

Important Dates:

9/2 1st day A-K
9/3 1st day L-Z
9/4 All Students
9/16 Picture Day

Absent/Tardy: 347-2231
Preschool Absent: 347-4450
Early Dismissal: note to teacher
Aftercare: 371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Family,

There is excitement in the air as we all return to school! I think everyone is ready for some routine! It's good to be back! Remember if you attended school today, then you do not attend tomorrow. Each Wednesday, a newsletter will be sent out through Rediker. Please review weekly as it will have important dates, events, information about sports, extracurriculars, spiritwear, etc. in it.

We welcome the following to our staff this year:

Preschool Staff: Janie McDonald (director/teacher), Robyn Kern (teacher)
Preschool Aides: Holly Beck, Beth Cebula, Julie Freudiger, JoAnne Merk,
Marilyn Murray, Nancy Murray
1st grade aide: Jenny Waldeck
Math Specialist: Ellen McGoron

This past summer was extremely busy! We sanitized the entire building, added signage and soap dispensers to restrooms, added hall sanitizers, simplified classrooms, relocated the nurse, lined hallways for social distancing, set up logistics for specials, etc. In addition, we painted 8 classrooms and one stairwell, fixed a major plumbing issue, and now are working on the air conditioning. Thanks to our maintenance staff for helping us!

Reminders:

- Hair color must be natural. No spiked hair, mohawks, logos, or emblems shaved into heads.
- Masks must be cloth. They can be any color, solid, stripe or small design. Face shields can only be worn with a mask underneath it. Cloth masks should not have wording on it, big faces, anything scary or controversial.
- Water bottles are a necessity as the water fountain mouthpieces are turned off. Students will receive a plastic cup if they forgot their water bottle.
- No forgotten items are to be delivered to school. The main idea is that our students work through these problems. They will not starve. If they forget homework, they need to learn how to handle a consequence. This helps students to mature and it builds character. We will have box lunches for students who forget. If there is a medical necessity item a student needs, that can be delivered to school.

Cafeteria Helpers: Cones will be placed outside blocking the back drive from 11:00 to 12:15. If you can't get through the back drive, you have to park around the church and walk to the kitchen. Cafeteria helpers should check in at the kitchen doors and get their temperature taken.

Please see the attached link for our introduction videos:

<https://lessonbook.live/Live/Player/OID/72/SWID/50/SSID/491>

Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the Major Award and Tuition Raffle! In addition, we had people donate extra to their Sunday collection for the Festival weekend and some even took part in the Chicken Dinner! Thanks to all those who helped make our "Unfestival" a huge success!

Please make sure you read over the attached flyer on the Thirsty Card and the cafeteria. We are still looking for volunteers for the cafeteria. Please email Linda Good if interested. lgood@olvisitation.org

Let's keep each other safe and healthy this year! Remember faith over fear! Mass is held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Only every other pew is used to keep everyone safe.

Keep the faith,

Holly M. Aug

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

The following forms are attached to this newsletter:

- Family Forms Acknowledgement - please complete and return by 9/9.
- Medial Consent and Permission to Publish
- Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Media Policy
- Responsible Use of Technology

You only need to return the Acknowledgement form.

Please review the Student Handbook at this link or visit our website under Visi Vitals.

<https://olvisitation.org/school/Visi-Vitals>

The following forms are being sent home with your children today and tomorrow:

- Medical Authorization/Health History (orange) - Please complete both sides of this form for each of your children and return it by 9/9.
- Income Form (blue) - Please complete and return one per family by 9/9.

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Hello! I am Mrs. Cook, the assistant principal. We have many new families this year so I wanted to take time to introduce myself. This is my sixth year at Visitation and my thirteenth year in education. I have two children at home. Cohen is six and Mila is three. My husband and I are excited to welcome twins into our family in February! Visitation is truly a special community full of caring families that are always looking out for each other. I am beyond blessed to be here to serve students and families!

My section of the newsletter typically highlights what is happening around school as well as provides academic technology recommendations for students to practice skills at home. I am always available for academic support or questions. Feel free to reach out via email at lcook@olvisitation.org. I hope all students and families have a great first week back at school! We are beyond thrilled to see new and current families again.

Visit <https://www.readingrockets.org/audience/parents> this school year for tips, tricks, videos and activities to help your child learn to read and/or become a better reader. You can never read too much!

REDIKER: All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to rediker@olvisitation.org.

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Hello all Visitation Vikings! My name is Renee Dallal and I am the new School Psychologist at Our Lady of the Visitation. I am so happy to be here and excited to get to know all of you! I recently graduated from Miami University with my degree as an Educational Specialist. I also attended there for my Bachelors in Arts (Major in Psychology and Minor in Family Studies). Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns! My email is rdallal@olvisitation.org or give me a call at 513-347-2235 Ext. 2040.

We are all in for a very special year together. This week I wanted to share an article from Cincinnati Children's- "Easing Back-to School Jitters After a Long Summer."

https://blog.cincinnatichildrens.org/86/easing-back-to-school-jitters-after-the-longest-summer?_ga=2.244249541.1912018690.1598276893-1741168005.1598276893

Stay tuned every week for mental health and wellness tips and tricks!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Band: Please see the attached flyer for information about our Viking Band. Please use this link to sign up: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQFdyOJBpFW0thn1bY2jG_EdRQfRegQRI5Vny0OI0UobATxA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Picture Day: Our picture day will be Wednesday, September 16th. Students may come out of uniform. Regular out of uniform rules apply. Masks will be removed for the picture. The retake day will be on Thursday, November 5th. The 3 year old preschool class will have their pictures taken on Thursday, November 5th.

Spiritwear Shop: This year, the Spiritwear shop will be online only. Go to this link <http://visispiritwear.weebly.com/shop-school-uniform.html> or visit our website under Get Involved, Spiritwear.

Art Department: Please see the attached letter from the Art Department.

Each year The Cincinnati Art Museum engages young artists to display their artwork at our 10x10 Teen Art Expo. The Cincinnati Art Museum is looking for teen volunteers to help plan the 2021 Teen Art Expo! Applications are due on September 21st. [Link to apply!](#)

Recess/Playground: We are still looking for playground volunteers. For details on helping out or to sign up, please go to the following link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faca922a1fc1-playground11>. Email lspraul@olvisitation.org with any questions.

CHURCH CHATTER

The archdiocese is doing a new prayer initiative from now until January 1st, which is the national day of prayer. All schools and parishes are encouraged to participate. If every Catholic would pray for 1 extra minute a day, it would equal 1 million hours of prayer - pretty neat if we unified our prayers for peace, justice and goodwill.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Welcome back to school! We are looking forward to another great school year!! PTO would like to thank everyone for their support in last year's Virtual Walk-a-Thon. Despite all the last minute changes due to quarantine, you showed your support in a big way! THANK YOU!!

Don't forget to get your PTO's Lucky Bucks! This is our **ONLY** fall fundraiser. **NEW THIS YEAR:** We will have a \$300 1st Place Winner, a \$200 2nd Place Winner, and a \$100 3rd Place Winner *every last Friday* in September and October. The student who sells the most Lucky Bucks tickets will win \$100!! Tickets are \$20 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$50. Tickets can be purchased on-line at: <https://my-site-101719.square.site/> Please see attached flyer for details.

We are still in need of quite a few homeroom Reps. Please sign up using the signup genius below. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0E4FABAB28A20-homeroom2>

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Elder High School: Please see the attached flyer for Elder's upcoming Admission Events.

Elder Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Night will be on Thursday, September 17, 6:00pm. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents to meet with the Elder Admissions Team & other pertinent staff. We will discuss our robust financial aid & scholarship program, including how to apply for these funds. Our knowledgeable Admissions staff will be happy to answer any questions that you may have!

GENERAL REMINDERS

- If your child will be absent from school or tardy, a phone call is required by 8:30 a.m. The direct phone numbers to report a student absent or tardy are:
 - **K-8: 347-2231**
 - **Preschool: 347-4450**
- If your child needs to leave school early, a note written by a parent must be given to the student's homeroom teacher at the start of that same day.
- For school closings and delays due to inclement weather, Our Lady of the Visitation will follow Three Rivers Local School District.

Our Lady of the Visitation

Thirsty Cards/Cafeteria

2020-2021

- Thirsty Cards can now be purchased to buy milk/water. Each card contains 20 milk and/or water purchases for \$10.
- Milk/water is available all days of the week for all students.
- Milk/water can also be purchased with cash.
- Thirsty Cards may be purchased at student Walk -Through Days, Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st from 9 to noon in the cafeteria. They are also available to be purchased through school throughout the year.
- To purchase through school, send money or check payable to Visitation Cafeteria. Include child's name and homeroom on it. Please allow 24 hours to process. It will NOT be available the day it is turned into the office. A child may want to bring money in for that day.
- Please put your child's name on The Thirsty Card immediately.
- Students will rotate turns eating in the cafeteria. When your child does not eat in the cafeteria, they will eat in their homerooms. The purpose of this rotation is to make sure your child is 6 feet away from another person.
- On days when your child is in the cafeteria, snacks, drinks and ice cream are available for purchase.
- Parents, the cafeteria in need of some additional volunteers in the cafeteria to help out with snacks, ice cream, milk and water. Pick one day a month that you feel comfortable with volunteering (ie: the first Tuesday, second Wednesday, fourth Thursday, etc.) or you may volunteer a few times a month, your help is greatly appreciated!!! We are short volunteers this year!!
- Volunteers: We will ask you to arrive on your schedule day(s) @ 10:30. Please come to the back door, there is a doorbell to ring to let you in. You are required to wear a face mask so please bring one you are comfortable wearing. I will have masks in case you forget. For now, I will still ask you to wear a hat or visor as well. Upon arrival your temperature will be taken. You may place personal belongings in the back store room and proceed to wash your hands before working.
- We are successful with our volunteers and appreciate any time you can offer.

Linda Good

lgood @olvisitation.org



Family Forms Acknowledgement

Please check each form and complete the bottom. Print and return this sheet to school by September 9th.

I have read and understand the following:

_____ I have read and reviewed the Student Handbook, including COVID Acknowledgement of Risks. (A link to the Handbook was provided in the 9/2/2020 Newsletter.)

_____ Media Consent Form and Permission to Publish

OR _____ I do **NOT** give consent.

_____ Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Media Policy

_____ Responsible Use of Technology / Remote Learning Form
(Students will sign this in class.)

Student Names: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Media Consent Form and Permission to Publish

During the school year, we have opportunities to share the accomplishments and activities of our students. To do this, we may take photographs, voice recordings, video recordings and other visual documentation of students. The school and our teachers may share these images or recordings in school publications and marketing materials (both digital and print), and we may also share these media images and recordings with newspapers, TV stations and other print and digital media publications.

Such publications may include, but are not limited to: publicly displayed photographs, press releases, interviews, advertising brochures, newspaper articles, newsletters, and any social media outlets. These publications become property of Our Lady of the Visitation. Please indicate below whether you consent for these media images to be gathered and published, and your permission will remain in effect while your child is enrolled at our school.



Archdiocese of Cincinnati Social Media Policy (Rev 5-2017)

I. PURPOSE

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and its Affiliates with accountability to the Archbishop of Cincinnati (including all parishes, schools, agencies, and institutions) recognize that in today's environment, ministry personnel use social media and other networking technologies to conduct ministry. The Archdiocese encourages administrators, pastors and principals to support the use of social media by ministry personnel as needed to accomplish ministry in today's world. The Archdiocese also recognizes its obligation to teach and ensure responsible and safe use of these technologies. The following policies are designed to help ensure use of these technologies that are safe, responsible and reflective of the philosophy and teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. This policy addresses the use of publicly available social media networks. In addition, employees and volunteers must avoid posting any information or engaging in communications that violate state, federal or Archdiocesan laws and policies.

Every year commencing with the effective date of this document, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will evaluate the document and its implementation and offer to the Archbishop recommendations for improving this document and its implementation.

II. DEFINITIONS

- **Adult:** An individual who is eighteen years of age or older (see exceptions under definition of "child").
- **Affiliate:** Any entity that is subject to the administrative authority of the Archbishop of Cincinnati under canon law.
- **Archdiocesan/School Personnel:** Any volunteer, employee, religious, or cleric of the Archdiocese, including school and parish personnel, and those whose work may not be considered as ministry.
 - **Ministry Personnel:** Any volunteer, employee, religious, or cleric who conducts ministry within the Archdiocese.
- **Archdiocese of Cincinnati:** The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati, including all parishes, schools, agencies, and institutions with accountability to the Archbishop of Cincinnati.
- **Child:** An individual who has *not* yet reached the age of 18, or who is 18 or 19 years of age and enrolled in high school, or a person of any age who is substantially impaired by a physical, mental, or cognitive disability.

- **Ministry website account/application:** An internet website account/application, blog or social media profile created by employees, clerics, and volunteers for the purpose of conducting diocesan/affiliate business. (Examples include, but are not limited to: School/Parish website, Facebook Group, Slack Channel, Intranet, Classroom Blackboard).
 - **Private Ministry website account:** A ministry website account that can only be viewed by members specifically accepted by the website account administrator/moderators.
 - **Public Ministry website account:** A ministry website account that is accessible to the public without any direct permission from website account administrator/moderators.
- **Personal website accounts/applications:** An internet website account/application, blog, or social media profile created by employees, clerics, and volunteers primarily to share personal communication with friends and associates.
- **Website account administrator/moderator:** One of at least two adults with full administrative access to a ministry website account/application.

III. MINISTRY WEBSITES

1. Establishing a Social Media Presence

a. Approval: Policy—

Approval must be obtained from the corresponding department head, pastor or principal before creating a ministry website account. Archdiocesan/School Personnel may not establish a website account which implies official representation of any Archdiocesan entity without such permission.

b. Use of Logos: Policy—

Once granted, the new ministry website account must contain the official Archdiocesan logo or that of its related entity (e.g., parish or school). No website account may include the official Archdiocesan logo or that of a related entity (e.g., parish or school) in a way that implies official ownership/sponsorship, without being an approved ministry website account.

c. Website Account Administrator/Moderators: Policy—

At least two adults who are also ministry personnel should have full administrative access to ministry website accounts, known as website account administrator/moderators. Website account administrator/moderators must be approved to work with children in accordance with Archdiocesan policy.

d. Terms of Use: Policy—

Website account administrator/moderators and ministry personnel should be familiar with the terms of use, age restrictions, privacy settings and controls of any site being used for ministry purposes.

2. Separation of Personal and Ministry Websites

a. Personal and Ministry Profiles: Policy—

Whenever possible, ministry personnel should separate their personal social media profiles from any profiles they use for ministry. (In Facebook, for example, you can use pages or groups for professional use, which are connected to, but separate from your personal profile).

b. Communicating on Ministry Websites: Policy—

Ministry personnel should not use an official Archdiocesan or affiliate email address or profile to communicate on public or ministry website accounts unless they are approved to officially speak in the position they represent.

c. Work-related Email Addresses: Recommendation—

If website account administrator/moderators are employees of the Archdiocese, they should be registered to these website accounts primarily through their work-related email addresses.

3. Content on Ministry Websites

a. Content Reflecting Church Teaching: Policy—

Content on ministry website accounts should consistently represent the views and teachings of the Catholic Church. Any postings that would reflect poorly upon the Church or ministry personnel and/or could cause scandal should be avoided. This activity includes not only the advocacy of opinions contrary to Church teaching and doctrine, but also things such as: inappropriate images or dress; advocacy of inappropriate music, movies or entertainment; obscene, profane or vulgar language; communication or conduct that is harassing, threatening, bullying, libelous, or defamatory; encouragement of illegal or immoral activity; advocacy of inappropriate use of alcohol or drugs.

b. Posting Photos: Policy—

Written consent must be obtained prior to posting personally identifying photos, videos or other information on a ministry website account. If the subject is a child, permission must be obtained from the parent or legal guardian. Such permission is included in the standard permission/release form used in activities with children. An example form for use with adults is contained in **Appendix A**. See also: Specific Guidelines with Children.

c. Confidential and Proprietary Information: Policy—

Employees, clerics and volunteers are prohibited from disclosing via the internet information that is understood to be held in confidence by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or its Affiliates. Employees, clerics and volunteers are prohibited from disclosing via the internet any information that is proprietary to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or its Affiliates, except by explicit permission of the appropriate authority.

d. Crisis and Emergency Situations: Policy—

Ministry personnel should treat any crisis or emergency situation (e.g., signs of suicidal thoughts or other intent to harm oneself or others, chemical abuse, criminal behavior, etc.) as they would with any other mode of communication. There is a duty

to report such communications and website account administrators/moderators should be advised of this responsibility for both adults and minors.

e. Rules of Conduct Posting: Recommendation—

On any ministry website account that accepts comments from users, the following rules of conduct should be posted in a place deemed reasonably visible for the kind of technology being used: “All posts and comments should be marked by Christian charity and respect for truth. They should presume the good will of other posters. No Ads please. Inappropriate comments may be deleted.”

IV. SPECIFIC GUIDELINES WITH CHILDREN

1. Transparency

a. Two Website Account Administrators/Moderators: Policy—

It is important that technology be used in a responsible and ethical way and that Archdiocesan/school Personnel, volunteers and parents be transparent in all forms of communication, particularly when ministering to children. Two adults, approved to work with children according to the policies of the Archdiocese, must have full administrative access to any ministry website accounts.

b. Group Texting: Policy—

Similarly, when using group messaging services, group texting services or similar programs with children, at least one other adult approved to work with children should be included in messages.

c. Individual Texting: Policy—

Archdiocesan/school personnel should limit texting/messaging to informational purposes related to ministry. When responding to an individual text/message from a child that is personal or conversational, Archdiocesan/school personnel must use prudence in steering that conversation away from continued electronic communication and towards any necessary in-person follow-up. (All policies of the *Decree on Child Protection* involving contact with children apply.)

d. Saving/Archiving of texts/messages

Archdiocesan/school personnel must use prudence in determining how long texts, emails or other electronic communication should be saved. Texting that is purely informational (i.e., “The meeting starts at 7PM”) may have no need of being saved or archived. Texting that responds to a personal request (i.e., “Let’s meet during office hours at 3:30 to discuss that”) should remain accessible until prudence dictates that the issue has been resolved and the time for any likely questions about the appropriateness of the communication has passed.

e. Secretive Technology: Policy—

In order to maintain transparency, any type of technology whose design is inherently to be secretive (applications whose messages that are sent or received are

automatically deleted after a short period of time) or deceptive (applications designed to appear to be something other than they are) are not to be used.

2. Parental Consent

a. Communicating through Social Networking: Policy—

General written permission to communicate with children through social networking methods should be given by parents. This written permission is included in the standard permission release form, in the same place where one finds permission to utilize photographs. Since utilizing social media is part of the standard permission form, parents should also be made aware that they can opt out of allowing their children to be contacted through social media through the use of a separate form, included in **Appendix A**. If desired, parents also have the right to be copied in all communication coming to their children (e.g., by being added to any texting list or social media group).

b. Informing Parents: Policy—

Because of the policy above, ministry leaders must make reasonable efforts to inform parents more specifically of the typical ways their children will be communicated with as a standard part of youth ministry, including through social networking. One simple way to accomplish this is through a standard handbook or information sheet given to all parents at the beginning of each school year, or as any new student begins participating in a ministry program.

c. Posting Images: Policy

Ministry personnel may not post identifiable images of children on any social media network without written parental consent, except for images taken in the public arena, such as at sporting events or fine arts public performances. This written permission is already included as part of the standard permission/release form for any event. If the image being used is not connected to an event for which there is already a signed permission/release form in place, the permission form in **Appendix B** can be used.

d. Images and Personal Information: Policy—

Even with permission to utilize an identifiable image of a child, on public ministry website accounts, youth should not be identified by anything more than a first name. Youth also should not be tagged on public ministry website accounts.

e. Tagging: Recommendation—

On public ministry website accounts that include children, the “no tagging” (or other similar option that avoids direct connection with a child’s personal social networking page) should be set whenever possible.

3. Appropriate Relationships

a. Online Behavior of Youth: Policy—

Ministry personnel have responsibility for maintaining appropriate adult to children relationships at all times. Ministry personnel should continue to take responsibility for addressing inappropriate behavior or activity on social media, in the same way they would be expected to do with in-person interaction.

b. Initial Online Contact: Policy—

Ministry personnel and website account administrators/moderators should not initiate first contact with a potential follower online. Online “friend”, “follower” or other similar requests for inclusion with social media networks should be made by the child and then approved by the website administrator/moderator.

c. Other Documents: Policy—

Ministry personnel who interact with children should be aware of and comply with all aspects of the *Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act* and the *Decree on Child Protection* for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati and its Affiliates will review alleged violations of the *Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act*, or the *Decree on Child Protection* of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, on a case-by-case basis. In the event that a provision of this Social Media Policy cannot be reconciled with the *Decree on Child Protection* of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the provisions of the *Decree on Child Protection* of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be in force.

V. PERSONAL USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

1. Online Behavior

a. Online Behavior of Adults: Policy—

Because social media is a public medium, ministry personnel using social media should be aware that they represent the Catholic Church on both ministry and personal websites/applications. Ministry personnel should not engage in online activity that would cause scandal or express a disregard for trying to faithfully live as a disciple of Christ. This activity includes not only the advocacy of opinions contrary to Church teaching and doctrine, but also things such as: inappropriate images or dress; advocacy of inappropriate music, movies or entertainment; obscene, profane or vulgar language; communication or conduct that is harassing, threatening, bullying, libelous, or defamatory; encouragement of illegal or immoral activity; advocacy of inappropriate use of alcohol or drugs.

b. Online Behavior with Youth: Policy—

The line between professional and personal relationships is blurred within a social media context. When ministry personnel choose to utilize social media outside those approved by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to engage with youth who are associated with them primarily through a ministry context, they are to maintain their professionalism as ministry personnel.

Ministry personnel have the responsibility for addressing inappropriate behavior or activity online as they would be expected to with in-person interaction, including requirements for mandated reporting.

2.Discipline: Policy—

Be mindful that any information posted on your personal social networking site could potentially be grounds for discipline or even termination of employment.

3.Miscellaneous

a. Disclaimers: Recommendation—

If ministry personnel identify themselves (i.e., in the biography section or profile information) as an employee or volunteer for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on a personal website account/application, the site should include the following disclaimer: “The views expressed on this website are mine alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.”

This disclaimer should be reasonably visible in accordance with the type of media platform it is. For example, on a Facebook profile, this statement can be posted in the “About” section.

b. Copyright: Policy—

Ministry personnel using social media, personally or professionally, must abide by all copyright and intellectual property rights laws. Ministry personnel are prohibited from disclosing information that is understood to be held in confidence by or proprietary to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or its Affiliates, except by explicit permission of the appropriate authority.

VI. CONCLUSION

Pope Francis, in his message for the 48th World Communications Day said, “Let us boldly become citizens of the digital world. The Church needs to be concerned for, and present in, the world of communication, in order to dialogue with people today and to help them encounter Christ.” The policies and recommendations above are written to help us utilize the power of electronic media to evangelize in today’s world, in ways that are safe, responsible, and reflective of Catholic values. Let us continue then to “Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20).



Student Technology Contract Responsible Use of Technology Form

Our Lady of the Visitation strives to foster spiritual, physical, intellectual, moral and social growth in all of our students. Recognizing the important of technology in our world, we believe it is necessary to:

- *Incorporate technology into the instructional process to encourage problem-solving, critical thinking, and global learning*
- *Promote student-centered, independent learning*
- *Increase efficiency in the learning process*
- *Empower students with technical literacy skills*

In this light, the Archdiocese Responsible Use of Technology Form and our own Student Technology contract must be followed and signed. All equipment used belongs to the school and need to remain on school property. There are some Chromebooks that may be signed out on loan. The technology department and administration reserve the right to monitor ANY and ALL activity generated by student use of technology equipment. Students may use technology equipment only as directed by the teacher. Students do not have complete freedom on technology here at school. The use of technology is a privilege at Our Lady of the Visitation, it is not a right. It is a privilege that comes with responsibility. Failure to follow guidelines and rules may result in revoking the privilege. The responsibilities are outlined below:

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACCOUNT:

- I will not give out my password.
- I promise to log off from my program, exit all programs and return technology as directed including plugging it in correctly.
- I will not download any gaming software or file sharing software. I will not download anything without permission.
- I will only use the websites directed by my teacher.
- I understand that my use of my own personal devices could result in consequences at Visitation.

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW I CAN USE TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT OTHERS

- I will only use language, memes, pictures, images, characters, etc. that are morally acceptable and appropriate for all to see. This includes my own personal devices.
- I will not write or publicly share anything that is hurtful or embarrassing to anyone.
- I will not pretend to be or represent someone else, nor will I ever use anyone's personal identification or login.

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECTING PROPERTY

- I will not copy/ plagiarize material or disobey any copyright laws.
- I will not tamper with or vandalize any hardware, software or data.
- I will not alter or attempt to alter any setting or programs existing on Visitation property.
- I will maintain the technology equipment assigned to me in its original condition.
- I will not log into or use another student's Chromebook.

Consent for Online/Remote Learning

As part of the Responsible Use of Technology Policy, parents/guardians further agree as follows:

While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exist and evolve, “remote” and/or “distance” learning (hereinafter referred to as “Remote Learning”) may at some point be required, either for the entire school or for a specific student or group of students. In such cases, the school may livestream and/or record a class to allow any student who is absent due to COVID-19 to continue to observe, and participate in, the class as much as reasonably practicable. Although the school will attempt to focus the camera and/or recording device on the respective teacher, aide, and/or instructional materials being utilized during instruction, there will be times when a specific student or students appears on the video. Parent/Guardian hereby consents and agrees that: (1) such Remote Learning is permissible; and (2) his/her child may appear in videos being live streamed and/or recorded as part of that Remote Learning.

Furthermore, Parent/Guardian and/or Student promises and agrees not to record, disseminate, publish, or share any live streamed or recorded video of such Remote Learning to anyone outside of the student's immediate family. To the extent any Remote Learning videos are created and recorded, Parent/Guardian promises and agrees to permanently delete such recording following his/her child's observation of, and/or participation in, that particular class session.

Our Lady of the Visitation Student Technology Contract and Responsible Use of Technology (RUT) Policy Signature Sheet

By signing below, I indicate that I understand the responsibilities of the Our Lady of the Visitation Student Technology Contract and the Archdiocesan RUT Policy and agree to these guidelines.

Students:

- I have discussed my use of technology at Our Lady of the Visitation and have read the Student Technology Contract.
- I have read the Archdiocese Responsible Use of Technology (RUT) Policy
- I understand that technology resources are provided for educational purposes only
- I agree to abide by the terms and conditions stated in the RUT Policy.
- I will be responsible for the consequences of inappropriate use of technology on any platform, both on and off school property.
- I understand that consequences may include suspension or revocation of school privilege on the Internet or any technological resources.
- I understand that passing on inappropriate material (foul language, inappropriate pictures, inappropriate music, etc.) could result in both school and/or civil consequences.

Student Signature _____ Date _____
(Students will sign in class.)



Our Lady of the Visitation Viking Band Fall 2020 Plans

Dear Prospective Band Families,

I am so pleased to be able to offer band this year to any Visitation student with prior band experience. Based on industry guidelines and Ohio Department of Health "best practices," we will observe the following:

Grade 4 – There will be no beginning band this year, so no 4th grade band. Don't worry! Beginning Band will be offered to this group of talented students when they enter 5th grade!

Grades 5 - 8

- Band students must use their own equipment. No sharing of sticks, pencils, valve oil, music, etc. All drummers will use their own snare drum.
- Each class will be limited to 15 students. This will allow for rectangular "boxes" of 10" x 8" for each musician. I will set up chairs and music stands prior to each class, and sanitize between classes.
- Band will again be taught in the church hall, a large space with a higher ceiling. Windows can be opened. When the weather is nice, we can easily practice outside.
- Students will enter and exit the room with their masks on. Drummers will leave their masks on through class. Flute players will use a special mask/shield for flutes.
- Brass and other woodwind players will use instrument bell covers purchased with funds donated by the Bill family.
- The opportunity to perform music for an audience is an essential component of music education. It gives students a long-term project to work towards and allows them to fulfill the function of music, which is communication with other human beings through non-verbal, aesthetic means. We will have in-person concerts with the entire band when it becomes safe to do so. Until then, we will jump on the virtual bandwagon and create special videos for students to share with family and friends.
- Band students will have access to both band and general music Google Classrooms.

Tentative Band Schedule

Tuesday 12:40 - 1:20 5th grade band
2:00 - 2:45 6th grade band
3:15 - 4:00 7th/8th grade band Group A
Wednesday 12:30 - 1:20 Mrs. Mazza's band students
3:15 - 4:00 7th/8th grade band Group B
Thursday 12:30 - 1:20 Mrs. Lott's band students
3:15 - 4:00 7th/8th grade band Group C
Friday 12:30 - 1:20 Mrs. Cullion's band students

Interested musicians, please sign up using the band registration Google form and bring your band fees (\$100 per student/multiple sibling discount available/checks made out to OLV Church) to your first rehearsal (Week of September 21). Deadline to sign up is **September 11**. The schedule and additional information will be sent to your by email the week of September 14. I am so excited to get back into our band classroom!!! -Susan Cassidy

Questions? Contact Susan Cassidy, Band Director, 513.259.5985, scassidy@olvisitation.org

August 2020

Dear Art Students and Parents,

Welcome to an exciting and challenging new year of Art at Our Lady of the Visitation School!

We are very excited to see the return of our Art students to our own little creative corner of the world. It has been too long since we have brainstormed, researched and created art together. Throughout the Spring, we have realized that the Arts Education supports the social and emotional well-being of students, whether through distance learning or in person.

Our art curriculum encompasses all types of art activities throughout the year: drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, sculpture and ceramics. We strive to incorporate each of these mediums in every grade level so that students may express and connect with the world in unique ways. We fully expect to continue our curriculum with extreme caution and care so that all students may continue to expand their art knowledge and explore their creativity in our classroom. We are taking steps to present each lesson in a safe and sanitized environment. There will be daily procedures to ensure cleanliness and sanitization of all supplies to protect our art students.

In order to keep all of our art students using their own materials, we are asking that students bring their own pencil bag to Art class each week. Students should have a sharpie marker, pencil, eraser, crayons and markers in their own pencil bag. We are also asking each student to bring a paint shirt/apron with their name clearly labeled on it or to wear an older school shirt on the days that they have art class since we are unable to provide aprons for the students but we still plan to use some "messy" materials.

In the event that distance learning becomes our option during the school year, all art lessons will be able to be accessed through our new virtual art classroom. For a sneak peak, you can check it out at: <http://tinyurl.com/y2b7gsyf>

You can also visit the Visitation Art website at olvisitationart.com for information about art contests and to view our online student art gallery!

If you need to contact the Art Department, the number is 347-2235, ext. 2940 or through email at: art@olvisitation.org.

Thank you in advance for your effort in Art. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Artfully,

Mrs. Ranel, Mrs. Rellar and Mrs. Zimmerman



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Friday, December 4th

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**All events are subject to change*