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Weekly Bulletin

September 9, 2022



Library Students

As a reminder, there is no supervision at the Groesbeck Library after school. Please make sure to go over your expectations with your student about staying in the library or allowing them to go places (DollarTree, Little Caesars, park, etc.) outside of the library.

Masks

OLG is not requiring masks, so the school will not be providing them. If students choose to wear a mask, they will need to bring one from home.

Detention

Detention is utilized to remind students all actions have consequences. Our mission encourages all of us to be positive members of our community who respect each other and our surroundings. Detention will begin next week. Students who receive a detention will serve it on the date listed on their slip. It will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3:10-4:00. Not showing up for detention will result in an additional detention. Students who are not picked up by 4:05pm will go to the Groesbeck Library.

Covid Guidelines for the 2022-2023 School Year

If your student tests positive (with and without symptoms):

The student will quarantine for 5 days (day 1 is the day after the student receives a positive result). Upon returning to school, the student will mask for the week after they return.

If someone in the student's home tests positive:

If student has no symptoms: The student should come to school with a mask for 2 weeks from the day of the positive result.

If student has or develops symptoms within that 2 week window: The student is presumed positive. The student will quarantine for 5 days (day 1 is the day after the student has symptoms). Upon returning to school, the student will mask for the week after they return.

All positive cases (student and/or household member) should be reported to the school attendance line at 513-931-3070 ext. 4. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Shewmaker at mshewmaker@olgcs.org.



A Graced Moment

We are often conditioned to think that our lives revolve around *great* moments. But *great* moments often catch us unaware - beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a *graced moment*. The following is a true story told by a New York City Taxi Driver a few years back.

"I was responding to a call from a small brick fourplex in a quiet part of town. I assumed I was being sent to pick up some partiers, or someone going off to an early shift at some factory for the industrial part of town. When I arrived at the address, the building was dark except for a single light in a ground-floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a short minute, then drive away. Too many bad possibilities awaited a driver who went up to a darkened building at 2:30 in the morning. But I had seen too many people

trapped in a life of poverty who depended on the cab as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation had a real whiff of danger, I always went to the door to find the passenger. It might, I reasoned, be someone who needs my assistance. Would I not want a driver to do the same if my mother or father had called for a cab? So, I walked to the door and knocked.

"Just a minute," answered a frail and elderly voice. I could hear the sound of something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware. "Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her: "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated." "Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?" "It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly. "Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. *You see, I'm on my way to a hospice.*" I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued in a soft voice, "and the doctor says I don't have very long." I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove around the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing. As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were considerate and intent, watching her every move - they must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" She asked, reaching into her purse. *'Nothing,' I said.*

"You have to make a living," she answered. "There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said, "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. *It was the sound of the closing of a life.*

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? How many other moments like that had I missed or failed to grasp? When that woman hugged me and said that I had brought her a moment of joy, it was possible to believe that I had been placed on earth for the sole purpose of providing her with that last ride. I do not think that I have ever done anything in my life that was any more important."

Mark Friedman, CRE





OLG Drama Club is back!

OLG Drama Club will have its first meeting in almost 3 years! We will be meeting in the **Music Room** after school on **Tuesday, September 13, from 3:00 - 3:45**. This is open to **any OLG student in grades 5-8**. There is no monetary cost, but it does take time commitment for rehearsals and staying current with class assignments. We'll be discussing what we do as club members and our plans for the year at this meeting.

We'll be presenting our **Fall Plays on November 18-19**. Auditions for the **Fall plays will be held Tuesday, September 20 and Wednesday, September 21**, after school. Audition scripts will be given at the meeting so that you can prepare for the auditions. You will be able to sign up for an audition time or stage crew lists at the meeting.

You will need a permission slip to come to the first meeting. Please have your parent/guardian sign the form below and bring it with you to the meeting!

See you There!

Mrs. Robers, Mrs. Bingle, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Berling

My child, _____, has my permission to attend the Drama Club meeting on Tuesday, September 13, from 3:00 - 3:45.

After the meeting my child will

_____ be picked up in front of school at 3:45

_____ walk to the library

_____ go to Y-Kids

Parent Signature

Phone Number

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Monday - Friday 7 am to 8 pm

Saturday - Sunday 12 pm to 5 pm



Your family's size and income determines if you and your family are eligible for Healthy Start or Healthy Families.
Healthy Start & Healthy Families are Medicaid Programs administered by The Ohio Department of Job & Family Services.



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 7th grade. The 7th grade students need to have the tdap and meningococcal vaccines for entry into 7th 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 12th.

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.



Saint Ann CATHOLIC CHURCH

Dear Parents,

Your children are attending a Catholic school and learning about and experiencing the Catholic faith through their daily attendance at Our Lady of Grace.

Maybe you have attended one of the Catholic Masses that are celebrated with the children on a weekly basis or maybe you have encountered one of the many Catholic themed signs hanging in the school halls.

Have you ever considered learning more about the Catholic faith and possibly even becoming Catholic?

You could have the opportunity to grow in your personal relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become a member of Christ's Church to worship God along with your child at the celebration of the Holy Mass.

If you would like to learn more about what it takes to become a member of the Catholic Church and experience the truth of Christ's Presence among us than please email me at the Saint Ann parish office at dmoore@saintannparish.org.

God's blessings,

Deacon Doug Moore

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St Ann Church



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Wednesday, September 28, 2022
Our Lady Of Grace



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