



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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May 21 Graduation 10:30
May 22 Last Day of
School Mass 10:30,
student dismissal 12:00
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Please join us on the
2nd Monday of every month at
6:30 pm at school
Together we will explore the strengths,
opportunities and aspirations of our
students and families to encourage
positive results!

Weekly Bulletin

May 17, 2024



The school office will be closed May 23-24.

Summer hours:

May 28-June 30 9:00-12:00 (M-R) or By Appointment Only (F)

July 1-July 31 By Appointment Only

Please email the direct person to schedule an appointment.



Last Day of School

May 22: Last Day of School

We will be celebrating the last day of school with an all school Mass at 10:30. After Mass, we will honor our retirees, and sing the Circle Song. Parents are invited to share in this celebration with us.

We will then go back to the classrooms for final summer preparations. At 12:00, you are invited to sign your child(ren) out from their homerooms. It is fun for the kids to have a special early dismissal the last day!

We understand not all parents are able to be here to get their child early, so teachers will have lunch with students whose parents are unable to pick them up for the Early Dismissal. The cafeteria will have a brown bag style lunch and milk available for students to buy, or they can pack their own lunch from home. Teachers will supervise students until dismissal at 2:50 p.m. Buses will be running at their normal times for those few students.



Congratulations to Ms. Braun on her retirement from OLG!

Ms. Braun started her career at Assumption School in 1981. She then transitioned to OLG when the 4 schools combined and has been here since the beginning in 2008. She has spent the last 43 years educating young kids and helping her colleagues and her school community in so many ways. She is looking forward to spending time at Indian Lake, taking long walks and being able to eat breakfast without a rush. We are so grateful to Ms. Braun for all her years of serving the students and teachers at OLG!


We also want to wish Mrs. Hurley, Mrs. Mitchell, and Ms. Sexton well as they move on to new opportunities in their careers. All the best to them and a big thank you for their service at OLG!

We have some exciting news to share about some teachers who are staying at OLG but taking on new roles. Ms. Montgomery is moving to first grade, and Mrs. Morgan is moving to Kindergarten. Ms. Branscum is excited to be going to second grade, and Mrs. Mentrup is moving to our Title I position. With all this shuffling, we are excited to welcome some new faces to our OLG faculty and staff! [CLICK HERE](#) to read all about our new teachers.



MAY LUNCH MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 Chicken Drumstick Mac n Cheese Carrot Sticks w/Ranch Choice of Fruit & Milk	14 Asian Orange Chicken Rice, Steamed Broccoli Choice of Fruit & Milk	15 Brunch for Lunch Chx Sausage, Pancakes Tator Tots Choice of Fruit & Milk	16 Marco's Cheese Pizza Tossed Romaine Salad Slushie Juice Cup, Milk \$1.00 cash for Extra Slice	17 Cheese Bites w/Pizza Sauce California Medley Choice of Fruit & Milk
20 Turkey & Cheese Sub Emoticon Fries Choice of Fruit & Milk	21 Chef's Choice Variety of Entrees Choice of Fruit & Milk	22 Last Day of School Brown Bag Lunch Fruit & Milk 	Alternative Entee Schedule: Mondays: Grape PBJ & Cheese Stick Tuesdays: Moo Meal (Yogurt, Crackers & Cheese) Wednesdays: Bagel with Cream Cheese Thursdays: Moo Meal (Yogurt, Crackers & Cheese) Fridays: Fish on a Bun	

* Menu subject to change based on product availability. *This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.





Creating a Thoughtful Transition into Summer

Here we are again – at the end of another school year! As it comes to a close, it's important to take time to reflect on the year, acknowledge the challenges, celebrate growth, and honor the connections we've all made. It's true that the pace of activities and anticipation of summer can add to a sense of frenzy in these final school days. Children are excited about vacations. Parents are ready to shed the early morning commute to school and the pressures of homework duty. It's tempting to race blindly forward into the sunshine without looking back. But there is significant value in taking a moment to reflect on the growth of the past year – friendships, academic progress, and newly developed interests. Children may be sad to leave their teacher, their friends and the school routine. They may worry about the loss of the stability and consistency that school provides over the summer and all of the unknowns of the anticipated next school year. Here are some small, simple steps you can take to ease the transition and also deepen the lessons of the year through reflection.

Retell the defining moments.

As a parent, ask your child what was the most surprising thing that happened this year? Did he make a new friend? When did she feel embarrassed? What made them belly laugh? What were they most proud of learning? These simple questions can elicit a range of stories. And you can promote reflection on learning by asking questions about specific subjects and what they knew at the beginning of the school year, and how they progressed.



At a family dinner, bedtime, or on a road trip drive, ask some reflective questions and spend time together thinking about the many great moments of this past school year.

Work together with your child on a thoughtful card or letter for her teacher.

End of the year gifts or flowers for a teacher are one traditional way to show appreciation. But consider instead, of or in addition to a gift, sitting down with your child to write a letter together about what you appreciate about that teacher and the past school year. Talk about it a bit before launching into writing. "What were some of your favorite activities you remember from this year? Why is your teacher so special? Do you remember a time when your teacher was especially kind? Write down what you appreciate about the teacher and the school year with your child can be a valued keepsake for the teacher and a helpful reflection for your child on the year.

Transitioning into Summer...

Though you may be eager to end the daily school routine, children still need some sense of predictability. So, talk about changes in your summer routine while your family is together. Consider your morning, bedtime and meal times and other transitions in the day. How will things stay the same? How will things change? Having this discussion can help set expectations for the summer and also provide that sense of stability children can thrive on through routines.

Consider instituting quiet time or reading hour.

Consider assigning a particular time of day to serve as a quiet time whenever you are around the house. After lunch seems to work well for our family. Turn off devices and media. Haul out blankets and books. You could include snacks. But it should be a time when all in the household "power down" and take it easy. Set the expectation for this at the beginning of summer and kids will assume it's part of their summer routine.

Brainstorm a list of favorite summertime activities.

Grab a poster board or newsprint and brainstorm together a list of favorite activities you want to be sure and get in over the summer. Separate into "at home" and "out." Make sure there are some ideas that can be done as solo play. Hang it on the refrigerator or somewhere you can refer to it throughout the summer. This serves as a terrific way to anticipate the fun of summer and can be an invaluable support for pointing to when your child comes to you bored and unsure of how to spend his or her time.

And – most importantly – don't forget to pray together - frequently! The best advice I can give!

Happy School Year's End and Summer's Beginning to You and Your Family!

Blessings, Mark Friedman CRE / OLG

"Great is the art of beginning, but greater the art is of ending." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

THE PTO NEEDS YOU

without volunteers, the pto cannot host the wonderful events your student's love. No official title needed, just show up at our meetings and be involved - that's all we ask!

Eagle Walk

Meet your student's school friends and other parents. Help from home coordinating the event or spend the day with students

graduation

plan and celebrate the accomplishments of our students as they move to their next adventures

socials

Help us welcome new families and share your experiences

dances

help provide fun experiences for the students and families

Trunk or treat

Provide families a chance to meet and mingle

Heritage events

celebrate our rich diversity and learn about other cultures.

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Congratulations to Ms. Braun for winning the Thank a Teacher award from the Cincinnati radio station 94.9. She won a \$250.00 gift certificate to Natorps. Way to go Ms. Braun!

2024-25
SCHOOL YEAR
CALENDAR



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School Year Calendar

Parents of students from the St. Margaret Mary and St. Ann Churches:
Please see the information below on sacraments for 2025.



**Mary Queen
of Heaven**
Family of Parishes

FROM THE OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION MQH

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 2025

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IN 2025

⇒ All baptized children who attend Our Lady of Grace School, and who are also parishioners of St Ann or St. Margaret Mary should plan to attend sacrament preparation in the fall. Parents should note the parent meeting dates for each sacrament and plan on attending. Confirmation prep meets for 8 sessions plus a student retreat. First Reconciliation and Communion prep each meet for about 8 sessions and all children are expected to attend the First Communion retreat.

⇒ **Contact Pam Bevington** at pbevington@saintannparish.org OR 513-521-8440 X117
by **September 1st, 2024.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

PARENT MEETINGS: (CLASS SCHEDULE WILL BE GIVEN AT THIS MEETING)

- ⇒ CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING, SEPT 24, 2024
- ⇒ FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING, OCT 22, 2024
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING, FEB 18, 2025

SACRAMENT RETREATS:

- ⇒ (option 1) CONFIRMATION RETREAT, **SAT, OCT 5, 2024** (DAY TIME, location TBD)
- ⇒ (option 2) CONFIRMATION RETREAT at St. James School/Parish on THURS, JAN 16 (SCHOOL DAY)
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT, TUES, APRIL 29, 2025

SACRAMENT DATES:

- ⇒ FIRST RECONCILIATION, JAN 22, 2025—ST ANN
- ⇒ FIRST COMMUNION, MAY 3 & 4, 2025—ST ANN
- ⇒ CONFIRMATION (MQH FAMILY), SUN JAN 26, 2025—CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST PETER IN CHAINS

If you or your child is interested in becoming Catholic, please reach out to our Director of Evangelization, Barb Yoder at 513-353-4207 ext.5.
We would love to welcome our families into the church!