) are welcome from 2:00-3:00. If you have children in both, please attend the time convenient for your family. Masks will be required for all guests.



In celebration of the many cultures that make our school and community great, we would like to highlight some of them at a

Spring Cultural Fair.

Please complete this optional survey so that we can identify suggestions, volunteers, and resources to make this fair a success:

https://forms.gle/3CN2zXqnnCiGegJK7



#### Be not afraid.

As I write this, it is already January 12<sup>th</sup>. The turning of the New Year seems far behind us, although it has been less than two weeks! As we start our journey into this New Year, it's normal to ponder what lies on the road ahead and we can fall into the very bad habit of worrying about the future. What will be in store for me? What about my family? Surfing the web or turning on the daily news can easily lead us to such things as financial concerns, our health, and anxiety over everything from the economy to peace in our country and in the world!

But when I find myself going down that rabbit hole, I turn to these words from scripture – be not afraid. These three words – this phrase - appears more than any other phrase in the Bible. In fact, 365 times – basically one for each day of the year! And one of the best ways to be faithful to the Lord is to take him at his word: "Be not afraid." This is a call to courage. Jesus is asking us to be calm in the storm of life, not only for our own peace of mind but for the well-being of our loved ones. In times of trouble, you can be the face of Christ to your family, the people you meet, and to yourself - by showing your faith in His strength.



We don't have a crystal ball to tell us what's going to happen next, but we do have a body of wisdom that saves us from a lot of confusion and dread. It's summarized for us in the Apostle's Creed. So here is a New Year's plan worth adopting. Jesus urges us to brush aside our fears by focusing on Him, and His power to carry us through the storms of life. His teachings, handed down to us from the Apostles, contain a body of knowledge, which we need today. Why not recite the Apostles Creed once a day – it will strengthen your faith immensely. Here it is:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead, and on the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Your decision to recite this Creed once a day will help you to trust the Lord in all situations. Your gradual transformation in Christ will bring blessings to those whom you love, and to everyone around you. Why not trust the Lord? He does for us what we are not yet able to do for ourselves: *Be not afraid*. May the Lord be our strength and our joy!

Reflect on these words of Saint John Paul II:

"Brothers and sisters, do not be afraid to welcome Christ and accept his power. Help all those who wish to serve Christ and with Christ's power to serve the human person and the whole of mankind. Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power, open the boundaries of nations, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture, civilization and development. Do not be afraid. Christ knows who we are. He alone knows it."

My blessings for a peaceful, happy, and healthy year!

Mark Friedman, CRE

## **Lunch Entrees for Upcoming Week**

Monday, Jan 17th: Martin Luther King Day (no school)

Tuesday, Jan 18th: Chicken Nuggets & Biscuit

Wed, Jan 19th: Brunch: French Toast Sticks & Scrambled Eggs

Thurs, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Choice of Various Items (Pepperoni Calzones, Chicken Quesadillas, Cheesy Bites, etc)

Friday, Jan 21st: Cheese Pizza

All meals include a choice of fruit and milk
 Alternative entrees will follow the regular weekly schedule.

Note: The OLG Cafeteria is having new equipment installed this week as to better serve our students. On Thursday, we will need to serve various items to optimize our storage. Thank you for your flexibility!

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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 changed by the parent in Option C and updated with your new information. 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.

#### **2 HOUR DELAY**

There will be no AM buses to OLG from any district opening on time when OLG is on a 2 hour delay. In this situation, parents will have to provide their own transportation to school to accommodate the 10:00 a.m. start time.

- There will be AM buses to OLG from any district also opening on a 2 HOUR DELAY.
- There will be PM busing from all districts who are open (regardless of their start time)
- There will be no AM or PM busing from any district that is CLOSED.

#### **CLOSED**

- No school and no child care.
- \* Parents and guardians are the determinants of whether or not it is safe to transport students in their charge. Please exercise your own good judgment when determining if, when or how students will be transported in the event of inclement weather.

Please contact your child care provider (including YMCA) to determine their policies and procedures for inclement weather.