
THE WEEKENDER

A Newsletter for OLG School Families and Faculty
Official OLG School Website: www.olgschool.net

February 8, 2008

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.

PENNIES FOR PATIENTS

The students in the 7th grade and kindergarten classes need your help collecting donations. Our school is participating in the annual Pennies for Patients program for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Funds raised for the Society will help find cures for the blood cancers: leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and will help patients with these diseases. Donations can be brought to the classrooms **February 11 - 28**. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity for this wonderful cause.

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.

OLG IS LOOKING FOR A NEW MASCOT!!!

OLG is looking for a new mascot!!! We have created a link on the website where the kids, parents, and teachers can give suggestions. These suggestions will be reviewed, and the students will be allowed to vote on the final mascot. Please encourage the students to think of names and submit them. They can submit as many names as they want. The only criteria is the mascot should reflect positively on OLG and should enhance school spirit. The student with the winning mascot name will win a NUD. Suggestions must be submitted by Feb. 22nd.

Please call/email Clare Sercombe if you are having problems with the link or you have any questions: sercombe@gmail.com or 952-996-9473.

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.

JANUARY LIBRARY UPDATE

The second half of the school year is in full swing. The new group of volunteers is in place. Thank you to the first semester volunteers. We will miss you although I know many of you are staying on for another class. The students at OLG do appreciate the time you spend with them.

Thank you, also, to the following families and students who donated books to the library at the end of 2007 and the beginning of the New Year: Sunberg, Fay, Hogan, Lundberg, Harvey, Becker, and Fuchs families. Drew & Bennett Torrance, Olivia Swaim, Ian Stark, Frances Schroeder, George Thomas, Katie Sharkey, Caroline Mulligan, Stephan & Sophia Doll, and Michael Violante.

The month of February will bring in many new books to the library with the arrival of the Barnes and Noble book fair monies. There is nothing like a new book to capture the eye of a reader.

BOX TOPS 4 EDUCATION - FEBRUARY SUBMISSION DUE! FROM LISA DOW

WOW - We've earned over \$475 this year from box tops. This fundraiser is easy to participate in.

Please bring in any box tops for inclusion in our Feb 28th deadline. You may drop off box tops across from Jane Nilsen's desk or across from the office. If you're looking to be really helpful - check to be sure they are not expired and bundle in groups of 50 in a sandwich bag. Thank you. For more fundraising register at: [www.boxtops4education <http://www.boxtops4education.com>](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

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.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR ON OUR BUSES

Dear Parents:

We have had a good year so far but there have been a few incidents that warrant a reminder to all about expected behavior. Please note the consequences regarding inappropriate bus behavior and consequences with each of your children. Even though the following is taken from our Edina policy, it is also directional for behavior on our Eden Prairie and Bloomington buses. Please take time this week to review the kind of behavior that we expect from each of our students.

Riding on the Bus

- **Follow the driver's instructions**
- **Remain in your seat until the bus arrives at your stop.**
- **Speak in a quiet voice. Your voice should not be heard above others.**
- **Keep hands, feet, and objects inside the bus.**
- **Do not throw objects inside the bus or out the window.**
- **Do not use profanity, including words or gestures.**
- **Do not tease or harass others.**
- **Do not spit.**
- **Do not eat, drink, or chew gum.**
- **Do not vandalize the bus.**

Consequences for Students who choose not to behave

- **Students will be given an assertive warning.**
- **Students will be assigned a practice seat.**

Drivers will:

- **Write appropriate conduct reports. A copy of the conduct report will be given to the principal and student.**
- **Mail a copy of the student's first conduct report home to the parent/guardian.**

Consequences for students who choose not to behave are listed below in the order of severity.

Grades K-12

- **First Offense: Warning by bus driver or principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Second Offense: Consultation with involved parties. Rider may lose riding privileges for 3-5 days or until a satisfactory resolution can be achieved among parent/guardian, driver, rider and principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Third Offense: Consultation with involved parties. Rider may lose riding privileges for up to 10 days or until a satisfactory resolution can be achieved among parent/guardian, driver, rider and principal. School Bus Incident Report distributed, signed by parent, three copies returned to school.**
- **Fourth Offense: Loss of bus riding privileges for the balance of the school year. School Bus Incident Report distributed. Edina Public School District Office informed of discipline.**

NOTE: Student endangering persons and/or property may lose bus riding privileges immediately and for an indefinite period of time.

In addition, students may be administered consequences consistent with school discipline procedures.

- **Severe behavior moves immediately to step 2, 3, or 4 at the administrator's discretion, based on the severity of the action and/or previous bus violations.**
- **Students not having lost their riding privileges for the remainder of the school year, but having received conduct slips, will be given a fresh start on February 1st.**

Please discuss these regulations with your children. Failure to observe these regulations may mean loss of the privilege of riding the bus. If you encounter any bus problems, please call the Edina bus garage directly, 952-848-4979 or the school office, 952-929-5463.

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>>
612-240-3514

**OUR LADY OF GRACE EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM ANNOUNCES
THE FEBRUARY 29TH 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 Adventruers 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)

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, PVBVM and Sr. Michelle Meyers, PVBVM, 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.

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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Studying and Praying with the Psalms and with Jesus

Join Dr. Art Zannoni for a five-week course exploring Scriptural prayer during the season of Lent. This program will explore the Bible's prayer book, the book of Psalms, as well as how Jesus is portrayed as a person of prayer in the Gospel of Luke.

Mondays, February 11 – March 10

Morning Session: 10:00am-12:00pm

Evening Session: 7:00pm-9:00pm

*Both sessions held in the OLG Dining Room

Pick up a registration form in the parish office or go to www.olgparish.org.

Questions? Lynn Morales 952-929-3317 ext. 118

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>> 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/>> .

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. It would be very much appreciated if you would indicate the room number or name of their homeroom teacher when reporting an absence.

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.

“The World is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.”

-Saint Augustine

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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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: _____

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Mrs. Havran: Winner and friend will spend free playtime with the kindergartners and Mrs. Havran. —**Jill Nilsen**

Mrs. Brown: Win a batch of fresh-baked ultimate chocolate chips cookies. —**Jake Steinlage**

Ms. Whitley: Win a batch of delicious monster cookies. —**Max Fulton**

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Ms. Baker: “Bake with Ms. Baker” Come to school early and create and eat a delicious fruit pizza with Ms. Baker. —**Cole Solomon**

Mrs. Brekke: Have lunch with a friend and Mrs. Brekke! You bring your lunch and Mrs. Brekke will provide a Snuffy's malt for you to enjoy! --**Chloe Dobbs**

Mrs. Moore: Come and enjoy a bagel and some juice with Mrs. Moore before school. —**Callan Happe**

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Ms. Jeffery: I will cook a delicious breakfast of pancakes and sausage for you and two friends before school! My classroom will transform into kid-friendly pancake house! --**Vivian Schultz**

Ms. Hiemenz: I will bake a batch of my world famous chocolate chip cookies for you! **Nick Spades**

Mrs. Hannan: Chocolate chips, M&Ms, and peanut butter all in one cookie... Yum!
Win a batch of my homemade Monster Cookies. —**Molly Twistol**

3

Mrs. Moeller: Oil pastel art lesson for a student and a friend. **Catherine Graf**

Mrs. Krenn: You and a friend will munch on popcorn and devour candy for lunch while enjoying a movie of your choice with Mrs. Krenn. —**Tom Bauer**

Ms. Podgorski: McDonald's lunch for you and a friend.—**Joe Pedrolie**

4

Ms. Strantz: Subway for you and a friend.—**Kaitlin Duda**

Ms. Reimer: Have a milk and cookie party with your class and Ms. Reimer! She will bake a fresh batch of the famous Reimer family chocolate chip cookies with extras to take home!—**Claudio Garcia**

Mrs. Voelbel: Lunch for you and a friend from Davanni's. —**Tom Bauer**

5

Mrs. Bland: Clean the locker or desk of a student and leave a special treat for you. —**Katherine MCracken**

Ms. Bullard: You and several friends are invited to come crack open a piñata (stuffed with your choice of candy) in Miss Bullard's room.—**Nick Griffin**

Mr. Kelley: Come on in and learn how to make Oreo salad. Bring two friends to help. If you like being in the kitchen and you are a fan of Oreo cookies, this one is for you. We will spend five minutes getting the ingredients mixed together, and then we will kick back and enjoy our delicious and sort of nutritious Oreo dessert.—**Cassie Murray**

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Mr. Benson: We will draw two names! Each winner will be able to use two

homework passes. The first name selected will have two passes for third quarter and the second name will have two passes for fourth quarter.—**Katie Murray & Samantha Letscher**

Mr. Mortl: You and 5 friends will enter my March madness pool and the six of us will make our college basketball picks with the winner earning a special treat. —**John Neuberger**

Mrs. Maslowski: Breakfast for you and 3 friends with Mrs. Maslowski (Enjoy Jamba Juice and create your own belgian waffles).—**Claire Larson**

7

Mrs. Rian: Two packs of monster, super de-lici-oso Derby cookies from Great Harvest Bread for you to share with four friends over milk. —**Stefan Garcia**

Mr. Aitchison & Mr. Groebner: “Ode to you” (Students need to enter in pairs) We are going to rewrite the lyrics to a popular song so that the song is about both of you. We will then perform the song for you and a group of your friends. —**Kaitlin Duda & Abby Dryer**

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Ms. Bush: Chipotle for you and a friend. —**Sam Brenny**

Mrs. Solnitzky: Brueggers bagels and Jamba Juice for you and a friend. —**Ellie Murphy**

Mr. Sherburne: One hour of private basketball lessons with me after school one day in the spring. You can bring a friend if you would like. —**Finbar McCollow**

Ms. Harristhal: Build your own sundae for you & a friend- **Kylie Nevells**

Mrs. Jackson: Win my cleaning services for your locker or desk three times. A little surprise treat will be left behind each time.— **Brian Docherty**

Mrs. Slack: Mrs. Slack will draw your portrait or she will custom paint a cross...your choice. —**Grace Dalsin**

Mrs. Skinner: two free piano or guitar lessons with Mrs. Skinner.—**Sam Sexton**

Mr. Solsten: Grades 3-7 one boy and one girl will be the PE teacher for one class.—**Claudio Garcia & Grace Lamauro** Grade 8 one boy or one girl will get to be the PE teacher for the day. —**Peter Smith**

Mrs. Swansson: Davannis pizza lunch for 4 with drinks.—**Sam Sexton**

Senora Temple: Become the Spanish teacher for a class...or 2. You pick la lección (lesson), la música, even games. Help Señora load the cart and vámonos.....Alberto, el cerdo will be waiting to assist you.—**Stefan Garcia**

Mrs. Cook: Win a beginner piano lesson with the famous Mrs. Cook. —**Annie Ekman**

Mr. Clements: Enjoy a sandwich meal from Jimmy John's with Mr. C.—**Annie McCarty**

Ms. Hoffman: Win my delicious homemade caramel or toffee brownies. —**Jake Marvin**

Mrs. Nikrad: Win a half hour of computer time for your entire class. —**Colleen Wagner**

Mrs. Trenary: Be the principal! (1/2 day for k-2, 1/2 day for grades 3-5 and a full day for grades 6-8). —**Abby Thompson, Claudio Garcia & Taylor Polachek**