

### AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Family,

Thanks to all of our families who have sent sympathy cards, treats, and well wishes for our staff in the loss of Jeff Colligan. Jeff was a good friend and colleague and we will continue to feel his loss for a while.

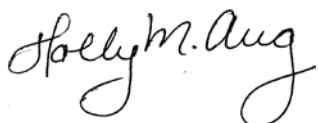
Report cards and conference forms should be returned to school tomorrow, Nov. 9th. In this day and age of technology, we do not feel every family needs a conference. If you are satisfied with your child's progress and do not have a need to meet with the teachers, we do not take this as a sign of disinterest.

8th grade parents - it is imperative to register for the High School Placement Test if your child is choosing to attend a Catholic high school. The test is **Saturday, Nov. 18th**. Also, your child's shadow days should be scheduled immediately. Most high schools prefer all shadowing occurs before Dec. 1st. Please see local high school websites for admission information. Individual high schools all vary in letters of recommendation. Many due dates for applications are quickly approaching.

Our 7th grade students and staff are currently at Camp Joy. This is a great overnight experience for our students that provides education and fun. Please pray for a safe and successful trip.

Thanks to all those who are following our new dismissal procedure. It is much safer for our children. **The church parking lot is for first grade student pick up only.** We have had several close calls with students who are not supposed to be walking over there. Beginning Thursday, we will have teachers preventing students from walking over to the church lot. We should never have cars and kids moving at the same time. IF you have an extended family member picking up children, please let them know the church lot is off limits for pick up except first grade students.

**Don't forget to spend time with your family at mass this weekend!**



### COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Third graders are learning about the process of voting and government. They are discussing why voting is important and what the voting procedure looks like. In writing, students will expand on what they are learning by composing a persuasive writing piece to tell why they feel they would be a good president. In their prewriting, students will write reasons why they should be president using trait words to describe themselves. They will also ask their classmates for one of the reasons to put in their writing as we practice looking for the good in others. Once they complete their final copy they will be displayed in the hallway. Check them out!

Special thoughts and prayers for our seventh graders who left this morning for Camp Joy. They will spend the next few days learning leadership, team collaboration, and goal setting skills. Students will complete daily challenges that require them to step outside their comfort zone and get to know others they may not know that well. May they spend time learning about each other, build new friendships, and make memories they will never forget!

### CHURCH CHATTER

Attention 7th grade Confirmation Candidates: Don't forget about the Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor meeting on November 16th at 7:00 in church.

Reconciliation will be available to students on December 7th and December 14th during lunch/recess in the canteen. Our Parish Reconciliation celebration will be December 12th at 6:00 in church.

Just for God, Just for Fun will take place on December 1, 2017. See attached for more information. Contact Jeanne Hunt for reservations ([jhunt@olvisitation.org](mailto:jhunt@olvisitation.org))

**Shoe Box Packing party for Operation Christmas Child**- Wed, Nov 15th, 6:30-8pm in the Pavilion. Bring your empty shoe boxes and fill them up with items for underprivileged boys or girls. You can bring your box already packed or bring items to contribute to the packing party. (See attachment with suggested items and details.) Over the last 7 years, Visitation packed boxes have been given to children in the following countries/regions: Zambia, Georgia, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Gabon, Bahamas, Ukraine, Mali, Angola, Tanzania, South Africa, and Columbia.

More details on how to pack a box go to: <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Volunteers are always needed to help set up, wrap boxes, and sort donated items. For additional questions please call 467-1936 or email Colleen Harmeyer [colharmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:colharmeyer@gmail.com).

### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

The next Junior High event will be after school in the Library until 4:15pm on Wednesday, November 15th. All 7th and 8th graders are invited to this "fall-fun" event where we will talk about what exactly we're thankful for through various games and activities. If you need a Jr High medical form or have questions, please let me know at 347-2203 or [Lhampel@olvisitation.org](mailto:Lhampel@olvisitation.org).

**Beginning Spanish:** Classes for the second term of Beginning Spanish (grades 1-5) will be held on Wednesdays from November 29 through February 7. Registration deadline is Friday, November 17. Registration form attached.

### **PTO and SPIRITWEAR**

Congratulations to our 11-3 Fall Lucky Bucks \$100 Winner Kristina Kelley!

We still have some spaces available for our 11/15 Dream Dinners fundraiser. Get a few friends together and make it a fun night out! Please reserve your spot using the link below.

Wed, 11/15 at 5:30pm, <http://dreamdinners.com/fundraiser/727113>

If you have any questions, please email Julie Lanter @ [ejlanter@yahoo.com](mailto:ejlanter@yahoo.com)

Reminder: The Girl Scout Father Daughter Square Dance is Saturday night, November 11. Dust off your boots for a fun night of dancing, split the pot, raffle baskets for girls and dads and memories that will last a life time! Don't forget your can goods.

### **VAC NEWS**

**Winter Sports Donut Day:** Want to help during donut day? We're looking for two families per mass. It's easy and the kids love to help! We need to fill all the spots with families that are a part of our basketball or volleyball program. All you need to do is report to the library after communion so you can have everything ready when mass lets out. Your job is simple: welcome families, replenish the food & drinks, and help with clean up.

Use this link to sign-up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aaba28a1f85-cookies1>

### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Elder High School:**

Shadow Visits at Elder: Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to schedule a Shadow Visit at Elder High School. Parents can register online at <http://www.elderhs.org/ShadowProgram> or by calling 513-921-3744.

**HSPT at Elder:** Incoming freshmen interested in attending Elder High School must take the HSPT. The HSPT is offered at Elder on November 18, 2017, for a \$30.00 fee which must be paid prior to the day of the test. Students may take the test at any Archdiocesan high school and have the option of sending their results to three different schools. Parents can register online at [www.elderhs.org/PlacementTest](http://www.elderhs.org/PlacementTest)

**Elder Open House:** Prospective students and their families are invited to the Open House on Thursday, November 9, 5:00-8:00 P.M. to learn about all things Elder. Future Panthers are able to tour the campus and meet students, faculty, coaches, counselors and administrators. Attend and enter to win a Class of 2022 tuition grant.\* \*Must attend Open House to be eligible to win. Only Elder Class of 2022 eligible. One recipient will be selected. Credit for recipient's use only will be applied to Elder High School tuition in 2018-2019.

LaSalle High School:

**Shadowing Registration is Open:** Shadowing is the best way for an 8th grade student to experience a school. You are invited to spend a day at LaSalle: walk the halls with a current student, experience the classroom activities, have lunch in the cafeteria, and discover the brotherhood at La Salle. Registration is available online at [www.lasallehs.net/admissions](http://www.lasallehs.net/admissions)

Saint Ursula Academy:

We loved seeing so many grade school faces at our Open House! There are still several opportunities for grade school girls to explore everything that Saint Ursula Academy has to offer! Our **Shadow Days** program continues through December 8 and may be scheduled at [www.saintursulaevents.com/shadow-day/](http://www.saintursulaevents.com/shadow-day/). Additionally, we invite you to join us for the following programs:

- **November 11 - Young Women's Institute** presents the Multicultural and Empowerment Retreat. The goal of the Multicultural and Empowerment Retreat is to celebrate diversity and empower each girl to be her own best self. The retreat will include a variety of community-building and skill-building activities specifically geared towards girls in the 6-8th grades. Register at [www.saintursulaevents.com/ywi-retreat/](http://www.saintursulaevents.com/ywi-retreat/)
- **November 15 - Coffee and Conversation** - Parents of prospective students are invited to come in for some coffee, conversation, and information. Faculty, counselors, Admissions staff and administrators will be on hand to answer your questions. [www.saintursulaevents.com/coffee-and-conversation/](http://www.saintursulaevents.com/coffee-and-conversation/)
- **November 18 - HSPT and Application Deadline.** [www.saintursulaevents.com/apply-to-sua/](http://www.saintursulaevents.com/apply-to-sua/)

We look forward to seeing you soon! If you have any questions, please email our Director of Admissions Michelle Dellecave at [mdellecave@saintursula.org](mailto:mdellecave@saintursula.org).

**LUNCH MENU for NOVEMBER 13 - 17**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>R-Walking Taco</b> -Corn Chips (1 oz.) <b>L-Walking Taco</b> -Corn Chips (2oz.) -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Pears -Milk	<b>R-French Toast Sticks</b> (4) -Sausage Links (2) <b>L-French Toast Sticks</b> (6) -Sausage Links (4) -Mandarin Oranges -Milk	<b>R- LaRosa's Pizza</b> (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Peaches -Vegetables & Dip -Milk  <b>No Large Lunch</b>	R-Chicken Patty on Bun (3 oz.) -Star Potatoes (5) <b>L-Chicken Patty</b> on Bun (4 oz.) -Star Potatoes (8) -Mixed Fruit -Milk	R-Italian Dipper Breadsticks (2) <b>L-Italian Dipper</b> Breadsticks (3) -Pizza Sauce -Cheese Stick -Pineapple -Milk
A La Carte				
-Walking Tacos (1 oz.) \$1.00	-French Toast Sticks (4) \$1.00	-LaRosa's Pizza 1 Slice \$1.50	-Chicken Patty (3oz.) \$1.00	-Italian Dippers (2) \$1.00

A la Carte: Assorted bagged snacks and ice cream available daily for .50

**Orange Tickets – Regular Lunch \$3.00**

**Blue Tickets – Large Lunch \$3.50**

**Purple Tickets – Pizza 1 slice or 2 Rondo's \$1.50**

**Attention: Prepaid tickets may not be used for a la carte items. These items must be paid for in cash. Also please use the pizza tickets on pizza and rondo days. It makes the line go so much faster!**  
 Thank You!

# Just for God Just for Fun



For more information  
or to R.S.V.P. (R.S.V.P. required)  
Contact: Jeanne Hunt or Sharon Dreyer  
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513-347-2228 or 347-2211

## All are welcome! Invite a friend!

**December 1, 2017**

**11:00**

**Advent Day at the Art  
Museum**

You can meet at Visitation at 10:00  
and carpool to the museum center  
or arrange your own  
transportation and meet us in the  
museum parking lot at 10:30  
Lunch in the museum café  
afterwards.  
(everyone is responsible for their own lunch)

# Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party!!



## Family Service Project Wednesday, November 15th 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Pavilion

Come join us for a family event to remember! Help spread the joy of Christmas to underprivileged children around the world. Pack a shoebox and bring hope and joy to a child who may never have experienced the excitement and love of Christmas.

### It's easy to help:

- Pick a gender (Boy/Girl). Then pick an age range (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14).
- Decide if you are going to pack your own box in which you and your family will fill Or choose to donate a group of items such as 10 packs of crayons or 10 hairbrushes. Then pack them with the group in an assembly line fashion.
- Lastly, decide how many boxes your family would like to pack. **Each box costs \$9 to ship, payable to OLV.**
- If you are unable to attend, we will gladly accept monetary donations &/or items for the shoeboxes. Assistance with transporting the packed boxes on November 16<sup>th</sup> is also needed. This is a great way to log service hours! For more information, please contact Colleen Harmeyer at 467-1936 or colharmeyer@gmail.com.

### Suggested Items to Pack in your Standard Shoebox:

#### TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries.)

#### DO NOT INCLUDE

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or Food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

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# ¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

## Beginning Conversational Spanish Course

Welcome to Beginning Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States. This learning experience will enhance your child's success in later language development. These classes will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and have fun while conversing in Spanish.

This is a three, 10-week term Spanish program. Children will learn Spanish through singing, playing, listening and speaking. As your child progresses through the program, they will build on their knowledge from the previous term. This is a beginning conversational Spanish course in which students will learn the basics of pronunciation and grammar with an emphasis on vocabulary and basic conversational skills.

**Director:** Marsha Davis-Castaño

**Class dates/times:** Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin November 29, 2017 and conclude February 7, 2018. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. **Please register early.**

**Fee:** \$50, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish \*  
**Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.**

**Registration and fee deadline:** Friday, November 17, 2017.  
(Please use one registration form per child.)

**Questions:** Please contact Marsha Davis-Castaño at (513) 307-2366.

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## SPANISH REGISTRATION FORM – OL Visitation Beginning Class – Second Term, Winter 2017-18

**Child's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegwtr2017-18