

The Cause of Our Joy

Dear Parents,

As we approach the third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, meaning “Rejoice”, we reflect upon the cause of our joy at this holy season. With preparations being made perhaps with a sense of greater urgency, our time and our attention turn to what the world views as the reason for the season—gifts, parties, and fun times. Yet, as Catholics, we know in our hearts that the true reason for the season lies in the coming of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

While the world calls to us as consumers during this season, we, as Catholics, know that the outside glamour of the world exists only for a short time. Life in Christ brings us fullness of life eternal. The great gift of God’s Son come down to us as man to save us from sin gives meaning to our lives and gives us an example to follow as we work together as a school and parish family for the good of our children.

The world and religion are part of our lives and are here to stay. Yet, the lives that we live each day and our examples speak to the heart of who we are. No outward appearances can detract from our spiritual being if we truly live each day what we are meant to be—children of God who live to share the life of Jesus. With this perspective in mind, we come to truly know the cause of our joy and realize that while the world calls to us, the sacred and the profane can coexist because of our belief in Jesus Christ and God’s promises to us.


John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” We have the answer, and our lives must proclaim it in all that we say and do each day. What better way to prepare for the feast of the Nativity than by sharing the love of Jesus with all those we encounter and work with each day.

On behalf of our faculty and staff and OLG school family, may you and your families have a very happy and blessed Christmas season and may God bring you special blessings in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Marisyn Tomko

Principal



Parent Bulletin for: December 10, 2009



OLG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – TONIGHT



The Christmas Program for Our Lady of Grace School begins at 7:00 PM in church. Students should arrive in their classrooms no earlier than 6:45 PM. Parents need to take the students' coats with them to the program.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE NOTICE * NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE *** ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009.**

DECEMBER TUITION IS DUE ON TUESDAY (12/15/09)

Please remember to send your payments in early or on time to avoid "late fee". Please send payments in an envelope clearly marked as follows: DECEMBER TUITION PAYMENT. Payments are due on the 15th of each month. If the 15th falls on a weekend or during school holiday time off, please make sure your payment arrives prior to the 15th.

IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

DRESS-UP DAY: No jeans!

EARLY DISMISSAL: Noon is the beginning of the CHRISTMAS BREAK!

Think of what our school could do with \$100,000.00!!!

U.S. Cellular[®] is Calling All Communities: Vote for Our Lady of Grace School and help it be one of ten to win \$100,000.00.

See the attached flyer & Vote today!

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US Cellular believes educating kids has never been more of a priority. That's why they're out to support the cause by giving schools money to use towards whatever they feel is important. Big, small, public, private, primary, middle and high schools—they're all eligible. We want Our Lady of Grace School to be one of the 10 winners with the most votes! The contest ends January 15, 2010. What you can do is simple:

1. **VISIT:**
www.uscellular.com/callingallcommunities
2. **CLICK:**
"Vote for your school"
3. **ENTER:**
Our Lady of Grace School's voting code:
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4. **ENTER:**
Your birth date (you must be 18 years or older)
Your email address (then confirm it)
5. **ENTER:**
Our Lady of Grace School's zip code:
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6. **ENTER:**
Your personal address:
(Complete information [except your wireless number] is necessary for the vote to count).
7. **SELECT:**
Our Lady of Grace School
8. **VOTE:**
Vote for Our Lady of Grace School

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**Limit one entry per person
for the entire sweepstakes
period, regardless of the
means by which you vote.**

SO WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Show your school spirit by voting today! Give this information to everyone you know (18 or older) so they can cast their votes ... we can't think of a better cause!!!!

GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING ILL CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOL

In order to reduce the spread of germs, which cause flu, colds, etc. in the classroom as well as in the building, please use the following as a guideline:

1. If your child **has a fever of 100° F** or greater, they should **remain at home and not return to school** until they have been **without a fever for 24 hours** (one day) **without the use of any medications such as Tylenol, Advil or Ibuprofen.**
2. If your child appears sleepy and without energy because they are not feeling well, please keep your child home.
3. If your child vomits/throws up two or more times in the past 24 hours, they should stay home until they are not throwing up for 24 hours.
4. If your child has had 3 or more watery bowel movements/stools in the past 24 hours, they should stay home until no watery stools for 24 hours in a row
5. If your child has a rash all over their body, they should stay home until the rash is gone or a Doctor/Nurse Practitioner says they are ok to return to school. They should give you a note to bring to school.
6. If your child has a bad sore throat with fever or swollen glands, they should be seen by a doctor and should get a doctor's note before returning to school.
7. If your child has green or yellow mucus in the corners of their eyes, especially first thing in the morning, a doctor should see them.
8. If your child has a cold with a really bad runny nose or has trouble breathing through their nose, keep them home for the day.
9. If your child has a bad cough and is coughing up yellowish mucus, a doctor should see them.

If your child is really sick, it will be hard for them to learn if they are in school and may spread the illness to other children. We need to work together to have children be healthy and able to learn.

Knight Lines

December 10, 2009

The **7th Grade Knights** traveled to St. Mary's Griffith on Saturday to take on the Wildcats of St. Mary's. Even though we were outsized down low we played an outstanding game of defense. Scott Peters, Ryan Serna, Adam Batliner, Matt Kresich, Max Young, Mickey Tobin, and Chandler Tan had numerous steals during the game. Our rebounding also picked up during this game with Ryan S, Jacob Zamarron, Adam, Matt, Max, Mickey, Chandler, and Ryan Tombers crashing the boards hard with rebounds. Unfortunately the baskets were not too kind to us and when the final buzzer sounded St. Mary's had won the game by a score of 17 – 14. Leading scorers of the game were Scott Peters 6 points, Ryan Serna and Adam Batliner 3 points, and Chandler Tan with a basket.

On Sunday the boys traveled to St. Thomas More to face one of the top opponents in the league. St. Tom's got out to an early 17 – 4 advantage and never looked back. Our 7th grade knights never lost fight and continued to battle against the toughness of St. Tom's. Even though St. Tom's earn the win, we earned the "WOW" factor with our team hitting a record 6, three point shots. We made their team a little nervous as the fourth quarter came to a close by cutting their lead to 7. Our team was never able to get any closer but we earned their respect of our outside shot. Scorers of the game were Scott Peters with 8 points, 6 of which came from three pointers, Ryan Serna with 5 points, three of which was a three point shot, Adam Batliner with 2 points, Matt Kresich with 2 points, Chandler Tan with 2 points, Ryan Tombers with 3 points, and leading all OLG scorers was Max Young, he lit up the floor with a game high 15 points with 9 of them coming from 3 pointers. It was an exciting fourth quarter for our boys.

There is going to be a lot of Knight action this week!
You have plenty of games to see!!.

This weekend's CYO games:

- 5th grade boys: Saturday at 2pm playing St. Mary CP at St. Mary CP.
Sunday at 4pm playing St. John Baptist at St. John Baptist.
- 7th grade boys: Saturday at 12pm playing St. John Bosco at St. John Baptist.
Sunday at 2pm playing St. Mary CP at St. Mary CP
- 8th grade boys: Saturday at 10am playing Aquinas at St. Mary Griffith.
Sunday at 1pm playing Bishop Noll at St. Mary Griffith.

And that's not all! The Holiday Tournaments begin!

7th grade boys: Sunday, December 13th at 7pm playing St. John Bosco at SJE.
8th grade boys: Saturday Dec. 12th at 5:20pm playing St. John Bosco at SJE.

And our Lady Knights will be revving up
with Holiday Tournament play!

5th grade girls: Friday at 5:50pm playing St. Mary CP at St. Mike's.
Saturday at 1pm playing St. Thomas More at St. Mike's.
Sunday at 5pm playing St. Thomas More at St. Mike's.
6th grade girls: Saturday, December 12th at 10am playing St. Mary CP at SJE.

Oh, and by the way, Uncle Bob called.
He said to add an
OLG Super Fan shirt
to his Christmas list.

GO KNIGHTS!!!