

Important Dates:

9/16 Picture Day
9/11 Patriot Day - Out of Uniform
10/16 No School, Teacher In-service

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

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Family,

Your children continue to do a great job in acclimating to the “new normal”. It is obvious that these students missed being back at school with their friends and teachers. It is so good to have them back in the building.

Friday is “Patriot Day” in remembrance of 9/11. Students may be out of uniform and wear red, white and blue or USA themed clothing. On all out of uniform days, if a child does not have a themed item, just wear Visi spirit wear. Our PTO will be providing popsicles that day for all students! Talk to your older children about the significance of this day.

Picture Day is next Wednesday, Sept. 16th. Students may be out of uniform for pictures, all out of uniform rules apply. Students will take off masks when it is their turn and be 6 feet away from the photographer.

REMINDERS:

AM Carpool- You can begin arriving at 7:45 a.m. Traffic gets very heavy after 8:00 a.m.

PM Carpool- Carpool #2 please do not arrive before 3:00 p.m. We just do not have room in the parking lot for early arrivals.

Lunches- Please make sure your young child can open up what you pack for them. If they can't perhaps you could put a small tear in the fruit snacks, cheese stick, chips, etc. before packing them. Several parents are packing ranch dip in “Bento” type box/organizer plastic lunch boxes. Children do not keep these organizer boxes flat, so that ranch dip gets all over the other food. Show your child how to open and close all items. Please pack your child 2 napkins; one for their desk/table and one to wipe their mouths. Pack any needed utensils.

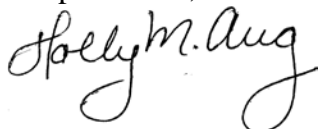
Forgotten Lunches: If your child forgets their lunch, we have box lunches. Children need to learn how to handle small issues like a forgotten lunch. Please do not deliver forgotten lunches to school. We will feed them!! Remember as parents, do not take the small problems away from the children, instead let them learn how to handle the problems.

Air Conditioning Update: Thanks again to Brian Horvath's team at PCI and Jerry Ward's team at CSK. We only have the 6th grade left to air condition! It is amazing how much more we can get from students when they are cool in class! Great appreciation to the families who donated individual units to the junior high (rooftop unit comes in December).

Please continue to make Sunday mass a part of your weekend routine. Our masses are at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. You can also stream them on our parish website at olvisitation.org.

Please continue to pray for the health of our students and staff!

Keep the faith,



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Last week, 4 forms were attached to the newsletter. If you have not already done so, please complete and return the Family Forms Acknowledgement sheet tomorrow.

Also, two paper forms were sent home last week: Emergency Medical Authorization (orange) and Income form (blue). Please return those to school immediately. These forms are extremely important and we must receive it from everyone.

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Our first week went extremely well for students and teachers. It has been a big adjustment for everyone! I am so proud of both students and teachers. The first two weeks, our teachers have been spending a lot of time building relationships and getting to know students. Teachers spent their in-service time looking for and sharing creative ways to connect with students and to help them get to know each other as well. Check out pictures of these activities on our social media pages! Follow our social media pages on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter using the name @visitationcincy. We share pictures on a weekly and sometimes daily basis. It is always fun to see your own kids in action!

<https://www.factmonster.com/> is a great resource for students in grades K-8 to use for homework help. The site provides help in all subjects, as well as games students can play to practice concepts. This site is a great resource when researching subjects. The content is written in age appropriate language and is easy to understand for elementary students.

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

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

I am hoping that everyone had a wonderful first week and Labor Day holiday! This week, we are going to kick off a series called “Wellness Wednesday.” This will be based off of the National Wellness Institute's wellness wheel. This “wheel” consists of 6 different domains that encourage the active pursuit of a well-rounded lifestyle. Each week I will highlight one of the domains by sharing the definition, examples and an activity. I invite you to join me in pursuing wellness!



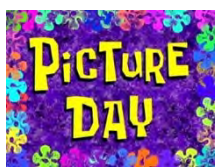
If you are interested in more information about wellness, check out the National Wellness Institute website: <https://nationalwellness.org/resources/six-dimensions-of-wellness/>

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Chromebooks: Due to covid-19, Chromebooks are on backorder. We are not sure if we will have any extra Chromebooks to send home this year. We will send an update regarding Chromebook loaners by October 1st.

Cafeteria Helpers: Volunteers that are helping in the back, please arrive at 10:30. Those volunteers helping wipe tables and open items, please arrive at 10:45. Cafeteria helpers should check in at the kitchen doors and get their temperature taken.

Band: The Visitation Viking Band is back, with a few minor adjustments. Please see the attached flyer about our 2020 plans. Any student in grades 5-8 with previous band experience may sign up to participate using this google doc [form](#). Band rehearsals will begin the week of September 21. Registration deadline is this Friday.



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. Order forms are coming home today. You can send in the order with your student on picture day or you can order online at mylifetouch.com, using our picture day ID: **EVT27BQD4**.

The retake day will be on Thursday, November 5th. The 3 year old preschool class will have their pictures taken on Thursday, November 5th.

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!](#)

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

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 a homeroom rep for Mrs. Cobb. Please sign up using the signup genius below. <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60B0E4FABAB28A20-homeroom2>

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.

VAC

VAC Meeting: There will be a VAC meeting to kick off the school year Thursday 9/17 at 8:30 PM in the Pavilion. New faces always welcome and there will be some good food! PLEASE JOIN US!!

Gaiter Order Form: Visitation Athletic Club will be selling gaiters for the use at sporting events or at school. These will be delivered to your child's homeroom. Orders will not be filled unless payment is received. A secondary order has already been placed due to high demand. <https://forms.gle/VE8LVXTkdRssDAi79>

Buddy Cards: ONLY \$10.00 EACH - 14 deals per card - Buy one large pizza, get a large cheese pizza FREE! Multiple orders can be redeemed at once. The card expires 12 months after the first use. All proceeds benefit the Our Lady of the Visitation Athletic Club. All collections will go through school in an envelope to Shelly Saupe by October 21. Please write checks to VAC or Exact Cash. ALL ORDERS and TSHIRTS WILL BE COMPLETE AND DELIVER TO STUDENTS BY MID NOVEMBER. Any questions, please contact ssaupe@zoomtown.com.

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. We will discuss our robust financial aid & scholarship program, including how to apply for these funds. We will be happy to answer any questions that you may have!

Mercy McAuley High School: Please see the attached flyer about our Admission events.

Mount Notre Dame: Please see the attached flyer about our Information Nights.

Ursuline Academy: Please see the attached flyers about our Virtual Information Nights and Financial Aid Information Night.

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



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

PTO's Fall Fundraiser 2020

Lucky Bucks Raffle

(**Winners will be selected the last Friday of September and October**)

\$20.00/ticket

or 3 for \$50



New this year!

\$300 1st place winner

\$200 2nd place winner

\$100 3rd place winner

To purchase tickets online, please use the link: <https://my-site-101719.square.site/>

- *Winners will be contacted directly via email/phone.*
- *Winners will be published weekly in the school newsletter, parish bulletin and posted on the Our Lady of Visitation PTO Facebook page (be sure to "Like" us).*
- *Student who sells most Lucky Bucks Raffle tickets will win \$100!*

PTO Lucky Bucks Raffle 2020 Ticket Order Form

Return the enclosed order form/payment in an envelope marked "PTO Lucky Bucks". Please allow 1-week for tickets to be returned. Cash or Check only (payable to OLV PTO).

Name of Purchaser: _____

Student's name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

I do not have a child @ Visitation: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

of tickets: _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Our Lady OF THE VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB



BUDDY CARD SALE • ONLY \$10.00 EACH

14 deals per card - Buy one large pizza, get a large cheese pizza FREE! Multiple offers can be redeemed at once. The card expires 12 months after the first use. All proceeds benefit the Our Lady of the Visitation Athletic Club. All collections will go through school in an envelope to Shelly Saupe by October 21. Please write checks to VAC or Exact Cash. **ALL ORDERS and TSHIRTS WILL BE COMPLETE AND DELIVER TO STUDENTS BY MID November.** Any questions please contact ssaupe@zoomtown.com.

**Top selling homeroom
(Grades PreK-3 and 4-8) =
SPECIAL TREAT!**

**Sell 5 cards =
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY!**
*DATE TO LATER BE DECIDED BY PRINCIPAL

**Sell 10 or more cards =
OUT OF UNIFORM DAY and
VISITATION TSHIRT!!**
*DATE TO LATER BE DECIDED BY PRINCIPAL

Customer Name	Address	Phone	Cards Ordered	Amount Paid

*Exact Cash Or Check Only

PLEASE FILL IN INFORMATION BELOW:

Students Name

Phone Number

Homeroom Teacher

Grade

Tshirt Size (only if sell 10 cards or more)



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CLASS OF 2025 UPCOMING DATES

Shadow Days

Beginning on Thursday, October 1st

This is the best opportunity to for an 8th Grader to experience Elder High School!



Open House

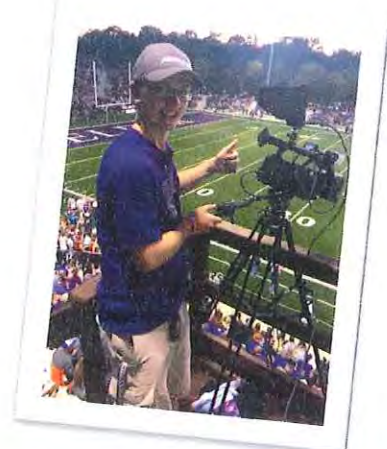
Thursday, November 12th

Come for a tour of our historic and newly-renovated campus, meet our faculty/staff, and learn about what makes Elder so great!

Priority Admissions Deadline Day

Friday, December 4th

Ensure your consideration at Elder by submitting your Application & Scholarship Forms. Acceptance packets will be mailed in January!



Find more information, sign-ups, and application at www.elderhs.org/admissions

**All events are subject to change*



News FOR GRADE SCHOOL FAMILIES

September 8, 2020

Mercy McAuley High School Shadow Day Registration Now Open

Mercy McAuley's Shadow Day registration is now open to 8th grade girls! On Shadow Days, 8th grade guests will be placed into a small group of three or four 8th graders, and they will remain with this small "Pack" throughout the day. Unlike in years past, they will not follow one Mercy McAuley student the entire day. Instead, they will travel with their small 8th grade Pack, visiting several classes together throughout the day. They'll eat lunch with our Student Ambassadors, participate in a service project, learn cheers, and hear about clubs and extracurriculars from students. Full-day and some half-day options are available; Shadow Days begin in October. Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/Shadow. To maintain safe social distancing, capacity will be limited for each Shadow Day. Additional dates will be added if needed. Any parents interested in a virtual shadow day option may contact Alli Miazga, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at miazgaa@mercymcauley.org or 681-1800 x2272.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Coffee Sessions

Eighth grade parents are invited to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders in a small conversational setting at its Parent Coffee Sessions. Join Mercy McAuley's school leaders for coffee and discussion about Mercy McAuley's values, academic and extracurricular offerings, and get answers to all your questions. Optional tours are available following the conversation. Parent coffee sessions will take place at 8 a.m. on every full-day Shadow Day, which makes it convenient for parents who are dropping their 8th grader off to shadow. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/CoffeeSessions. To maintain safe social distancing, capacity will be limited. Additional sessions will be scheduled if needed.

Mercy McAuley High School Holds Parent Information Nights

Mercy McAuley High School, located at 6000 Oakwood Avenue in College Hill, will hold several in-person and virtual Parent Information Nights for 8th grade families. These evening sessions are designed for parents who would like to learn more about Mercy McAuley from school leaders, teachers and students. The sessions will cover topics including: Faith, Service and Campus Ministry; Academics, Schedule and Technology; Counseling and Student Services; Athletics and Extracurriculars; Tuition, Financial Aid and Scholarships. Optional tours will be available at the in-person sessions. The dates of the sessions are:

- Tuesday, September 22 (In-Person Session) – 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 29 (Virtual Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m. *This session will focus exclusively on tuition, financial aid and scholarships.*
- Tuesday, October 13 (Virtual Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 21 (In-Person Session) – 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/InfoNights. To maintain safe social distancing, capacity will be limited at the in-person sessions. Additional sessions will be added if needed. Any questions can be directed to Alli Miazga, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at (513) 681-1800 x2272 or miazgaa@mercymcauley.org.

Mount Notre Dame 2020 Information Nights

VIRTUAL EVENT - Thursday, September 17, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

ON CAMPUS EVENT - Thursday, September 24, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

ON CAMPUS EVENT - Tuesday, October 13, 2020 @ 6:30 PM

We invite prospective 7th and 8th grade students and their families to learn more about a Mount Notre Dame education. Attending an Information Night is a great way to learn about the MND Experience!

On-Campus and Virtual programs include:

- A brief presentation by MND administrators on the Academic, Student Life and Spiritual Development programs
- A panel presentation featuring MND alumnae, faculty, parents and students with an opportunity to ask questions
- MND Finance and Admissions representatives on hand to share information on tuition/financial aid/scholarships and the admissions process

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Attendance is limited for On-Campus Events (reserve your spot now!). Masks are required and social distancing will be followed. Only two attendees (typically prospective student and one parent/guardian) per reservation will be permitted.

We look forward to meeting you! Contact Terri Miller (tmiller@mndhs.org) for any questions.

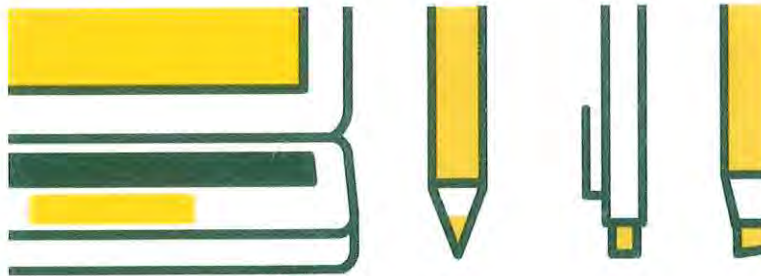
Register at

<https://www.mndhs.org/admissions/information-nights-mnd/>



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Ursuline Virtual Information Nights

September 15th and October 19th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Students in grades 5-8, along with their parents, are invited to join us for a virtual information event to learn about all that Ursuline has to offer.

You'll hear from school leadership, admissions staff, faculty and students on topics including:

- academics and curriculum
- the benefit of surrounding your daughter with girls who love to learn
- our counseling department
- clubs and student life
- athletics
- performing arts
- the admissions process

Details and Registration on this virtual event at ursulineacademy.org/informationnight



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Financial Aid Information Night Virtual Event

September 23rd, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

You CAN afford an Ursuline education

Each year over \$1 million in scholarships and financial aid are awarded to approximately 40% of our students.

Join us for an informational session about how to fund an Ursuline education.

Learn about scholarship opportunities and how to apply for financial aid using the FACTS application.

Register at:

www.ursulineacademy.org/financialaidinfonight