

**Important Dates:**

3/15 ..... Teacher Inservice, No School  
4/6 ..... Teacher Inservice, 11:30 Dismissal  
4/7 ..... Good Friday, No School  
4/10-14 ..... Easter Break, No School

K-8 Absent/Tardy . 513-347-2231  
Preschool Absent .. 513-347-4450  
Early Dismissal ..... note to teacher  
Aftercare ..... 513-371-0371

**AUG'S BLOG**

Visitation Families,

We are a few weeks into Lent? Are you sticking to your fasting, praying and almsgiving? We fast, we pray and we give so that we can focus on our spiritual lives. It allows us the opportunity to focus on Our Lord and how he suffered for all of us to save our souls.

School Reconciliation is March 9th. Perhaps you can help your child remember some of their

wrongdoings that they so quickly forget. For example, what commandments have they broken? (Honor thy Father and Mother, Keep holy the sabbath, that shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain). Or perhaps they have broken the greatest commandment...that of love?

We would like to welcome two new staff members to our Lady of the Visitation: Patrick Bellman and Brock Jepson. Patrick will be teaching 6th grade Science and English for the remainder of this year. Brock is an employee of the Divine Mercy Parish. He will be supporting our upper grade teachers with the Theology of the Body curriculum. Brock also teaches and helps out at St. Jude.

Admission letters went out to NEW students this past week. Not everyone was admitted due to numbers. We have waiting lists in multiple grades. If you know anyone interested in attending Our Lady of the Visitation, please tell them to become an active member of our parish, even if their children are not in school yet.

If your group uses the Pavilion after school for any reason, please do not walk down while buses are arriving. This makes the bus drivers very nervous. We try to keep that back lane clear of all students except bus riders.

There is NO hot lunch on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Milk, water, bag snacks and ice cream will be available to purchase by cash only this day. Preschool can still order their milk for this day with the Hot Lunch Program.

Just a reminder, if your child is going to be absent or tardy, please call the absent line at (513)347-2231 for K-8, and (513)347-4450 for Preschool. Even if you have notified their teacher, the office needs to be notified as well. 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.

Don't forget to "Spring Forward" this weekend for Daylight Savings Time.

Congratulations to Beth Papin who is celebrating her one year "Breathiversary". It has been one year since Beth received her lung transplant. Beth is still working on getting her strength and stamina back so please keep her in your prayers!

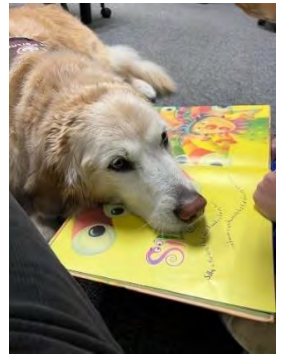
Please continue to pray for our friends Ross and CeCe. We invite all of you to join us at mass Friday at 6:30 a.m. to help lift our friends up in prayer.

Blessings,

*Joely M. Aug*

## COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that our therapy dog, Bailey, has suddenly passed away due to an unforeseen health condition. Bailey has been reading with students that struggle with academics and/or anxiety. Reading with Bailey each week provided students with a positive, relaxing and safe environment to practice reading skills. We have chosen to inform you as the parents first to let you determine the best way to inform your child about Bailey. We do not currently have a replacement for Bailey, but will be working with Pet Partners of Greater Cincinnati to find another therapy dog to work with our students. If your child has any problems or questions, our school psychologist, Mrs. Dallal is a wonderful resource. Please reach out and let me know if you would like your child to speak with her.



Check out the flyers attached for after school enrichment activities. Chess, coding, and STEAM club are great opportunities for students to extend thinking while also engaging socially with friends at school.

A free website that offers read aloud stories for children ages 0-12 is <https://www.storyberries.com/>. Children and parents can choose books based on the child's age, topic and/or length of the book. Children can choose to have the book read to them and then answer follow up questions regarding the story. There is a parenting resource on the site that offers advice on childhood milestones and lessons that correlate with children's books to help them learn to navigate subjects such as overcoming fears, being kind and/or being responsible.

## CAFETERIA

There will be no hot lunch this Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Milk, water, bag snacks and ice cream will be available to purchase by cash only this day. Preschool can still order their milk for this day with the Hot Lunch Program.

## CHURCH CHATTER

**LENTEN RICE BOWLS:** As we journey together this Lent, we remember that through prayer, God invites us to slow down and look for him around us. Through fasting, we act in solidarity with people who are hungry. Almsgiving is an act of love for God and neighbor. Lent is a chance to serve others. Join us in helping those communities in Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya who are struggling to overcome hunger.

Rice bowl cartons came home last week, take your carton and fill it! Return it to school by March 31<sup>st</sup> and help someone in need. All donations will be sent to Catholic Relief Services.

**REDIKER:** All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to [rediker@olvisitation.org](mailto:rediker@olvisitation.org).

## 7th GRADE PARENTS



Are you interested in helping with the 8th grade events? In years past, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents have helped plan and coordinate the 8th grade celebration. We have worked on simplifying these events to make it much easier to organize. There are outlines in place to direct you. This would be a group of parents helping, not just an individual. Please contact Erin Becker if you are interested. [ebecker@olvisitation.org](mailto:ebecker@olvisitation.org)

## YOUTH ART MONTH DRAWING CONTEST

Design a piece of the puzzle for Youth Art Month. Use any art materials. A worksheet is attached or can be found in the art room. Prizes will be awarded for the best drawings each Friday in March.

## OHIO ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Creative works from Ohio art students in grades K through 8 will be on display at The King Arts Complex in Columbus, Ohio, this year. This multimedia exhibit, sponsored by the Ohio Art Education Association, highlights Youth Art Month which is a national celebration sponsored by The Council for Art Education. The annual celebration, which typically takes place in March, emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality art programs in Ohio

schools. Congratulations to Avery P, grade 3, Jewels T., grade 4, Bryn L., grade 2 and Holly S., grade 5 whose artworks will be displayed in this exhibit! Way to go Visi artists!!

**YEARBOOKS:** Yearbooks for the 2022-2023 School Year are on sale now! Yearbooks are \$20 each and are available for purchase online at [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net)

1. Click **Order Pictures and Yearbooks**, and enter code **YB25505**
2. Enter your name and email, and click **Access Yearbook**.
3. Enter your students information, then click **Submit Details**.
4. Select your product and quantity. Click **View Cart** to proceed to checkout.

If you have any questions, please email [ebecker@olvisitation.org](mailto:ebecker@olvisitation.org)

### **CUB SCOUTS**

Please see attached about purchasing flower bulbs from Dutch Mill Bulbs.

Please join us for Scout Saturday Mass, Saturday, March 18, 4:00 at Visitation.

### **PTO and SPIRITWEAR**

**Spiritwear:** You can shop online at [visispiritwear.weebly.com](http://visispiritwear.weebly.com). Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

### **VAC**

3/23 - VAC general meeting 8:30pm in Pavilion

5/5 - VAC Golf Outing 8:00am @ Aston Oaks

**Fall Signups:** Signups are now open for Cheer, Football, Soccer, Golf and Girls Volleyball on [www.vacsports.com](http://www.vacsports.com). As a reminder, no refunds will be issued and once teams are posted, the participant may not switch teams. Please look for more information to come on each sport in an email, social media and the next newsletter.

**VAC Golf Outing:** It is time to break out the golf clubs, grab a group of friends and join us for the 2023 VAC Golf Outing, Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00AM at Aston Oaks Golf Club.

See attached flyer for details and visit our website at [www.vacsports.com](http://www.vacsports.com), click on the VAC Golf Outing tab for details and registration. There is a max of 128 players this year, so sign up quickly!

**Upcoming VAC Meeting:** Spring is near! Now that it is warmer come get involved in Visitation's Athletic Club (VAC). The next meeting open to everyone will be on **Thursday, March 23 at 8:30pm** in the Pavilion.

Come hear updates from and about:

- Each Sports Commissioner
- Our Winter sports season wrap up
- Spring sports kick-off
- Completion of Winter Service Project and Future Service Projects
- VAC Facility improvements
- Volunteer/Sponsorship/Fundraising opportunities

If you are a new family or just looking to get involved, start by attending a VAC meeting to learn more!

### **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

- St. Xavier High School will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information. <https://www.stxavier.org/academics/summer-camps>
- Moeller High School will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information <https://moellercamps.campbrainregistration.com/>
- Ursuline Academy will be hosting a number of summer camps for eighth grade students. Please click here for more information <https://www.ursulineacademy.org/admissions/summer-at-ursuline>
- Mercy McAuley High School presents their spring musical, Seussical, on March 24-26. Please click here for more information [www.mercymcauley.org/seussical](http://www.mercymcauley.org/seussical).
- Mercy McAuley High School's Summer Sports and Enrichment Camps registration is now open! Visit [www.mercymcauley.org/camps](http://www.mercymcauley.org/camps) for camp details.

- Seton High School is offering a wide variety of special interest and athletic camps, for incoming 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration is open online at [setoncincinnati.org](http://setoncincinnati.org). Space is limited in some camps, so get your friends together and sign up today!
- Elder High School is offering Spring Sport Grade School Nights and a Backstage Pass Event and Elder Art Show. Register at [www.elderhs.org/backstagepass](http://www.elderhs.org/backstagepass). Please see their website for more information.
- LaSalle High School's volleyball grade school night will be held on 4/17. Please contact Shannon Memory at [smemory@lasallehs.net](mailto:smemory@lasallehs.net) with any questions.
- La Salle High School is offering Summer Camp opportunities for local grade school and incoming high school students. To register, click [here](#). All camps are for boys unless otherwise indicated. We look forward to having your son on campus this summer!

**OTHER NEWS**

Please see the attached flyer about Schoolbelles sale.

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
3/13	M	Jen Hehman Elizabeth McPherson	Jessica Behler Alex Caffaro	Gina Osterbrock Jamie Donovan	Bob Johnson Kurstin Kaiser Jane Nieman
3/14	T	Julie Young Rena Fishburn	Amanda Bruner Angela Graman	Kelli Clarkson Jackie Lanter	Sue Stautberg Liz Hildebrandt Kate Raterman
3/15	W	NO SCHOOL			
3/16	Th	Amy Burns Angela Born	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting		Daniel Schultz Jane Nieman Stephanie Hayes
3/17	F	Julie Miller	Maureen Hildebrandt Dana Elsworth	Erin Lahni Kristie Horn	Stephanie Becker Lexi Wright Stephanie Hayes

**LUNCH MENU FOR MARCH 13-17**

Please note, due to manufacturer shortages, menu may change.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	No School Teacher In Service Day	-Walking Taco -Corn Chips (1 oz.) -Chili -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	<b>R-</b> LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Popcorn Chicken	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger		-Walking Taco	-LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2)

Cash can be used for milk, snacks and ice cream. Assorted bagged snacks daily for \$.75. Ice cream for \$1.50. Milk and water for \$.50.

**To purchase the regular lunch or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through <https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login>. You may order daily until 8:00 a.m. Regular lunch is \$4.00. Hot a la carte is \$2.00.**

If your student has an appointment and will not be here for lunch, please do not order a lunch for that day. If you did order a lunch and then your student leaves early for sickness or an appointment, please email Linda Good [lgood@olvisitation.org](mailto:lgood@olvisitation.org) so your account can be credited. Thank you.

## **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: 513-347-2231**  
**Preschool: 513-347-4450**
- 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.



# Chess Scholars

Spring 2023

Our Lady of the Visitation School

No Experience Needed



Grades K-8

Develop your child's intellect through the royal game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Chess has been proven to enhance children's motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both beginner and experienced players are welcome and will learn under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach.

---

**Schedule:** 7 Mondays, March 27th - May 15th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 4/10

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **OLV3.27.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/19 for the early bird price of \$105.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com)

All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.

# Let's Code



Spring 2023

Our Lady of the Visitation



Grades 2-5

---

**Schedule:** 7 Thursdays, March 23rd - May 18th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 4/6, 4/13

To sign up, please visit <http://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **OLV3.23.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/15 for the early bird price of \$133.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com)

**All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.**

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made.

Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.

# S.T.E.A.M.



Spring 2023

Our Lady of the Visitation



Grades K-5

Interactive!



This exciting program from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions brings together elements of science, art and math in a hands-on, action-packed environment! Students will conduct experiments, play educational games, and unlock their creativity through building challenges and projects. No experience necessary!

---

**Schedule: 7 Wednesdays, March 29th - May 17th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM**

**No class: 4/12**

To sign up, please visit <https://www.learningmeansfun.com/signup>.

You will need to enter the course code **OLV3.29.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 3/21 for the early bird price of \$110.25.

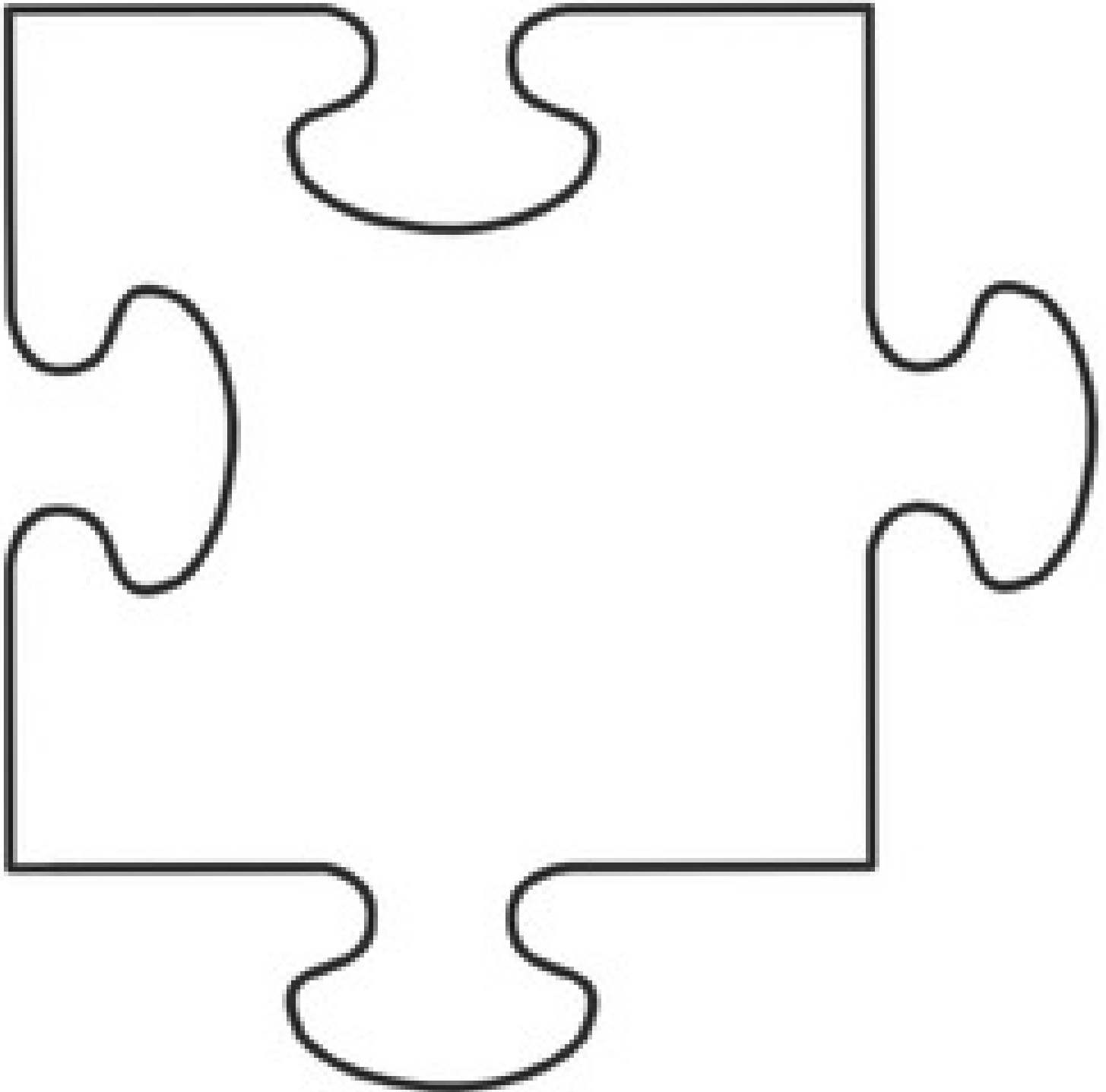
If you have difficulty registering, please contact Afterschool Enrichment Solutions at 847-482-9999 or [registration@learningmeansfun.com](mailto:registration@learningmeansfun.com)  
**All participants must conduct themselves in a manner that allows all students to fully participate during the class without impeding their experience. We have a no refund policy, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.**

If schools are closed during the program session, classes will pivot to all-virtual sessions. Please be aware of this as there will be no refunds made. Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.



# YOUTH ART MONTH DRAWING CONTEST

Instructions: Design a piece of the puzzle. Use any art material. Cut it out.  
Put your name and Homeroom teacher's name on back. Give to your art teacher.  
Prizes will be awarded for the best drawings each Friday in March.





# VISITATION VIKINGS



Our Lady of the Visitation Viking Football Program welcomes ALL students and Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) students of Visitation in grades K-8<sup>th</sup> grade. 2023 Football registration will be open until May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Come join kids throughout the city and play in the GCYL, the largest and best youth football league in southwest Ohio.

- Bandit: (K - 2nd Grades where it all begins!)
- Pony: (3rd & 4th Grades)
- Reserve: (5th & 6th Grades)
- Varsity: (7th & 8th Grades)

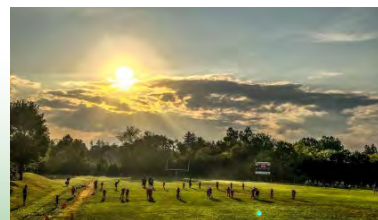
Participation Fees:  
\$100.00 for K-2<sup>nd</sup>  
\$120.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> Grade

[Register @ www.vacsports.com](http://www.vacsports.com)

Practice begins August 2<sup>nd</sup>

We follow USA Football's coaches training and player safety guidelines, including the Heads Up Football program. Coaches certification are required at all levels. Our coaches further their training and certification in Concussion Awareness, Lindsay's Law practices, and Safe Parish training. Player Safety is our #1 concern. The creation of standard fundamental player skill sets at each level help our players to become better prepared and skilled in the sport of football. *The game has changed and we have changed with it! Evolving and teaching the right way!*

There is nothing better than a Saturday afternoon at Lambo Field watching our future stars play football with their buddies...it's why we let them play!



# 2023 VAC GOLF OUTING

ASTON OAKS GOLF CLUB

**NEW**  
MORNING  
SHOTGUN START  
and GRILL OUT  
TO FOLLOW  
details to follow  
[VACsports.com](http://VACsports.com)

registration 7:15  
shotgun start 8:00

friday 2023  
may 5th



Golf Foursome  
*(includes lunch)*  
\$400.00

Golf Single Person  
*(includes lunch)*  
\$100.00

Hole Sponsor Only  
\$150.00

Hole Sponsor  
with in cart advertising  
\$200.00

Register @  
[VACSPORTS.COM](http://VACSPORTS.COM)

ONLY ACCEPTING  
128 GOLFERS

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB

Please note, the primary use of golf outing funds are to support the ongoing improvement and general upkeep of the Our Lady of the Visitation athletic fields and gyms. From time to time excess profits from fundraising events may be used for support of school or parish improvement projects or special events with approval of the VAC board.