



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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Weekly Bulletin

January 20, 2022

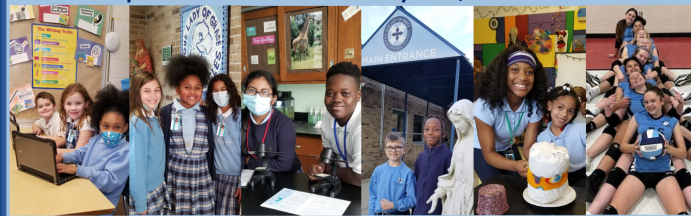
If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.**



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Visit us and learn about all OLG has to offer at our
Open House: January 30, 1 – 3 PM



Due to the latest increase in Covid cases in our community, we will only be able to host our new families for Open House this year. We are disappointed our current families cannot attend, but we hope to be able to welcome everyone back next year!

Please use the following link to sign up to help us with new family tours at Open House: [CLICK HERE](#)



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:

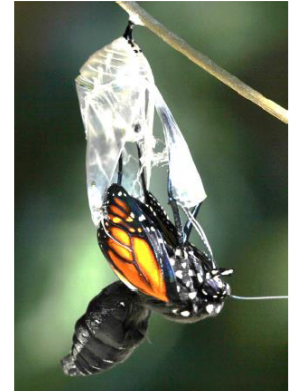
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The last day for the survey will be January 26. The Spring Culture Fair will not take place without adequate parent involvement. Thank you!



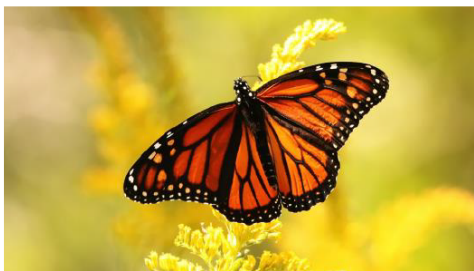
If I Were a Butterfly

Lately I've been reminded of the story of a man who saw a butterfly cocoon in his backyard. The man watched it over time, hoping to see the beautiful butterfly come out and take wing. Sure enough, one day a small opening appeared, he sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then, suddenly, the butterfly seemed to stop making any progress at all. It appeared as if it had gotten stuck and it could go no farther. So, in his compassion, the man decided to help that butterfly. He went into the house, got a pair of scissors, and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. When he did this the butterfly emerged from the cocoon very easily. But when it came out, to the man's surprise, the butterfly had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.



The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither of those things happened. In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. What the man in his kindness and haste did not understand, was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were nature's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

So, what do butterflies have in common with the human spirit? Plenty. Maggie, a middle-aged wife and mother, wasn't rich like a millionaire or poor in a manner of being homeless. She was living an average, comfortable life. It was made even better when a beautiful baby girl came her way. She and her husband made sure their daughter had her needs met and they were still able to take a yearly vacation by the beach. Maggie was a partner in her husband's business. They both had a different set of duties which kept everything in balance. One day a devastating blow came to her husband's business, and her husband had to totally reinvent himself and was yearning to fulfill a dream with a new vocation. She was happy for him and supported him fully, but still the money was not coming in.



Maggie began to feel guilty that she wasn't contributing with any kind of income. She began job hunting and found filling out applications somewhat difficult, especially the part asking for job references. Keep in mind that she was self-employed with her husband for almost 20 years. It felt as though that didn't count for anything as she was never called for an interview. Then her mother became ill, and Maggie found herself cooking and cleaning for her mom and became even more discouraged.

Eventually, three long years of struggle had finally caught up with her. She became angry and she cried harder and yelled out loud: *"Tell me, God, what do you want me to do?"* She really felt that God had abandoned her. When she was able to cry no more – it was at that moment that an idea came to her to offer other elderly people home care assistance. Using her talent for computers she printed off flyers and cards and distributed them to her church, grocery stores and even placed a small ad in the newspaper. Within a week she had procured three new clients. And from there, the business took off. In time, Maggie had to hire others to help with her business. So, had God really abandoned her? Of course not! God never will!

We, as humans, are not any different. Like the story of the cocoon and the butterfly, there are times that we *need* to struggle, to rid ourselves of what makes up the sadness, fear, and anger in our lives. It is only at this time - when we are exhausted and still - that we begin to hear God whisper to us.

Mark Friedman, CRE

Lunch Entrees for the Upcoming Week

Monday, Jan 24th: Chicken Patty on a Bun

Tuesday, Jan 25th: Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

Wed, Jan 26th: Cincy Chili & Spaghetti

Thurs, Jan 27th: Corn Dog on a Stick

Friday, Jan 28th: Cheesy Breadsticks w/ Pizza Sauce

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

K-2 Instructional Basketball: K-2 Instructional Basketball sign ups are open! Boys and Girls who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), and are in grades Kindergarten - 2nd grade can register to play instructional basketball. The season runs from mid-February through the end of March.

Sessions are one night a week, on Sunday's, for 1-hour. The sessions are typically split into two halves, where student athletes will focus on learning fundamental skills (dribbling, passing, shooting drills) and then participate in small scrimmage (providing there are enough participants).

Register today by clicking the link below! #letsgoeagles 🏀🐦💙

<https://k-2-instructional-basketball-2022.cheddarup.com>



Can You Build a Snowman?

Sculpture Project

Art Contest

- *Make it a family affair...one entry per family.*
- *Everyone can work together!*
- *Any materials can be used...just no GLASS.*
- *Sculpture must be smaller than 2 feet tall and 1 foot wide.*
- *Complete an index card with student's name and grade.*
- *Entries due by Friday, January 28th at 8:10 am outside the main office—judging will commence soon afterward.*
- *Prize bags awarded to all entries.*
- *Any questions? Email Mrs. Renick*

OLG Virtual



All talents are welcome! Singing, dancing, playing an instrument, comedy, magic tricks, dancing, etc...

- ★ All videos should be sent to Ms. Waltner at mwaltner@olgcs.org by January 31 at 8:00am. Please include the student's name, grade, and talent in the subject line of the email.
- ★ The video cannot be longer than 1 minute 30 seconds.
- ★ All grades are welcome to submit their talent.
- ★ The Talent Show will premier on the OLG Family Facebook page on Friday, February 4th. All submissions are giving OLG permission to post their video on this page.

Late videos are not guaranteed to make it into the show.



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.



Fitness, Empowerment, & Fun? Join Girls on the Run!

WHAT is Girls on the Run?

Girls on the Run is a program that gives girls the opportunity to build confidence and healthy habits. You'll learn how to make great friendships, how to celebrate all that makes you unique, and so much more! Each week, you will also take part in training and activities that will help build endurance for a celebratory 5k running event.

WHO can join?

3rd, 4th and 5th grade girls like YOU!

WHEN do we meet?

Twice a week after school for 75-90 minutes with your team. The program is held at the school and is led by trained, volunteer coaches.

Registration for Girls on the Run begins next week on Monday, January 24th and runs through February 2nd. To register, go to www.gotrcincinnati.org and click the "Register Now" tab at the top of the page.

There is a small fee to participate in this program (price found on website and financial assistance is offered). Included in the cost is healthy snacks for every practice, two t-shirts, a new pair of running shoes, and admission to a celebratory 5K run in May!

There are only 16 spots on the team. In the event of high interest, Girls on the Run will conduct a lottery drawing of names. The season begins February 14th and runs until May 7th and practice is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sexton, Mrs. Spegal, or Mrs. Mitchell