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# THE WEEKENDER

A Newsletter for OLG School Families and Faculty  
Official OLG School Website: [www.olgschool.net](http://www.olgschool.net)

February 1, 2008

## **Our Lady of Grace Catholic School** *Educating the heart, mind and soul of each child* **Join us at our Open Houses**

### **Kindergarten Open House**

Monday, February 4, 2008

Church Dining Room

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.

For parents and child

Or

7:00-8:00 p.m. for parents only

### **Middle School Open House**

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Grace Room

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

For parents of prospective students in 6-8 grade  
Curriculum and One to One Laptop program information

### **Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

**952-929-5463**

[www.olgschool.net](http://www.olgschool.net)

### **REGISTRATION REMINDER – IMPORTANT!**

Registration Forms are due Thursday, **February 14th**. When returning the registration form, please return the entire form (both white and yellow duplicate) along with the non-refundable registration fee of \$150.00 per child. We cannot process new families until all of our current family registrations have been returned. Prompt attention to the registration deadline would support the new families applying to our school.

The mission of our parish is to provide a Catholic school open to all parishioners. Private School Service Aid (PSAS) forms are available. Please contact Maureen Trenary.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS TIME CHANGE TO 10:00 A.M.**

Next week is Ash Wednesday and the school **Mass will be at 10 am NOT 9 am**. The parish Mass is at 9 am and is crowded, so we will announce for classes to come down to the church once the 9 am crowd is on their way out...

## **CONFERENCE TIMES**

Please remember to return the conference sign-up sheets to the office as soon as possible. The sheets were mailed to all households yesterday, and are due Friday, February 8th. An additional sign-up is attached to the Weekender.

## **TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON VOLUNTEERS - THANK YOU!**

On Friday, February 1st our teachers and staff were treated to a delicious lunch from Kozy's and Jax Cafe. It was our pleasure to say "thank you" to these dedicated people who share their talents with the students of OLG School. We couldn't have done it without the help and generosity from the Hospitality Committee: **Denise Hagge, Angela Graf** and **Liz Dorn** and many others who donated desserts. Additionally, a big "thank you" goes to **William and Dana Kozlak** who provided all the delicious sandwiches, soups and salad from Kozy's and Jax Café.

Blessings,  
Amy Garrity

## **CALLING ALL WRITERS**

The second issue of the Grace Gazette is underway. We are looking for student achievements and other types of newsworthy news. Please submit your articles by putting it in the Grace Gazette box found on Mrs. Nilsen's desk or email Regerkw@aol.com. All work must be signed with your name, grade and teacher's name.

## **K-5 UNIFORM CHANGE**

Think Green!!! Uniform Change for 2008-2009 for K-5!!! The change to the Middle School uniform has been such a success, the uniform for K-5 has been changed as well. Starting in the fall of 2008, the K-5 students will no longer wear the blue oxford shirt but a dark green polo shirt. The dark green polo shirts are available in both short and long sleeve and will have the same OLG logo as the Middle School shirt. These shirts will be available at Jack and Jill (which is changing their name to Educational Outfitters) in the summer. The pants, skirt, and jumper will remain the same. An example of the new uniform shirt is available for viewing in the office.

## **YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED!**

The Yearbook Committee needs quality photos for this year's yearbook. If you have any photos that fit into one of the following categories please label the back of each picture (include grade level and activity) and submit them in an envelope to Mrs. Brekke or Ms. Bush by Thursday, January 31st. Categories: classroom parties/activities, class fieldtrips, sports, marathon, prayer/worship services, and service/volunteer activities

## **ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

Please see the permission slip attached to this weekender regarding Sharing and Caring Hands. A group of 6 middle school students travel to Sharing and Caring Hands each Tuesday from 11:30-1:00 to help serve lunch to the poor. This is a great service project for our school and the children to be involved in-and it counts towards their quarterly service hours! Please fill out the permission slip and

return it to Mr. Aitchison, Middle School Religion teacher ASAP. There are still several spots available for you to participate! Questions? Call Boo Smith @ 952-929-3345.

### **PCN NATIONAL SPEAKER**

Dr. Mary Pipher “The Shelter of Each Other” Mon, Feb 4, 2008 7-9 PM EHS Performing Arts Center. PCN is proud to host Dr. Mary Pipher as our National Speaker this year. Dr. Pipher will speak about The Shelter of Each Other: Our Schools as Community. She discusses our schools as an extension of our community, teacher challenges and teacher/parents effectively working together. She is insightful, down to earth and dynamic.

- Email (your name and email address) and we will register you.
- PCN website. Click on [http://edinapcn.com/ns\\_edina\\_eds.html](http://edinapcn.com/ns_edina_eds.html)
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### **PCN NATIONAL SPEAKER TICKETS**

Make an investment in your family. Advanced tickets still available on-line until Sun, Feb 3, 8pm or contact your school liaison.

### **SUMMER FUN AT OUR LADY OF GRACE!**

Dear Parents,

I hope all is well. While we plan for the approaching summer care program, and our minds drift to summertime activities (it's tough with sub-zero temperatures). I wanted to let you know about Our Lady of Grace best kept secret, The Summer Care program at Our Lady of Grace. This program offers daily afternoon fieldtrips, along with a morning program which includes, hands on science, cooking, outdoor games, arts and crafts and reading fun. Our program will run for 10 weeks. Starting June 9 through August 15, 2008. Registration will begin on Monday, February 11 . The deadline for enrollment will be March 28, 2008.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sharon Hierlmaier

Our Lady of Grace Extended Care

[sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net](mailto:sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net) <<mailto:sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net>>

612-240-3514

### **OUR LADY OF GRACE EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM ANNOUNCES THE FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> RELEASE DAY PROGRAMMING**

Date Due By: February 14th

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we will be offering Full Day Care ( 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) on the following date:

Friday, February 29, 2008 Swimming Fun and Adventrues at  
Grand Rios Indoor Water Park

Please return this sheet along with the parental release form and payment.

The cost of the program is \$ 36.00 per child per day.

\*\*\*\* Make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace

\*\*\*\* Remember to send a packed Lunch for your child!

If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Sharon Hierlmaier  
Extended Care Director  
Our Lady of Grace  
612-240-3514

Our Lady of Grace Extended Care  
Parental/ Guardian Consent Form and Indemnity Agreement

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Initial the date that applies to your son/ daughter:

\_\_\_\_\_ 2-29-08 Swimming Fun and Adventures at  
Grand Rios Indoor Water Park

Individual(s) in Charge:

Mrs. Sharon Hierlmaier/ Staff

Estimated time of departure and return: 12:00 - 4:00

Mode of transportation to and from event: School Bus

Student cost: \$ 36.00 per student per day

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian's name Child's Name

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in

good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/ school and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the parish/ school/ Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arise out of any behavior by my child at the event/ activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expense incurred by the parish/ school and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/ law suit.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT:** In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone Number)

**Medical Information**

Medication my child is taking at present:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Family Health Plan Carrier Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

As parent or guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Signature) (Date)

**LUNCH MENU CHANGE FOR LENT**

The menu change is we will not have meat on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during Lent. We will have fish sandwiches in place of chicken patties and cheese subs in place of turkey/ham subs.

**COLD WEATHER NOTICE!**

Students are expected to have the proper cold weather clothing during the winter – coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and boots for snow. When the temperature or wind chill is below 0, the students will have indoor recess. This determination will be made by the school office. Please remember to always bring the appropriate winter gear to school. Thank you!

**OLG WOMENS CLUB**

**SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION!** The OLG Women's Club and Adult Faith Formation are co-sponsoring a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 15, 2008, 8:30 am -

1:00 pm. The day will feature Sr. Kay O'Neil, PVBM and Sr. Michelle Meyers, PVBM, who will present and facilitate the day. The day will also include lunch. Watch for a brochure and more details. For more information, contact Martha Stolarik at 952-922-8279 or [joukeesanges@gmail.com](mailto:joukeesanges@gmail.com).

### **HUNGER BANQUET FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

The social justice team with youth ministry will be putting on Our Lady of Grace's first Hunger Banquet. This is a great Lenten event for the whole family! All are welcome to enjoy an evening to experience the challenges of world hunger. The Hunger Banquet will be held in the Dining Room from 4:30 – 5:30 PM and includes a light meal. There is no charge for the event, but a suggested donation of \$5 per person, \$10 per family will be collected and distributed to Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities.

Please RSVP to Cathy Donovan or Bo Schmidt by February 7 to participate.

### **OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR**

AGES 5 YEARS THRU 5TH GRADE

REHEARSALS : WEDNESDAYS 5:45 PM TIL 6:30 PM STARTING FEBRUARY 13  
OR

SUNDAYS 10:30 AM TIL 11:15 AM (RIGHT AFTER 9:30 Mass) STARTING FEBRUARY 10

Please see the attached sign up sheet. The choir is directed by Mrs. Lynda Mader a parishioner.

### **IT'S REGISTRATION TIME FOR EDINA HOUSE LEAGUE SOCCER!**

Join us for the 35th Anniversary year of house league soccer in Edina! Registration has begun at [www.edinasoccer.org](http://www.edinasoccer.org) <<http://www.edinasoccer.org/>> for the spring/summer 2008 season! Over 2,600 players joined in last year – a new program record. The season runs mid May through mid July. Cost is \$100 which includes a uniform, field fees, Instructors/referees, Super Soccer Saturday clinics and medical insurance. For more information, visit [www.edinasoccer.org](http://www.edinasoccer.org) <<http://www.edinasoccer.org/>> .

### **LOST & FOUND**

Please check the Lost and Found items located on the main floor by the elevator for your child's missing things. There are many sweatshirts and other outdoor clothing without names, so please come in and claim them.

### **ATTENDANCE HOT LINE: 952-929-5463 ex. 236**

Parents, please remember that we must be notified if your child will be late to school or absent. You may call the above number and talk to Jane Nilsen or leave a message on the attendance voice mail. If you prefer email, you may send notices to [janenilsen@olgschool.net](mailto:janenilsen@olgschool.net). It would be very much appreciated if you would indicate the room number or name of their homeroom teacher when reporting an absence.

### **UNIFORM REMINDERS**

There have been a recent request for a clarification of the uniform policy.

- 1) Skirt Length: Skirts for girls in grades K-5 should be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Skorts for girls in grades 6-8 should be no more than 3 inches above the knee. Mrs. Trenary has been watching girls for blatant violations, and she will address these as needed.
- 2) Shoes: The policy allows shoes which are "neat, clean-soled shoes." Clogs and other styles without backs have also been acceptable. The recent appearance of Ugg "slippers" and shoe-style slippers has been questioned. Ugg or other shoes that are clog-type shoes are acceptable as long as they have a hard sole. Many of the Ugg shoes listed on the website as "slippers" carry a description as "great outer soles for outdoor wear." Even though they are listed as "slippers" on some websites, as long as they have a hard sole, these types of shoes are acceptable.
- 3) The uniform policy explicitly states, "No boots." The Policy Committee agreed several years ago that Ugg/Ugg-type boots are not appropriate while in school. These boots can be worn to school, during recess, and home, but not during the school day.
- 4) Shirts: Students are allowed to wear a white t-shirt under their oxford or polo shirt. No other colors are allowed. Students should not wear a long sleeve t-shirt underneath a short sleeve oxford or polo.
- 5) Socks: Socks are to be white crew or ankle length socks without logos or insignias visible, exempting boys in uniform pants to just white socks. Boys will need to wear white crew socks without logos or insignias when wearing shorts in the fall and spring.

Thank you for helping the students understand and adhere to the uniform policy.

Policy Committee  
OLG School Board

### **UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

You can designate your United Way contributions to Our Lady of Grace School. All you need to do is write the name and address of our school on your pledge card or attach a separate piece of paper. Please think of us when you are selecting your United Way designated recipient. We appreciate the donations that Our Lady of Grace School has received from the United Way.

*"Little things become great when they are performed with a true desire to please God."*  
-St. Francis de Sales

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>Feb.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Men's Club Dinner/dance 6:00 p.m. Interlachen Country Club</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>M</b>	Kindergarten Open House 8:45-10:00 a.m. & 7:00-8:00 Dining Room
	<b>6</b>	<b>W</b>	Ash Wednesday School Mass 10:00 a.m.
	<b>7</b>	<b>TH</b>	Middle School Open House 7:00- 8:00 p.m.
	<b>13</b>	<b>W</b>	Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. Grades 6,7,8
	<b>15</b>	<b>F</b>	Teacher In-Service (No School)
	<b>18</b>	<b>M</b>	President's Day (No School)
	<b>20</b>	<b>W</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Reconciliation Practice 5:30 p.m.
	<b>22</b>	<b>F</b>	Mid Term Reports
	<b>23</b>	<b>S</b>	First Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.
	<b>27</b>	<b>W</b>	Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. Grades 3,4,5
	<b>29</b>	<b>F</b>	Parent/Teacher Conferences No School 8:30-4:30
<b>March</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	Lenten Soup Supper
	<b>11</b>	<b>T</b>	Family Mass/Breakfast Father/Daughter 7:30 a.m.
	<b>12</b>	<b>W</b>	Family Mass/Breakfast Mother/Son 7:30 a.m.
	<b>20</b>	<b>TH</b>	End of Quarter
	<b>21</b>	<b>F</b>	Good Friday (No School)
	<b>26</b>	<b>W</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Parent & Child Session 4:30-6:30 p.m.
	<b>28</b>	<b>F</b>	Report Cards
	<b>28</b>	<b>F</b>	Spring Vacation begins at close of day
<b>April</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	School Resumes
	<b>8</b>	<b>T</b>	MCA Testing Writing Grade 6
	<b>15</b>	<b>T</b>	MCA Testing Reading Grades 3,5,7
	<b>17</b>	<b>TH</b>	MCA Testing Reading Grades 3,5,7
	<b>18</b>	<b>F</b>	Carnival 5:30-8:30 p.m.
	<b>22</b>	<b>T</b>	MCA Testing Math Grades 3,5,7
	<b>23</b>	<b>W</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Parent & Child Session 5:30 p.m. (For April 26 First Communion)
	<b>24</b>	<b>TH</b>	MCA Testing Math Grades 3,5,7
	<b>26</b>	<b>S</b>	First Communion 11:00 a.m.
	<b>30</b>	<b>W</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Communion Parent & Child Session 5:30 p.m. (For May 3 First Communion)
	<b>30-May2</b>		Camp Foley

**\*Dr. Steve Kahn 651-426-4297\*Health Services 952-929-5463 Ext 116**  
**\*Emergency Line 952-334-4185**  
**\*Athletic Office 952-929-5463 Ex 157\*Attendance 952-929-5463 Ex 236**  
**\*Extended Care 612-240-3514\***

**Our Lady of Grace School 2006-2007**  
**5051 Eden Avenue, Edina, Minnesota 55436**




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**Our Lady Grace Catholic School**  
**Field Trip Permission**

**Parental/Guardian Consent Form and Indemnity Agreement**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Trip Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Type of Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Destination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual (s) in charge:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Time of Departure:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Estimated Time of Return:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mode of Transportation to & from the Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Cost (if applicable):** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian's Name) (Child's Name)

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/school and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis from any claims or lawsuits brought against the parish/school/Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis by myself, my child or others that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/lawsuit.

**Emergency Medical Treatment:**

In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above number contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional Medical Information:**

Medication my child is taking at present: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Health Plan Carrier Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

As parent or guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **2007-08 CONFERENCES**

February 29, 2008

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN **Friday, February 8th.** CONFERENCES WILL BE SCHEDULED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First)

Cell

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

**Grades K-5:** Each conference will be **(15 minutes)**.

**Middle School:** Since conference times are optional, you may not need to conference with all of your child's teachers. Should you wish to conference with a specific middle school teacher, please indicate the teacher that you would like to see **(10 minutes)**. Although our conference times are limited to a one day conference opportunity, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

**SELECT A FIRST AND SECOND CHOICE OF TIMES FOR CONFERENCES**

\_\_\_\_\_   
8:30-11:30

\_\_\_\_\_   
12:30-3:30

Student(s)  
Name

Homeroom Teacher  
**Teachers and Room #'s on back of page.**

Grade

Room

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## **Elementary**

<b>Grade/Room</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
K-208		Mrs. Katie Brown
K-209		Mrs. Shelly Havran
K-318		Mrs. Jennifer Whitley
1-311		Mrs. Emily Moore
1-314		Mrs. Marianne Brekke
1-312		Ms. Katie Baker
2-315		Ms. Katie Jeffery
2-316		Ms. Sue Hiemenz
2-313		Mrs. Michelle Hannan
3-111		Ms. Jill Podgorski
3-112		Mrs. Lisa Moeller
3-317		Mrs. Jennifer Krenn
4-306		Ms. Christina Strantz
4-305		Ms. Katie Reimer
4-107		Mrs. Sarah Voelbel
5-102		Ms. Clare Bullard
5-100		Mr. Kyle Kelley
5-101		Mrs. Katy Bland
1-5 -310	Spanish	
K-1 Gym	Phy Ed	Mrs. Theresa Swansson
2-8 Gym	Phy Ed	Mr. Jeff Solsten
K-8 -109	Art	Mrs. Amy Slack
K-2 - 108	Music	Mrs. Esther Cook
3-8 - 108	Music	Mrs. Deb Skinner

## **Middle School**

<b>Grade/Room</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
6-8 205	6,7 & 8 Religion	Mr. <b>Greg Aitchison.</b>
6 202	6 Math/Science	Mr. Michael Benson
6 201	8 Writing/SS	Mr. Joe Mortl
6-8 301	6 Rel/6-8 Spanish	Mr. Adam Groebner
6-8 204	6 Lit/MS Math	Mrs. Marie Maslowski
6-8 304	MS Math/1 to 1 Learning	Mr. Dave Clements
7 203	7 Lit/Writing	Mrs. Ellen Rian
6-8 300	6 Rel/7 & 8 SS	Mr. Andrew Sherburne
7-8 303	7/8 Science	Ms. Rikki Bush
8 302	8 Writing & Lit/6 Lit	Ms. Claire Solnitzky
2-8 Gym	Phy Ed	Mr. Jeff Solsten
K-8 109	Art	Mrs. Amy Slack
3-8 108	Music	Mrs. Deb Skinner

**OUR LADY OF GRACE CHILDREN'S EASTER CHOIR**

**AGES 5 YEARS THRU 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**REHEARSALS : WEDNESDAYS 5:45 PM TIL 6:30 PM**

**STARTING FEBRUARY 13**

**OR**

**SUNDAYS 10:30 AM TIL 11:15 AM**

**(RIGHT AFTER 9:30 MASS)**

**STARTING FEBRUARY 10**

**\*\*\*\*\*ALL REHEARSALS ARE IN THE CHURCH CHOIR ROOM\*\*\*\*\***

**Children are expected to attend 1 practice each week (coming more often is GREAT !!)**

**WE WILL SING :**

**LENT MASS : MARCH 9 @ 11:30 AM**

**EASTER MASS : MARCH 23 @ 11:30 AM**

**NURSING HOME : DATE TBA**

**CHOIR DIRECTOR : LYNDA MADER (952)920-0603 (H) or (952)994-1059 (C)**

**Email : LYNDA@MADERFAMILY.ORG**

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**Please return lower part of form to School or Church office by Friday, February 8 . THANKS !!**

**Child's Name**

**1.** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHOIR REHEARSAL DAY : (please circle) Wednesday or Sunday**