

## AUG'S BLOG

My name is Holly Aug and I will be serving as principal here at Our Lady of the Visitation this school year. I have worked over twenty years in Catholic schools, the last three in administration. I am married to a wonderful, supportive husband, Brian. We have three fantastic children Lauren (19), Kelly (17) and Tommy (15). I also have an adorable Golden doodle named Rudy. I look forward to building a strong faith community with high academic standards here at Visitation.

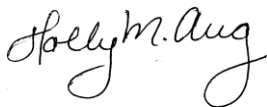
For the staff here, this is truly the most wonderful time of the year! Back to school is such an exciting time of year for educators. We anxiously await the arrival of your children each August with new ideas and strategies to bring out the best in each child. Students bring joy and life to our hallways!

This year our school is part of the School of Faith program. This program is designed to help schools develop missionary disciples amongst the staff, students and families. It is our duty as Catholics to spread the Good News and this program gives us the tools to get others engaged, excited and enriched in their faith. As part of the program, staff members are invited to take part in a beginning Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I was fortunate to be a part of the pilgrimage for 10 days this past June. It was an amazing journey with experiences that changed my heart, mind, and soul. Let me tell you, it all really happened! Any doubts I had about my faith have been eliminated by this journey. I highly encourage anyone who is given the opportunity to make this pilgrimage. Other staff members who have made the pilgrimage are Scott Day, Scott Schaerer, Joe Olding, Teresa Waltner, Karen Cullion and Jane Kramer. We look forward to leading others to a stronger faith.

This year we welcome new staff members Amy Stumin and Julie Lincoln. Ms. Stumin will be joining the fifth grade team and Ms. Lincoln will be joining our intervention team.

Looking forward to what the future holds for Visitation!

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



We are asking for prayers for the following staff members who will not be joining us at the beginning of the school year:

- Laura Ellis – recently diagnosed with breast cancer
- Jeff Colligan – continuing his battle with cancer
- Peggy Schwarz – recovering from major back surgery
- Leah Cook – maternity leave

The Westboro Baptist Church, based in Kansas has planned a protest at Oak Hills High School against some of the clubs they have at their school. The protest is planned for Sept. 6 at 1:45 p.m. The high school is dismissing early but the rest of their schools are not dismissing early. We are in contact with Green Township police about this situation and will proceed as business as usual on this day.

A hard copy of the Family Income Survey is coming home with your student today (as well as being attached). We ask each family to fill one out and return it to school by Friday, September 1. You can put it in a sealed envelope and put Family Income Survey on the outside. Why do it? We get some of your tax dollars back to serve our kids. With the money we receive based on the survey results, we can hire tutors for some of our students. We also get a discount on our internet connectivity equipment. What happens to the information I provide? It stays in the Visitation School Office. Individual information would only be shared in case of an audit from the feds.

Don't forget that Meet the Principal is tonight at 6:30 along with PTO. Meet the Teacher nights are Tuesday, September 6 (gr. 5 – 8) and Thursday, September 14 (gr. 1 – 4) at 7:00 p.m.

We would like to thank PTO for updating the teacher's lunchroom. It looks fabulous and is greatly appreciated.

Parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, look for a separate OneCall today regarding shadowing at high schools.

School is closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

### **COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER**

Hello from maternity leave! I just wanted to say thank you to our wonderful staff and parents for all the kind words and well wishes for me and my family while I am on maternity leave. Mila Leigh came into the world on July 18th weighing 7 lbs. and 9oz. Big brother Cohen, mom, and dad could not be more in love. I am enjoying time home with family, but also looking forward to returning September 12th!

Thanks to everyone that has signed up to volunteer in the library. Due to Ms. Schwarz's surgery, the library schedule will be a bit different until she returns September 18th. Therefore, we will not need volunteers to start until then. If you signed up to help in the library please do not plan to start until September 18th. Thanks again! Feel free to contact Leah Cook with any questions: [lcook@olvisitation.org](mailto:lcook@olvisitation.org)

### **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Reporting a child's absence or late arrival:** To report an absence or tardy, call or email Mrs. Easton, school nurse, at 451-7207 or [ceaston@olvisitation.org](mailto:ceaston@olvisitation.org) by 8:30 a.m. Please provide child's name, grade, homeroom **and reason for absence or arrival.** **Please do not call the main school office number.**

From the Art. Dept.: Congratulations to Laryssa L. and Will M. (grade 8) whose artwork was published in *Artline*, the Ohio Art Education Association Spring/Summer 2017 publication.

### **PTO and SPIRITWEAR**

Hello, welcome back to a new school year. This year we are changing up the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM. There will no longer be a March Madness competition. Instead we will be doing bi-monthly competitions among the classrooms. The classroom with the most Box Tops will receive a prize: out of uniform passes, popsicles, donuts, etc...

The first competition will be from the summer collections. These are due by this Friday, September 1st. Collection sheets were provided at the end of last school year **excluding first grade (first grade will be included in all other collections).** Please turn the sheets into the boxes provided in the student's homeroom. Please see the attached documents for more details about the other collection dates. If you have any questions, please mail Lisa Ruhe @ [ruhel@roadrunner.com](mailto:ruhel@roadrunner.com)

From Spirit Wear: The shop will be open from 5:00 - 6:15 on August 30, before Meet the Principal. The shop will also be open on both nights of Meet the Teacher. We will resume regular hours in October. Thanks to all who have visited us in the last two weeks!

### **OTHER**

From Band Director, Mrs. Cassidy: It is time again to sign up to participate in our Visitation Viking Band! Returning members, please fill out the attached enrollment form for your grade level and send it along with the fees to your homeroom teacher. New to band? Want to find out more? Please stop by during our band open house in the church hall on Thursday, August 31 from 3-5:00. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Band is open to any Visitation student in grades 4 through 8. Students in grades 4-6 have the option of taking band DURING the school day. Please contact Susan Cassidy at [scassidy@olvisitation.org](mailto:scassidy@olvisitation.org) or [513.259.5985](tel:513.259.5985) with any questions you may have.

From Mrs. Parsons, Children's Choir: Choir registration is open to students in grades 3 through 8. We have two choirs: 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir, rehearsal Mondays 6:15-7:00 p.m.; 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade choir, rehearsal Mondays 7:15-8:00 p.m. We are flexible around fall sports schedules. See attachment for more details. To register, email Kathy at [kparsons@olvisitation.org](mailto:kparsons@olvisitation.org) or call (347-4402). The deadline to sign up for choir is **Friday, September 8.** Space is limited. There is no fee to participate.

### **VAC**

VAC Meeting: The VAC meeting this week has been rescheduled for Sept. 7 at 8:00 in the Pavilion. Please join us and become involved. *All are welcome!*

Buddy Cards: We are selling Buddy Cards for \$10.00. The cards have 14 deals per card - Buy one large pizza, get a large cheese pizza FREE! Sell 5 or more cards and get one free card **and** an out of uniform pass! Sell 10 or more and get entered to win an iPad! All collections should go through school in a marked envelope to Shelly Saupe by Sept. 8. Any questions, please contact [ssaupe@zoomtown.com](mailto:ssaupe@zoomtown.com). Form attached.

**Lunch Menu for September 4<sup>th</sup> – September 8<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>No School Labor Day</b>	<b>R</b> -Chicken Patty on Bun (3 oz.) -Star Potatoes (5) <b>L</b> -Chicken Patty on Bun (4 oz.) -Star Potatoes (8) -Fruit Juice -Milk	<b>R</b> - LaRosa's Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Pears -Vegetables & Dip -Milk  <b>No Large Lunch</b>	<b>R</b> -Italian Dipper Breadsticks (2) <b>L</b> -Italian Dipper Breadsticks (3) -Mixed Fruit -Pizza Sauce -Cheese Stick -Milk	<b>R</b> - Nacho's & Cheese (1 cup) -Regular Pretzel <b>L</b> -Nacho's & Cheese (2 cups) -Jumbo Pretzel -Applesauce -Milk
<b>A La Carte</b>				
	-Chicken Patty on Bun (3 oz.) \$1.00	-LaRosa's Pizza 1 Slice \$1.50	-Italian Dipper Breadsticks (2) \$1.00	-Nacho's & Cheese (1 cup) \$1.00

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

## **NEW CARPOOL ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL PROCEDURE AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION SCHOOL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

*For the safety of our students, Our Lady of the Visitation school will be using a new dismissal procedure effective the first day of school Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. This procedure was developed with guidance from Green Township Police Dept. and the Safety Team at Visitation. Students and cars should not be moving at the same time under this new procedure. Patience will be of the utmost importance these first few days of school. We will have police officers outside to help us the first few days. Please share this information with anyone who helps with carpool for your family.*

**ARRIVAL** All bus riders will be dropped off behind school in the morning and head to the auditorium or classroom depending on time. No first graders will go to the church hall in the morning. First graders may be dropped off at the first grade building after 8:10. Otherwise, they will go to the auditorium with other students.

### **DISMISSAL NEW PROCEDURE**

2:55 Carpool Dismissal for those cars turning **RIGHT** onto South Road

3:10 Carpool Dismissal for those cars turning **LEFT** onto South Road

**\*\*\*These times are reversed from last year\*\*\***

**Make sure your child knows which carpool they will be in this year.**

All cars will enter the South Road Lot using the entrance closest to the white house (church office). All cars will pull into straight lines facing Werk Road, using the parking spot lines as guides. Please pull up behind the car in front of you, leaving 2-3 feet only between cars. Cones will be used to mark the beginning of the rows. The cone will also serve to block the cars from leaving. First graders will wait in the holding zone outside the third and fourth grade classrooms. Parents can pick students up from the holding zone. Once students are safely in cars, a staff member will call any unattended students back into the holding zone. Once students are secured back into safety zone, cars will then be dismissed by rows. It will take some time to work out issues, so please be patient as we work to ensure the safety of the students.

**NAME OF SCHOOL: Our Lady of the Visitation**

**FAMILY INCOME FORM – SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018**

Certification and Signature: I certify that all of the below information is true and correct, and that all income is reported. I understand that this information is being given for the receipt of federal funds and that school officials may verify the information on the form.

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

<b>Circle Public School <u>District</u> of Residence</b>			
Three Rivers	Oak Hills	Cincinnati	Other

<b>Circle Public School of Residence (Which school would your child be in if in the public school district):</b>									
3Rivers Elementary (gr. 1-6)	Taylor HS (gr. 7-12)	Dulles	Springmyer	Oakdale	Rapid Run	Bridgetown	Other	_____	

**To the Parent/Guardian:** In order to determine if the school your child attends will receive federal No Child Left Behind Act – Title I funds for reading and/or mathematics or other services, specific income information is needed from you. Please complete this form and return it to your child’s school immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Family information:** Please print the name of the child(ren) for whom the form is being completed.

Name	Date of Birth	Gender (circle one)	Grade
		M   F	
		M   F	
		M   F	
		M   F	

Circle if child is:   \*Foster Child   \*Ward of Court   \*Welfare Recipient   \*Food Stamp Recipient

**Directions: (Please complete both sections if applicable as amounts are different)**

- Find the total number of members living in your household.
- Scroll over to the FREE section. If your total household income is less than the amount listed in the FREE columns, circle that amount. If your income is greater than the amount listed in the FREE section, leave blank/do not circle.
- Continue to scroll over to the REDUCED section. If your household income is less than the amount listed in the REDUCED columns for the total number of members living in your household, circle the amount. Otherwise leave blank.

The income can be the amount received per year, per month, or per week, but should be the **total before taxes** or anything else is taken out.

**Example:** Mr. and Mrs. Smith are married and have 3 children. Together they earn \$3,500 per month. Since they have 5 people in their household and make more than the monthly amount in the free column (\$3,118) but less than the reduced column (\$4,437), they should not circle anything in the Free section but circle the box in the Reduced section that indicates \$4,437.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	FREE					REDUCED				
	Number of Members	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks
1	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$654	\$603	\$302	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2	21,112	1,760	880	812	406	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3	26,546	2,213	1,107	1,021	511	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4	31,980	2,665	1,333	1,230	615	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5	37,414	3,118	1,559	1,439	720	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6	42,848	3,571	1,786	1,648	824	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7	48,282	4,024	2,012	1,857	929	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8	53,716	4,477	2,239	2,066	1,033	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each Additional Member Add	+5,434	+453	+227	+209	+105	+7,733	+645	+323	+298	+149

August 30, 2017

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

All of our school families are asked to complete the enclosed income form. This information is very important to ensure our continued participation in various Federal and State programs. These programs provide a variety of materials and services for our children, teachers, and school. Programs affected include Title I and E-Rate.

**What happens if you fill out this form?**

- Your name will not be given out to anyone. The information will be kept confidential.
- Your school building may be able to get more money.
- That money may be used:
  - To hire teachers
  - To buy materials
  - For technology
  - For connectivity
- Your child or other children may get extra help with reading and mathematics at the elementary level.

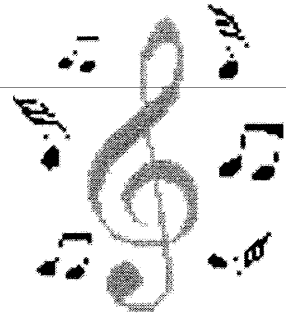
Parents/Guardians, please return the form to school by September 1, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation with filling out this form. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Holly M. Aug  
Principal

# OLV Children's Choir Registration Information 2017-18



Does your child love to sing? The OLV Children's Choir will begin its tenth year in September, and all children in grades 3 through 8 are invited to participate!

Rehearsals will be held on **Monday evenings** in the church (near the organ). We have two choirs, each with its own rehearsal. One choir consists of **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade** students and will rehearse from **6:15 – 7:00**. The second choir includes **grades 5-8** and will rehearse from **7:15-8:00**.

Our first rehearsal will be held on **Monday, September 18**. In the past, some children have not been able to participate during the fall sports season, due to scheduling conflicts. If this is the case for you, **PLEASE** let me know. I do not want this to be a reason for not signing up for choir! He or she can begin choir after the season ends.

The choirs will sing at our weekly all-school Masses on Tuesdays in the auditorium. The two choirs will alternate weeks. In addition to school Masses, we plan to sing for occasional Sunday Masses throughout the school year.

Choir gives students the opportunity to lead the school and parish congregation in prayer, improve their singing voices, work together as a team of singers, develop poise and confidence, develop their musical skills, and enhance their understanding of liturgy. We work hard and accomplish much, and we have fun doing it!

**The deadline to sign up for choir is Friday, September 8. Space is limited.**

**Please email me at [kparsons@olvisitation.org](mailto:kparsons@olvisitation.org) with the following information, if your child plans to sing in choir:**

- 1) **Child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher**
- 2) **Parent name(s)**
- 3) **Parent phone number(s)**
- 4) **Best email address(es) to contact parent(s). Please note: I plan to do most of our communication with you through email.**

I will send out an email reminder before our first rehearsal. I look forward to a year of beautiful singing! If you have questions/concerns, you can contact me by email or by calling (347-4402).

Musically yours,  
Kathy Parsons

# ¡ 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 **September 6** and conclude **November 15, 2017**. 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, September 1, 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 – First Term, Fall 2017

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

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

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

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

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

\*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegfall2017



# ¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

## Advanced Conversational Spanish Course

Welcome to Advanced Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States. Get a jump on high school by studying a foreign language now!

This is a three, 10-week term Spanish program. During each term, the student will build on their knowledge from the previous term. This is an advanced conversational Spanish course in which students will continue to learn the basics of pronunciation and grammar with an emphasis on vocabulary and basic conversational skills. A more expanded curriculum will also focus on verb usage and sentence structure with the use of Spanish workbooks.

**Director:** Marsha Davis-Castaño

**Class dates/times:** Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin **September 6**, and conclude **November 15, 2017**. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. **Please register early.**

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**Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.**

**Registration and fee deadline:** Friday, September 1, 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 Advanced Class – First Term, Fall 2017

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

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

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

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

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

\*Spanish instruction is non-refundable;OLVisiadvfall17

