



The Weekender

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Newsletter

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"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Matthew 10:39

Events

Family Community Service Event Saturday, February 6

Please sign up as a family to serve the elderly. Families will be assigned to nursing homes and assisted care facilities to visit the residents, play games, crafts, socialize, etc. Take this opportunity to serve and PAY IT FORWARD. Space is limited, so sign up now. If interested, email Karen.Doll@comcast.net with your family name, number attending, phone number and state if you want the early shift (10-12) or late shift (1:30-3:30).

PCN Presents Dr. Peter Benson "Finding and Nourishing Sparks: The Power of Families"

Monday, Feb. 8, 7-9 pm Edina High School

School grades rise. Depression decreases. Violence drops. Physical health improves. Hope and purpose rise. In studies of more than three thousand young people, we find strong scientific evidence for positive impact. A lot of great things happen when kids pursue their sparks. www.edinapcn.com
Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at door

Conference Sign-Ups due Feb 11th Friday, March 5th, 8am-4 pm (No School)

Please return the [conference form](#) to the school office no later than **Thursday, Feb 11**. Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Only one form per family!

- Grades K-5: 15 minutes each
- Middle School: 10 minutes each

Since conference's 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.

Upcoming Calendar

February

6 All-School Family Day
of Service

12 Spirit Shop Open

15 **NO SCHOOL** Pres Day

16 PSO meeting 9:30 am
17 Ash Wed Mass 10am
18 Rosary 7:45 am Church
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March

2 Dr. Kahn 8:45-9:45 am
4 Rosary 7:45 am Church
5 **NO SCHOOL**
Parent/Teacher Conf 8-4
9 Family Mass & Brkfst
Father/Daughter 7:30am
10 Family Mass & Brkfst
Mother/Son 7:30am
10 NO ALL SCHOOL LITURGY
16 PSO meeting 9:30 am
17 10am Gr 6-8 Reconciliatio
17 NO ALL SCHOOL LITURGY
18 Rosary 7:45 am Church
19 End of Quarter
19 OLG Men's Club Fish Fry
23 Mid Sch Science Fair-Gym
24 10am Gr 2-5
Reconciliatio
24 NO ALL SCHOOL LITURGY
29 Spring Vacation Begins

April

12 School Resumes



Attendance

Please call the attendance line at 952-929-5463 ext. 236 or janenilsen@olgschool.net prior to 8am to inform us that your child is absent or tardy. The MN Dept of Health is asking schools and parents to help with tracking the new H1N1 flu. When reporting an absence, please state if the student has a temperature of 100 degrees or greater and a cough or sore throat. Parents should keep children home from school if they are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Adult Education Program at OLG

Wednesday, Feb 10, 7-8:30pm, Dining Room

"Christ's Ministry and Our Participation In It" Presented by Father Scott Carl, assistant professor of Sacred Scripture at the St. Paul Seminary and Director of The Monsignor Jerome D. Quinn Institute of Biblical Studies. There is no pre-registration, a free-will offering will be taken. For more information contact Sue Egan at s-m-egan@comcast.net 952-922-3947 or Sheryl Moran at sherylmoran4@comcast.net 952-926-4614.

"Parents Matter" Series

Feb 11 & 18, 6:30-8pm, Dining Room

In the fall, we offered our first "Parents Matter" Series. Feedback was strong and families asked that we might offer another series this spring. If you were unable to attend this fall, you are welcome to join us now. Each presentation covers a specific topic and you are welcome to come to any or all as your schedule permits. Parents Matter presenters: Michael Borowiak MSW, LICSW, Molly DePrekel M.A., L.P. \$10 per person be evening or \$25 for the series. Pre-Register at the church office 929-3317.

Feb. 11th: So, Are You Raising a Teen?

This session will offer insight into what is going on in the world of adolescents and how these create natural (and not so natural) struggles within family systems.

Feb. 18th: What Are They Thinking?

This session will explore the adolescent brain development and the impacts this can have on the family system.

Our Lady of Grace School Annual Spring Family Mass & Breakfast

March 9th & 10th, 7:30-8:30 am

- **Girls** - Bring your Father, Grandfather, Uncle or Friend on Tuesday, March 9, 2010
- **Boys** - Bring your Mother, Grandmother, Aunt or Friend on Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Mark your calendar for this very popular OLG tradition. Both mornings start with Mass at 7:30am, and end with coffee, juice, cereal and of course, donuts. **Cost is \$2 per person.** Reservation forms will go home with your student, be available at the front desk or you can [click here](#). **Reservations due by March 3rd.** Questions please contact Angela Graf angela-graf@comcast.net or Lucia Paul paul.lucia@att.net

Severe Weather

If Edina District 273 will be closed due to snow and ice, OLG will also be closed. This information is available on WCCO Channel 4, KSTP and KARE Channel 11. We are aware that students come from all over the metro area, and road conditions in your area may be different than Edina. If OLG is open but the road conditions are hazardous in your city, and you make the decision to have your child stay home, please call the office at 952-929-5463 x236 to report an absence.

Art Department Request:

The Art dept is collecting ice cream buckets, aluminum pie tins, and yarn. Leave items in the art room or school office.

The Weekender Submissions

- Deadline is noon on Thurs
- Submit photos/logos
- Submit info to Jane Nilsen
- OLG reserves the right to edit info for space/content

School Board Nominations

Applications due Friday, April 23rd

Nominations are now being accepted for the OLG School Board. Elections will be held at all Masses the weekend of May 15th and 16th. Per the School Board By-Laws, this year three board members will be elected by the parish. Any registered parishioner 18 years or older may run for the School Board. School Board members serve a three year term beginning in July. The board, a consultative body to Principal Maureen Trenary and Father Bob Schwartz, meets the first Tuesday evening of the month (September through June). In addition, board members participate in two committees of the board: education programs, finance, policy, public relations, social justice, strategic planning, and technology. Applicants to the board must present a photo and a two or three paragraph description of their background to Sharon Pesavent in the Parish office by Friday, April 23rd. If you have any questions about the School Board or the election process, please contact current School Board members Heather Rocheford (952-935-9496), Angela Graf (952-914-9811), or Michael Davies (952-944-8080).

Technology Information Session

Feb. 11, 6:30-8pm at BSM

Parents who are planning on having children at Benilde-St. Margaret's next year are encouraged to attend the upcoming technology information session. The session will cover how BSM is using technology in the classroom to transform learning, including the 1:1 laptop program next fall. For more information, [click here](#).

Announcements

60th Student Prayer Book

Orders due Monday, February 8th

If you are interested in extra copies please contact the office. They need to know your family name and number of copies.

Order your 2009-10 Yearbook

Orders due Friday February 12th

Yearbook order forms have been sent home with the students. The cost is \$13 and checks should be made out to Our Lady of Grace. We will put extra flyers in the office in case you need more. We will not accept any orders past that date.

Spirit Shop Open Next Week

Friday, Feb. 12th

The Spirit Shop will be open during lunch. Your child will have an opportunity to view and/or purchase items.

Snowbusters Remaining Dates

Snowbusters is successfully underway. Remaining dates are:

Mondays: February 8, 22 and March 1 (Pot luck day!)

Wednesdays: February 10 & 24 (Pot luck day!)

MN Education Tax Credit

You may qualify for a state tax credit for education expenses. The Minnesota Independent School Forum has compiled Minnesota's 2009 Education Tax Credit and Deduction Information for families with students in K-12 private schools. Please consult your tax advisor with questions. [more info](#)

Last call for Yearbook Pictures

The yearbook committee needs your pictures ASAP for the yearbook. E-mail pictures of class parties, class events, marathon, service, worship, and Catholic School's week. We prefer digital pictures, but will accept hard copies as well. Please include picture descriptions (class, event, etc). If you have any questions, please contact:

- Marianne Brekke (K-2 grades)

mariannebrekke@olgschool.net

- Katie Reimer (3-5 grades)

katiereimer@olgschool.net

- Rikki Mortl (6-8 grades)

rikkimortl@olgschool.net

Thank You and God Bless

Parent Volunteer Video

Is now available to view just [click here](#).

Extended Care

Looking for Someplace for your child to spend the Summer?

Registration for Summer Care 2010

The program dates are June 14 thru August 20, 2010. The program is planned with the children in mind...a fun, exciting and an overall learning experience. Daily activities include: science fun, cooking activities, outdoor games, arts and crafts and reading enrichment plus daily field trips! OLG Summer Care is for students of OLG having been admitted into kindergarten

through fifth grade. Program fee is \$40 per student per day and is available full- or part-time. Registration will be February 1 thru March 5, 2010. For questions contact Sharon Hierlmaier sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net or 612-240-3514.



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