



# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

*Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service*

## Calendar Links



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Sept. 3 Spiritwear Day  
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## Weekly Bulletin

August 27, 2021



### Notes from the School Office

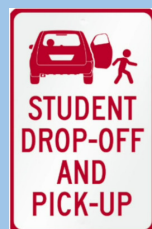
\*If your student is going to be absent, please call the office at 513-931-3070 BEFORE 8:00am to report the absence.

\*Students are marked tardy promptly at 8:00am if they are not in their classroom. Please make sure they arrive in enough time to get to their class.

\*Afternoon transportation changes need to be communicated with the student before they come to school. If there is an emergency, please call the office, but changes should not be made every day.

\*If your student forgets their lunch, they can get lunch in the cafeteria. If it is an emergency, you can drop the lunch off in the office.

Please follow these guidelines to help keep our students happy and healthy!



[CLICK HERE for the Pick Up Procedures](#)

Parents and family members who are picking up students in the upper lot MAY NOT get to school and start lining up until 2:25pm. Getting here early will conflict with scheduled activities at church.

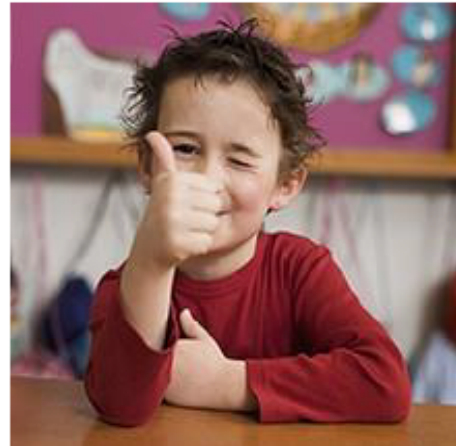
If you have someone else pick up your child, please make sure they are aware of this. We will be asking people to pull through the lot who arrive before 2:25pm.



## Ready, Set, Go!

Whenever school is about to start up again, I know that I chose the right profession because I am as excited as the students to get back into the routine. I love seeing all of the kids back in the building – anxious, smiling, excited, full of anticipation – ready to start another year-long school adventure!

I used my summer months well. In early June we drove up to visit my two kids who live and work in New York City - who we hadn't seen in person since Covid started in 2020. It was really great to finally spend time with them, exploring their Brooklyn neighborhood, having dinners together, visiting museums, taking walks, meeting their friends, and really – just talking and catching up. But the most worthwhile part of the whole trip was seeing them and hugging them in person. *What a blessing!*



I got down to some Reds games, did lots of reading, worked around the house, and searched on-line for new ideas to use in my work this year. I am rested and ready to go!

As a lifelong educator, I look forward to all the learning that will happen at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School this year and to seeing once again the talented and hardworking teachers and staff with whom I am grateful to share this building. As a Minister and Coordinator, I pray that everyone will have a safe, successful, and healthy year of learning.

Pray this prayer with me:

Dear Lord, *what will this year bring?* We just don't know. It will likely bring us its usual times of work and play, experiences of learning, newness, success and challenges, all the things that are part of school life.

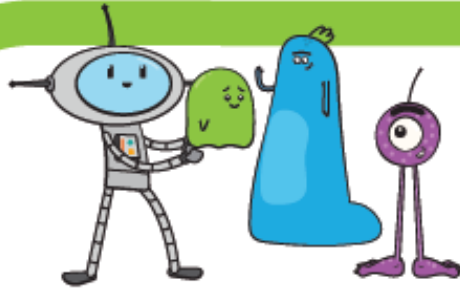
It's a new beginning; the planting of a seed that will grow for a whole year - the seed of fruit that will blossom in times to come. It offers new hope; hope for good work; hope for successful results.

In this coming year, may there be learning, prayer, friendship, and fun. May there be hard work and graced moments of faith. May no one in school ever be lonely; may no one be left out in class; may no one suffer because of how others treat them. May all of stay safe, and healthy, and continue to work to bring about your Kingdom.

As we begin this new school year in hope, in prayer, and friendship, may God begin it with us, be with us during it, and successfully bring it to its conclusion.

Our Lady of Grace, pray for us! Amen.

*Mark Friedman, CRE*



# The Character Effect™

Being mindful.  
Building strengths.

**Hello Parents, Guardians,  
and Caregivers!**

We are so excited to partner with your child's school to bring The Character Effect™ to your entire school community! We are thrilled to reintroduce the program to you!

The Character Effect™ is a universal social emotional learning (SEL) program that combines character strengths (the unique strengths every child has inside them!) with the science of mindfulness to help students improve their self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Our evidence-based program is taught by your child's teachers right alongside their regular academic curriculum.

The Character Effect™ also supports your child's teacher to help them improve their own self-care so they can be more energized and focused on creating a successful learning environment in their classroom. We also can help YOU become more intentional with your child at home with weekly parenting tips that coincide with the strengths your student is learning at school. This creates a common strength language between your child's classroom and your home.

Here are some examples of the weekly tips we send home in coordination with your child's school through ClassDojo or a similar parenting app. You can also find these tips on our Instagram page:



**Strength of the Week  
Parenting Tips**



**Mindfulness  
Parenting Tips**



We also help your school host fun Family Engagement events for the entire school community using the strengths of Zest, Creativity, and Love to interact with you and your child. These events are so much fun and we look forward to seeing your family at one or more this year!

We're looking forward to a Zestful year! If you'd like to learn more, please visit our website [thecharactereffect.org](http://thecharactereffect.org) or follow us on social media. We'd love to hear from you!





## IMMUNIZATIONS Needed-New Students and 7th Graders

Please remember to send in a current copy of your child's immunizations to the school. This applies to your child if they are new to OLG this year or in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students need to have the tdap and meningococcal vaccines for entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. These are requirements for the first day of school in the state of Ohio. We have given families a 2 week grace period from the start of school to get these records into school or your child will not be permitted to attend school starting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

You can send a copy in with your child or fax a copy to the school at 513-931-3707. Thank you so much for your prompt attention to this.

Mrs. Shewmaker



This is a reminder that school starts at 8:00 am. Breakfast is served until 8:15. Any student arriving after 8:15 will not be offered breakfast.

All students arriving after 8:00am should enter the building through the main entrance and report to the office. Parents are asked to please stay in the parking lot until the student has entered the building.

If your student is going to be absent, please call the office at 513-931-3070 BEFORE 8:00am to report the absence.

## Want to Volunteer?



We are looking forward to welcoming volunteers back into our school! If you would like to volunteer in any way (classroom, Walk-a-thon, coaching, field trips, etc.), please see the information below.

Every person in a position which requires contact or interaction with youth or vulnerable adults must complete the **SafeParish™** edition of Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse training session before they are permitted to work or volunteer within any of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati parishes, schools, or institutions. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to complete the training.

[Click Here](#) for directions on registering for Safe Parish.

Parents who were previously trained under the Virtus program will also need to use these directions to register.

# GOT BREAKFAST?



## OUR LADY OF GRACE HAS IT!

*School breakfast will be offered every school day.*

*7:30am – 8:00am*

**\* Students in the lower grades (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) will be served breakfast in the classroom beginning at 8:00am.**

New to school breakfast? Hot and cold breakfast entrees offered daily along with fruit, 100 % juice and milk. All meals follow USDA guidelines regarding whole grains, calories and saturated fat. Due to serving in the classroom, many items will be individually wrapped and easier to serve to many students. The items offered are specially formulated foods for k-12 schools with nutrition in mind! Don't tell your students though, because they taste delicious!

*If your student wants breakfast, they must arrive in time.*

- **Universal Free Meals** for all students for the 2021-22 school year! This includes breakfast and lunch.
- **Free & Reduced Applications that were approved last school year will carryover for 2021-22!** Households whose application was approved last school year will not need to re-apply this school year. If you are unsure if your household was previously approved, contact Cathy Lawson at [clawson@olgcs.org](mailto:clawson@olgcs.org).
- New families & families that have not been approved last year are encouraged to apply for meal benefits even though meals are universally free. Only students approved for meal benefits will be eligible for Pandemic food benefits (P-EBT) if they become available this school year. Applications are available at the school office or by contacting Cathy Lawson at (513) 931-3070 or email at [clawson@olgcs.org](mailto:clawson@olgcs.org).



# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



## Girls Volleyball

Assessments (Players must be registered to attend assessments):

Saturday, 8/28

7th/8th 9-10:30

5th/6th 11-12:30

Both open gyms & assessments will be held at Little Flower and players must be registered to attend. [CLICK HERE](#) to register. All girls will need knee pads.



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**Why apply for Free & Reduced Meals if meals are free?** Only students who apply AND are approved for free & reduced meal benefits are eligible for Pandemic Food Benefits (P-EBT) if they become available.

**New families** are encouraged to apply for meal benefits. Contact the OLG Cafeteria for an application or go to the OLG /Calendar/Cafeteria web-site.



# EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

NO MORE CLIPPING. ALL YOU NEED IS YOUR SMARTPHONE.

The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

LOOK FOR THE NEW LABEL:



## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:



### BUY

#### BOX TOPS PRODUCTS

You can find Box Tops on hundreds of products throughout the store.



### SCAN

#### YOUR RECEIPT

Use the app to snap a photo of your receipt within 14 days of purchase.



### EARN

#### CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL

Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



## BOX TOPS CLIPS ON PACKAGES

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production but may continue to be found on many products throughout the store as packages transition to the new Box Tops labels. You can still clip these and send them to school. Please make sure each clip has a valid expiration date.



### BUY

BOX TOPS PRODUCTS



### CUT

OUT THE BOX TOP FROM EACH PACKAGE



### SEND

YOUR BOX TOPS TO SCHOOL

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