

Important Dates:

1/24Current Student Re-Enrollment
1/28-2/2....Catholic Schools Week
1/29No School, Teacher In-Service
2/1Open House (current families)
2/12No School, Walk incentive day
2/16-19.....No School, winter break
2/2811:30 dismissal, School of Faith

K-8 Absent/Tardy ..513-347-2231
Preschool Absent ...513-347-4450
Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
Aftercare513-371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

I hope you are all staying warm and everyone's furnace is working! It's a good time to think about our homeless. Many have resolutions of cleaning out their house in January, perhaps you have some old coats or boots to donate to a homeless shelter?

Reminder: Parents must call the absent line when your child is absent or tardy by 8:30 a.m. If you email their teacher, you still must call the absent line.

The phone numbers are:

- **K-8 Absent/Tardy** **513-347-2231**
- **Preschool Absent** **513-347-4450**

Please put these numbers in your phone.

The parish is going to be publishing a new directory. This is the nudge you needed to get that family picture taken! Please see the attachment about scheduling pictures in February.

Second Trimester interims will go home on Friday for those students who are struggling.

Good Luck to all of our 5th thru 8th graders who are taking part in today's Spelling Bee. The winner will take an online regional test.

A couple of uniform reminders: No boots - if a child wears boots to school they need to change into regular shoes once in the classroom. Only uniform sweatshirts and sweaters may be worn in class. Earrings are to be a small post type, do dangling or hoop earrings.

Please make sure your children dress warm next week. It looks to be cold but warm enough to have outdoor recess.

As a reminder, you can use masstimes.org to look up masses around the city. This is very helpful when you have a weekend filled with activities.

Blessings,

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COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Up Up and Away! Fifth graders have blasted off into space to explore our solar system and universe. They have learned how our sun, earth and moon differ by comparing and contrasting their features, cycles and patterns of motion. They have orbited the planets to identify the unique characteristics of each, and explored the origins and features of other stars and galaxies. These space explorers have now designed and built their own models of the solar system, including the sun, planets, Earth's moon and each planet's distance from the sun! They worked in class and were able to help each other as well as get ideas from others while creating accurate posters, shadow boxes, mobiles and 3-D models. They will be on display at Open House during Catholic Schools Week. They are out of this world!



Looking for a way to practice math concepts with your child? Try <https://www.coolmath4kids.com>. It is easy to navigate and includes games, flashcards, manipulatives, brain teasers, lessons, and quizzes that focus on developmentally appropriate content for students in grades 1-8.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION:

Registration for **NEW** students for the 2024-2025 school year entering P3, P4, PK, Kindergarten, or First Grade is open from January 11th through January 26th. <https://olvisitation.org/school/Join-Our-Family/Registration> For grades 2-8, please call the office. Please note: this is for NEW students only.

Re-enrollment for current students will be January 24th - February 2nd. You will receive an email for each of your students for re-enrollment, and those emails will be sent to the Primary Contact only.

FACTS Accounts, Ed Choice Awards & Refund Checks

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we work through the Ed Choice process. As the process continues to move along, many of you have received your award notifications and sent the letters into the School Office as requested. Thank you!

Once we receive these letters from you, the scholarships are then accepted by us in the portal and steps taken to update your FACTS account and process refund checks; if applicable. This process can take up to 4 weeks. Know that we are working diligently to update this information as soon as possible. With over 1,000 FACTS agreements covering approximately 1,200+ students this process takes time. We will make adjustments and issue refunds as quickly as we are able.

If your FACTS account has been adjusted, you will see a payment listed as “on hold” due June 28, 2024. This amount will not be collected from you. This is the amount that we are due to collect from Ed Choice on behalf of your students. This is our way of tracking Ed Choice payments we receive on your behalf.

As always if you have questions, please email me at Lhouse@divinemeracyfam.org Thank you!

REDIKER

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

ALL VOLUNTEERS

Attention All School Volunteers: Just a reminder that SafeParish issued a quarterly training bulletin on December 28th for all users. If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to log in your account and complete the training. The due date is January 26th. Remember, users must keep updated with all training bulletins in order to volunteer at school. If you are new to SafeParish and opened your account after December 28th, you will not have a training bulletin until next quarter (April). Thank you for all you do to help us keep your children safe.

8th GRADE PARENTS

The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Foundation gives out \$500 scholarships to 8th grade students. Students are asked to write an essay and submit their application online. The deadline is January 26th to apply. Please see this link to apply for this scholarship. You will have to scroll to the bottom of the screen to get to the scholarship application form. <https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/>

GIRL SCOUT DANCE

The Father Daughter dance will be held on Friday February 23rd. Please see attached for details.

SPANISH

The Spring term of Beginning Spanish for grades K-2, will begin February 7th and conclude April 24th. Please see attached. Registration deadline is January 26th.

CHURCH CHATTER

Pictorial Directory: The Devine Mercy Family of Parishes is creating a Family pictorial directory. Please see attached to book your appointment.

The Catholic Parent: *The Catholic Parent* is a video series created by Catholic parents. Please see attached for more information.

Ohio Tax Credit: Catholic school supporters may be eligible for an Ohio tax credit. Please see attached for more information.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Spiritwear: You can shop online at visispiritwear.weebly.com. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478.

VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC) – www.vacsports.com

Important Dates

- 1/17 – Last day to order warm-up shirts
- 1/21 – Last day to sign-up for boys volleyball

Viking Warm-ups – Orders Close Today

*\$15 WARM-UP SHIRTS - Orders for youth and adult shirts close tonight, Wed, Jan. 17 at midnight.

* If you don't want a name on the back, enter "no name" in the Name field.

* You will be notified by email when orders arrive in early February.

Order: <https://ourladyofthevisitationschoolfundraiserspring2024.itemorder.com/shop/product/37463331/>

Boys Volleyball (Grades 3-8) – Sign-ups Close 1/21 (visit vacsports.com and login to sign-up)

* Tryouts - 5/6 and 7/8 A teams held in early February.

* Practices start early March, and the season wraps before Memorial Day.

* Boys volleyball is a great Spring sport with evening matches with little interference with baseball which makes it possible for boys to play both baseball and volleyball.

Spring Sign-ups (visit vacsports.com and login to sign-up)

* Feb. 25 – last day for Baseball sign-ups for 4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U & 15U

* March 1 – last day to sign-up for Track & Field (grades K-8)

* April 16 – last day to sign-up for girls Softball (grades Pre-K-8)

For VAC updates, be sure to follow VAC on Facebook (Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club) and Twitter/X (VACSports)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
1/22	M	Jen Phillips Laura Cavanaugh	Sherry Peretsky Jessica Behler	Amanda Hiles Jen Hehman	Clint Lehman Whitney Walton Tim Kelly
1/23	T	Amanda Bruner Christina Yockey	Lauren Dusold Lauren McKenna	Aunnie Wertenberger Theresa Marzhauser	Sue Stautberg Kate Raterman Liz Hildebrandt
1/24	W	Jenny Carmosino	Danielle Hartoin Lisa Jusack	Shannon Ward	Brandon Rainer Kristina Kelley
1/25	Th	Emily McKenna Amy Zimmerman	Shannon Clifton	Jillian Edwards Angel Born	Mary Sue Emerson Kate Kafel
1/26	F	Lee Cassiere	Kelly Krummen Sarah Reynolds	Meghan McKenna	Stephanie Becker Stephanie Campbell Maggie Herms

LUNCH MENU FOR JANUARY 22-26

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Chicken Nuggets (5)	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Popcorn Chicken	-French Toast Sticks (4)

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, may be purchased daily with cash or online.

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>. Lunches must be ordered by 8:00 a.m. daily. 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 lunch for that day. If your student is sick or leaves early due to emergency or sickness, your account will be credited for that day's missed lunch. Please note, you can always go into your account and cancel any lunch up until 8:00am daily of the day ordered.

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.

¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

Beginning Conversational Spanish Course (Grades K-2)

Welcome to the spring term of Beginning Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation! This is the third term of the three, 10-week term Spanish program. During the third term, your child will review and build on their knowledge from the second term. Students will study vocabulary related to the Easter season. They will also learn about clothing, areas of the house and accessories. Curriculum will also include a focus on weather terms and building numbers to 100. These classes will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and have fun while conversing in Spanish.

Director: Marsha Davis

Class dates/times: Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin February 7 and conclude April 24, 2024. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. Please register early.

Fee: \$60, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish *
Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.

Registration/fee deadline: Friday, January 26, 2024.
(Please use one registration form per child.)

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

SPANISH REGISTRATION FORM – OLVisitation

Beginning Class – Third Term, Spring 2024

Child's Name: _____ **Age:** _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent's Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Cell #:** _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegspg2024

80'S DANCE PARTY

FATHER DAUGHTER GIRL SCOUT DANCE

FRIDAY - 2/23/24

6:30 - 9:00PM

-VISI AUDITORIUM-

EARLY BIRD TICKETS - PURCHASE BY 1/26: \$15

GENERAL TICKETS - PURCHASE BY 2/16: \$20

NIGHT OF (AT DOOR) TICKETS - PURCHASE ON 2/23: \$25

PRICING IS FOR A FATHER/DAUGHTER COUPLE

\$5 EXTRA PER ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

VENMO - @MARIA-KERSTING

PUT NAME OF GIRL(S) AND ADULT ATTENDING IN MEMO

OR CHECK - MAKE PAYABLE TO TROOP 4397

SEND ENVELOPE INTO SCHOOL WITH NAME OF GIRL(S)
AND ADULT ATTENDING. ADDRESS TO MARIA KERSTING,
VIA CARMEN KERSTING/MS. FISCHESSE

RAFFLE AND SPLIT THE POT

TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!!





Is it time to update your family photo?

**Schedule your appointment for
our Pictorial Directory and you'll
get a free 8 x 10 photo!**

The Divine Mercy Family of Parishes is
creating a Family pictorial directory.
What a great tool for parishioners to get
to know one another!

We will have photo sessions at all
locations from mid-February until after
Easter. *You may sign-up to have your
photo taken at any parish**

Book Now

Appointments are
available now for
February 15-17
February 20-24
at Visitation

**Schedule an appointment online at
United Church Directories**

www.UCDIR.com
Enter church code: oh2727a
Password: photos

*These dates will be available to
schedule online soon:
Feb 27-March 2 at St Joseph
March 12 -16 at St Jude
March 19-23 at St Jude
April 9-13 at St Joseph

ONLINE SCHEDULING INSTRUCTIONS

Go to www.ucdir.com

- Click on the box on the right entitled
"Photography Appointment Scheduling Login"
- Enter the Church code: oh2727a
Password: photos
- Click Enter button
- Choose desired photography date
- Click on the *Reserve Time* button beside the desired time
- Enter the appropriate information in all required fields
*You may have photo taken at any location. Indicate which church the
photo should be listed under using this code letter after your Family
name: A= Visitation, B= St Joseph, C= St Jude ie. Wells B*
- Click on the Schedule Appointment button at the bottom of
the screen to reserve the photography appointment time

Online scheduling is closed on Sat/Sun when there are in-person sign-ups events

The Catholic Parent



Welcome to The Catholic Parent, a video series created for Catholic parents by Catholic parents!

Created through a collaboration between the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, each of the six short episodes in this stunning video series features real Catholic parents sharing their struggles and victories. Through *The Catholic Parent*, Catholic families will find solidarity and encouragement as they embrace their vital role as formators of their children.

The Catholic Parent will empower parents to:

- Faithfully take their families to Sunday Mass, even in difficult seasons
- Commit to praying as a family, even when life is hectic
- Receive Jesus' forgiveness and mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, even when it's hard to face our sin
- Live sacrificially for each other out of love, even when it's uncomfortable
- Give generously to those in need, even when it requires a lot of trust
- Raise the next generation of saints, even today



The Catholic Parent is available on FORMED beginning January 15.
Sign up for free. Go to **formed.org/signup** and search Divine Mercy Family of Parishes



SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Receive an Ohio Tax Credit!

Catholic School Supporters May Be Eligible for an Ohio Tax Credit!

The State of Ohio has passed a bill that allows a tax credit for qualified donations to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). *See section 574773 of the Ohio Revised Code.*

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, the CEF-SGO will provide scholarships (based on financial need) to students in grades K-12 in the Catholic schools of our Archdiocese.

Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s). Gifts that are not designated to a particular school will be available to families with the greatest need across our Archdiocese.

Consult with your tax advisor to determine: (1) your eligibility for the state tax credit, (2) its value to you, and (3) the details of your gift. **The Ohio budget passed in July added a provision to allow for nonrefundable Ohio tax credits for SGO donations for the 2023 tax year to be made until April 15, 2024. This means that a donor could give to the SGO up to April 15 and still have the tax credit applied to the 2023 tax year. Those tax credits remain at \$750 per individual/\$1,500 for married filing jointly.**

PLEASE NOTE: According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer would need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgment letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

To make your gift Online: CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

To donate by Mail: Use the form below

GIFT INFORMATION

Your check can be made payable to CEF-SGO and mailed to:
Catholic Ed. Foundation-SGO
100 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

QUESTIONS?

The Stewardship Department for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is providing donation processing services for the Catholic Education Foundation. If you have questions about your donation, please contact them at
Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org
or (513) 263.3345.

DONOR

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION

Please allocate my gift:

\$_____ To the Greatest Need

\$_____ To the school(s) of my choice. The school's name and city are:

☐ Please do not share my name with the school(s) that I selected.

\$_____ Total Gift