

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

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#### Weekly Bulletin

#### September 24, 2021

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.



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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 skorts 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: <u>CLICK HERE</u>. For new families, please go to our OLG Family Sharing Group on Facebook at

<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/OLGEagles/</u>. 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 <u>www.schoolbelles.com</u>) 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.



#### Love

Love is at the heart of the Gospel. And lately, it seems, through events in my own life, that God has chosen to show me the importance of love in small ways - especially in my family. Here are some stories I've found about that very thing.

"Late for a meeting, need to run," he said, as he ran out of the house. As he drove away, she came running down the stairs two at a time. "Wait, Daddy, wait!" she said, but he had already left. Her mouth crumpled into a frown. *"He forgot to give me a goodbye kiss,"* she whispered in a voice that trembled under the weight of her hurt. She called him on his cell phone, "you left without giving me a kiss!" she said, sobbing. "I am sorry sweetheart, but I have an important meeting," he said, his voice contrite. "It's okay," she said, trying to be all grown up as she cut off the call. She sadly ate her breakfast, picked up her school bag, and started to walk out of the door, her shoulders slumped. As she walked down the steps, the car glided to a stop outside the house. He got out of the car. She ran to him, her whole face lit up like a Christmas tree. "I am sorry I forgot," he said, as he picked her up and hugged her. She said nothing. Her jaw ached from smiling. Fifteen years later, no one would remember he was late for a meeting, but a little girl would never ever forget the day that her father drove all the way back home just to kiss her goodbye!

She moved her delicate fingers across the medals on his chest as she told him goodbye. Shipping out, and unsure if he would ever see her again, he hugged her tight and planted a kiss on her forehead. Then he turned abruptly towards the door. As he walked away, he thought to himself - no bullets could ever hit him so hard as much as his daughter's tears.

A son took his old father to a restaurant for an evening dinner. His Dad, being old and weak while eating, dropped food on his shirt and trousers, as other diners watched him in disgust. After he finished eating, his son quietly took him to the restroom, wiped the food particles, removed the stains, and combed his father's hair. The son settled the bill and started walking out with his father. At that time, an old man among the diners called out to the son and asked him, "Don't you think you've left something behind?" The son replied, "No sir, I haven't." The old man retorted, "Yes, you have! You left a lesson here for every son - and hope for every father."

One Christmas Eve, a man scolded his 3-year-old daughter for wasting an entire roll of gold wrapping paper while decorating a box to put under the Christmas tree. He told her that money was tight and was infuriated when the child tried to explain. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father on Christmas morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." When he found out the box was empty, he scolded her again, saying, "Don't you know when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and cried, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, Daddy." The father was crushed, put his arms around his little girl, and begged for her forgiveness. Some years later, an accident took the daughter's life. It is told that her father kept that gold box by his bed all his life, and whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

A lovely little girl was holding two apples in her hands. Her mom came in and softly asked her little daughter with a smile, "Sweetie, could you give your mom one of your two apples?" The girl looked up at her mom for some seconds, then she suddenly took a quick bite on one apple, and then quickly on the other. The mom felt the smile on her face freeze. She tried hard not to reveal her disappointment that her daughter had taken a bite of both apples. Then the little girl handed one of her bitten apples to her mom, and said, "Mommy, here you are – I tasted it - *it's the sweetest one*.

In the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the father, Tevye, takes his second oldest daughter to the train station to say a last goodbye as she leaves to join her fiancé in Siberia - who was arrested for protesting Russian injustice. "You must love him very much, to want to join him up in that frozen wasteland," he says. "But I love him Pappa," she responds, then choked up, she adds, "Oh Papa, God alone knows when we shall see each other again." Tevya looks at the little girl he raised, and with love and tears in his eyes. The train whistle blows. He says, *"The we will leave it in his hands."* 



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Simple stories, yet powerful in their message. It's all about Love. God reveals it to us all the time in small moments of grace, sprinkled here and there, day by day, throughout our whole lives. These moments are gifts. We have only to recognize them – and be thankful. Mark Friedman, CRE

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# Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association



### **Boys Basketball**

Boys basketball registration is open! 3rd-8th grade boys who attend OLG, or belong to one of the covenant parishes (Assumption, St. Margaret Mary, Little Flower, St. Ann), can register to play. The season runs from December through mid-February.

3rd & 4th grade plays an instructional-style league and 5th-8th grade plays in a

competitive league. Click on the link below to sign up! #goeagles https://boys-basketball-2021-2022.cheddarup.com

## **OLG Boys Basketball Program Night**

Sunday October 3rd 5:30-7pm At Assumption Gym

Interested in playing boys basketball for OLG? Interested in coaching boys basketball? Already registered to play basketball this season? Want to learn more about it? Has it been a while since you've picked up a basketball?

We would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about the boys basketball program to join us for an informative gathering. Players, potential players and coaches and families are invited.

We will have some of our coaches there to run drills with the boys. And our coordinators and members of the OLGAA will be available to answer any other questions you may have.

Hope to see you there!!



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## October 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30PM (EST)

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Please use the Zoom link below to register for this event. (Register with an adult's email address as student emails are blocked by Zoom.)

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/regist er/tZElcuysrzgsHdAw82rsGhA1guNNY4kn bgTH



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## **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.

