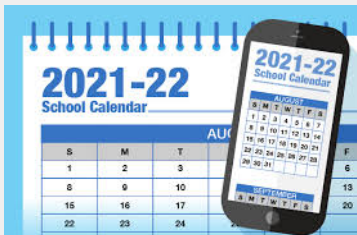




Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

Expanding Minds • Growing Faith • Inspiring Service

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Sept. 29 Picture Day

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Weekly Bulletin

September 17, 2021

BEFORE YOU COME TO SCHOOL . . .



CHECK FOR FEVER

STAY HOME IF EXPERIENCING ANY SYMPTOMS

COUGH · SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR DIFFICULTY BREATHING ·
FEVER OR CHILLS · FATIGUE · MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES ·
HEADACHE · NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL · SORE
THROAT · CONGESTION OR RUNNY NOSE ·
NAUSEA OR VOMITING · DIARRHEA

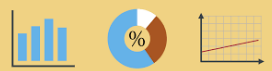


If **ANYONE** in your house is being tested for COVID, **YOUR CHILD CANNOT COME TO SCHOOL UNTIL THE PERSON BEING TESTED RECEIVES A NEGATIVE TEST RESULT.**

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.

COVID-19 DASHBOARD



While the Ohio Department of Health encourages but does not require Ohio schools to report numbers of positive cases, we believe sharing these numbers **each week** is a transparent way to help us all track the movement of the virus and better manage our

response. Our dashboard can be found on our school website at www.olgcs.org.

No school can control community spread of the virus, but we will continue to do all we can to keep our students and staff safe at school. On that note, we cannot overstate the importance of doing daily wellness checks at home before coming to school, using the above information.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone healthy and safe!



We have had several students coming to school out of uniform this year. Some things to remember:

1. We do not allow khaki (brown) pants, skirts, or shorts.
2. The uniform jumper is plaid (see below).
3. Navy jumpers, skirts, and shorts are not uniform.

Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the uniform information below. The entire Dress Code can be found on our website: [CLICK HERE](#) . For new families, please go to our OLG Family Sharing Group on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OLGEagles/> . If there is a size you need, you can post it there, and other parents can reply if they have them available.

SHIRTS

Solid white or light blue collared shirts must be worn by boys and girls. Shirts must be either:

- 1) a polo style shirt or
- 2) a button up oxford cloth shirt (girls may choose a blouse with a rounded collar in place of the oxford cloth).

Shirts must be purchased from one of the uniform companies or a department store which carries a school uniform line of clothing. Shirts may be long or short sleeved (no “capped” sleeves are allowed). No stripes, logos or markings are allowed on the shirts.

PANTS

Boys and girls may wear trousers/slacks purchased from one of the uniform companies or a department store which carries a school uniform line of clothing. The pants must have belt loops and a navy, black or brown belt must be worn at all times in grades four through eight. The pants must be solid navy blue (no stripes, logos or markings). Corduroy, double knit, sweatpants, cargo pants with large extra pockets on the sides, pajama bottoms, athletic pants or any other non-uniform pants may not be worn.

SKIRTS

Girls in grades K-4 will wear uniform plaid jumpers or pants. Girls in grades 5-8 will wear uniform skirts, skorts, or pants. Plaid jumpers and skirts may be purchased from Schoolbelles (visit www.schoolbelles.com) or Educational Outfitters (www.EducationalOutfitters.com) . Skirts and jumpers must be no shorter than 3” from the knee and be no longer than just below the knee. Skirts may not be rolled at the waist.

SHORTS

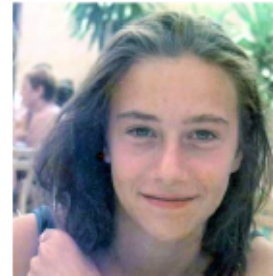
Uniform shorts may be worn before October 31st and again after March 1st. Shorts must be navy and purchased from one of the uniform companies or a department store which carries a school uniform line of clothing. Shorts must be no shorter than fingertip length and be no longer than just below the knee. No patch pockets are allowed. No pockets on the sides of the shorts are allowed. A navy, black or brown belt must be worn with the shorts in grades four through eight.



An Inspiring Teenage Saint

When we think about saints, we don't usually think about teenagers who failed math class, stayed out late having coffee with friends, and loved listening to the latest pop music sensations. Yet, that describes Chiara Badano, an 18-year-old soon-to-be canonized saint.

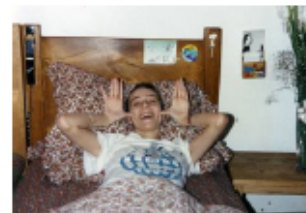
She was born on October 29, 1971, to Ruggero and Maria Teresa Badano in the small village of Sassello, Italy. They waited and prayed eleven years to have a baby, and considered Chiara to be their greatest blessing. Her father worked as a truck driver, while her mom stayed at home to raise Chiara. They were a loving family and Chiara loved her Catholic faith from an early age. Even at age 4, Badano would give away her toys to poor children and eagerly visited nursing homes to comfort the elderly. As she grew older and entered high school, she was a popular girl with lots of friends, but when asked about sharing her faith, Chiara said she did not try to bring Jesus to her friends with words, but rather, by her example and how she lived her life.



She loved sports, tennis, sang, danced, and being with friends. From the outside, she was just an ordinary teenager who loved to have fun. But then at age 17 while playing tennis, Chiara felt a sharp stabbing pain in her shoulder. At first, she thought nothing of it, but when the pain continued, she underwent a series of tests and the doctors discovered she had a rare and painful form of bone cancer called *osteogenic sarcoma*. It spread quickly, with the likely chance that she would die. Throughout her treatment, Chiara refused to take any morphine so she could stay aware. "It reduces my ability to speak, she said, "and there's only one thing I can do now: to offer my sufferings to Jesus and share as much as possible in his sufferings on the cross." During her stays in the hospital, she would take the time to go on walks with another patient who was struggling with depression. These walks caused Chiara great pain,

but she never let it show. Her parents often encouraged her to rest but she would only reply, "I'll be able to sleep later on." When she was very sick, her parents refused to leave her bedside. But Chiara made them dinner reservations for Valentine's Day and ordered them to take some time off, and to not return until after midnight. She also wrote, "Holy Christmas 1990. Thank you for everything. Happy New Year," on a Christmas card and hid it among some blank ones for her mother to find later. While undergoing a painful medical procedure, Chiara had a vision of a lady with a very beautiful smile. "She came up to me and took me by the hand, and her touch filled me with courage. Then she disappeared, and I could no longer see her. But my heart was filled with an immense joy and all fear left me. In that moment I understood that if we're always ready for everything, God sends us many signs of his love." Chiara's faith and spirit never dwindled even after the cancer left her unable to walk and a CAT scan showed that any hope of recovery was gone. In response, she simply said, "If I had to choose between walking again and going to heaven, I wouldn't hesitate. I would choose heaven." In the midst of her pain, she continually said, "For you, Jesus - if you want it, I want it too!"

Many of her friends visited her in the hospital and said, "At first we thought we would visit Chiara to keep her spirits up, however, we soon realized that we were *the ones who needed her*. Her life was like a magnet drawing us towards her." One doctor said, "Through her smile, and her eyes full of light, she showed us that death doesn't exist; only life does." Despite her illness and being confined to bed, Chiara wrote letters and sent messages to others. She inspired everyone she met with her faith and love, and even gave all of her savings to the African missions. At the end of her short life, Chiara said: "I have nothing left, but I still have a heart –



Chiara in her hospital room – Age 18

and with that I can always love." She said to her mom, "Mum, don't cry tears for me. I'm going to be with Jesus. At my funeral, I don't want people crying, but singing with all their hearts." She asked to be buried in her "wedding gown" a white dress with a pink waist, symbolizing how she would be forever united with Jesus in heaven. Chiara Badano died on October 7, 1990, just short of her 19th birthday. She said, "Bye, Mum, be happy, because I am." Two thousand people attended her funeral; the Mayor shut down the town so people could attend. In 2009, the Pope acknowledged the miraculous cure of a young Italian boy who prayed to Chiara to heal him from meningitis. She was declared *Blessed Chiara Badano* on September 25, 2010. Many thousands attended the ceremony. Her feast day is October 29. *What an extraordinary young woman! Blessed Chiara, pray for us!*

Mark Friedman, CRE

THE PARENT HUB

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September PARENTING TIPS



This Month – Building Strong Family Bonds

Week of Sept 5th

Respond with empathy to your child's emotions. This will help them feel seen and heard. They will be more likely to turn to you for support in the future.

Week of Sept 12th

Connect with your child after times of separation. Take a minute to check in with them before moving on to the next "thing".

Week of Sept 19th

Reminisce with your child sharing about the past by telling stories or looking at photos. Set intentions to create new memories together.

Week of Sept 26th

Let your child know how much they mean to you. Tell them what you love and admire about them. Say "I love you" often.

girlscouts
of western ohio

Time to press play!



Come make music and find your beat at Girl Scouts.

Activity and a surprise for you, plus
conversation for parents & caregivers. All free!

Join us.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church

7612 Perry Street, Cincinnati, OH, 45231

Learn more about the Girl Scout Program, volunteer opportunities, and how to form a troop!

If you prefer a virtual event, see options at gsw.org/getstarted.

[CLICK HERE for Registration](#)

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. We will add all information they send to us to better help you be aware of what they are offering. You should also check the specific high schools' websites for further information and contact them directly with any questions you have.



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**3rd Annual
St. Ann
Car & Truck Show &
Craft Fair**

**Saturday, September 18
9am–2pm**

Rain or Shine

***Cars and Trucks from
1920 thru 1999 ***

Car Show Information

- **Registration: 9am-noon,
Awards @ 2pm**
 - **\$10.00 Entry Fee,
\$15.00 for 2 categories**
 - **Dash Plaques to first 50**
 - **Split the Pot**
 - **Free Admission for spectators**
 - **Concessions**
 - **St. Ann Church not responsible
for damages or accidents**
**For more information contact
Cindy - 513-521-8440
info@saintannparish.org**
- Pre-register @ saintannparish.org on
our Parish Life - Socials/Events page**

**Multiple
Category
Awards
including**



Pastor's Choice

**Shop our
indoor/outdoor
Craft Fair**

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