

**Important Dates:**

1/16 ..... MLK Day, No School  
1/29-2/4 ..... Catholic Schools Week  
1/30 ..... Teacher In-service, No School  
2/2 ..... Open House for current families

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,

Happy 2023! I wish all of you health, happiness and a closer relationship to God our Savior! Today at mass students saw that there was black cloth draped over the entrances to church in honor of the Pope Emeritus Benedict the XVI. In addition, there was a picture of the former pope on the altar. Two official channels will broadcast the funeral live Jan. 5 (3:30 a.m. EST): the Vatican Media Live YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INHE3mjiiFw>) and

the Vatican News Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/vaticannews/>).

Cable TV: EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) will broadcast the services, beginning at 3 a.m. leading up to the 3:30 a.m. funeral. The network also will broadcast encore presentations of the funeral Jan. 5 at 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. for those unable to watch the live broadcast.

While setting your New Year's Resolution, don't forget to challenge your faith life as well! This is an opportune time to kickstart your faith. If you are struggling with the mass and its significance, fear not. The National Eucharistic Revival is coming soon! Archbishop Schnurr is inviting ALL Catholics, through their parishes and schools, to grow in our understanding and devotion to the Eucharist. The Archbishop has provided for a great and easy way to help our students and faculty grow in meeting Christ in the Eucharist through a series of videos explaining the mass. This will be a six-week study beginning the week of Sunday, January 8 and concluding the week of Sunday, February 12. Our 6th thru 8th graders will be taking part in the program but using a different resource. The content of the study for adults will be the excellent video series "The Mass" from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday, the Archbishop will email all participants the 25-minute episode along with his own brief insights. Individuals can view the study at their own pace, on their own time, over the course of the week to invigorate their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. You may sign up to receive the emails at <https://catholicaoc.org/themass> This may be just what your family needs to recommit to attending mass. Students are bringing home postcards today with information about this important series.

Did your child receive a cell phone for Christmas? Have you reviewed rules with them, set up times the phone is to be used? Do they have a data plan? If they do, keep in mind they have access to EVERYTHING. Did you set up your parental controls? Get with your cell phone provider to help you set up your child's phone to settings you find acceptable. In the Spring, we have Stephen Smith from a Wired Family to speak to both students and parents. Their website is <https://awiredfamily.org/> Mr. Smith is a former parishioner and active Catholic.

We will have an Open House for our current families from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m on Thursday, Feb. 2nd. This is a time for our already enrolled families to visit classrooms.

**8th Grade Parents-** There are two scholarship opportunities for 8th graders. The Justin and Rita Weber Scholarship and the Aubrey Rose Foundation (ARF) Scholarship. The Weber Scholarship is due Jan. 20th (info sent home with students) and the ARF Scholarship <https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/> is due Jan. 28th.

Please continue to pray for Ross and CeCe as they both continue with their treatments.

Here's to a year filled with blessings and guidance from Our Lord!

*Spelly M. Aug*

## **COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER**

Students in second grade are beginning to learn to read and write in cursive. The teachers in second grade will begin by instructing students to use the correct posture and angle their bodies to be successful writers. Next, they will learn the four types of cursive strokes which include the under curve, over curve, down curve, and slant. The students will begin to write and use cursive the rest of the school year in second grade as they perfect their handwriting and learn to read cursive as well!

We have a few enrichment classes we are offering after school for the winter trimester. These include chess, coding and STEAM. A licensed teacher runs the programs that require students to apply their math and science skills, while having fun with their classmates. Check out the flyers attached to the newsletter to sign up!

Does your child enjoy solving puzzles? Try introducing your child to some coding apps on your phone or ipad. The apps Kodable and Lightbot: Code Hour are free to download. Coding provides your child with ways to think critically to create games and control robots using twenty first century learning skills. These apps are great learning extensions for children who are interested in being challenged more at home while having fun.

## **CHURCH CHATTER**

Archbishop Schnurr invites you to join him to explore the wonder of *The Mass* through Bishop Barron's video series. You can view *The Mass* on your own schedule or join fellow parishioners to view the videos with follow-up discussion and insights. Postcards with more information are being sent home with each student this week.

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

**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)

## **FINANCIAL AID 2023-24 INFORMATION**

*Applications for financial aid are available online at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>.* Please find at the end of this newsletter a document containing information on financial aid available for the 2023-24 school year. Also, attached is information regarding the Catholic Education Fund. One application can be made for financial aid available. ***Do not delay! Apply today!*** Questions, please call Patty or Leslee in the Parish Office, 922-2056.

## **CUB SCOUTS**

The 2023 Pinewood Derby is scheduled for Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm. Scouts and their families are invited to join us in the Auditorium. Please see the attached flyer for details.

## **PTO and SPIRITWEAR**

**PTO:**As many of you know Buffalo Bills Damar Hamlin was seriously injured in Mondays NFL game and he is in need of continuous thoughts and prayers!!

With the help of Zac and Sarah Taylor, as well as Jake and Abby McQuaide, we are asking for this AMAZING Visitation community's help. We are encouraging all students and staff to send in handmade letters, cards, get well wishes to Damar. They can be sent in through school and given to homeroom teachers and they will be handed off to me or placed in my mailbox. If you don't have time to create a card or note but still have some well wishes or prayers you would like delivered to Damar. You can email them to me at [bcebula@olvisitation.org](mailto:bcebula@olvisitation.org) and I will print them.

We have seen the power of prayer and how far it has gone in our community many times, and this will be no exception!!

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

**VAC**

1/6 - Final 8U-14U Baseball Signups  
1/19 - VAC Meeting - 8:00PM - Pavilion

**SPRING SPORTS SIGNUPS**

**Baseball: FINAL CALL**

8U - 14U: 11/29/22 - 1/6/2023 (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)  
5U, 7U & 15U: 11/29/22 - 2/28/2023: (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)  
**Please see the baseball home page at [vacsports.com](https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports) [Baseball \(bluesombrero.com\)](https://sports.bluesombrero.com) for all important dates and information regarding the 2023 Season. We also have multiple opportunities to volunteer in leadership roles within the program, so please consider those opportunities while registering your players. Please note that all volunteers must undergo Safe Parish training and certification**

**Girls Softball:**

Calling all ladies from Pre K - 8th grade!!! Are you interested in joining a team sport where one can get dirty - yes, the game is all about getting dirty! How many sports can say that getting dirty is a key element to the game. We are looking for all ladies that are looking to have fun between April and June. Softball also works around other sports such as soccer to provide the best experience for you. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. So register today to have fun!!!

**Boys Volleyball:**

Signups for Boys Volleyball are now open for boys in grades 3-8! Boys Volleyball is a fantastic spring sport opportunity, as there is no possibility of rain delays or rain outs, the season is complete by mid-May and does not interfere with your summer, and the games are held later in the day to allow boys to also participate in other spring sports. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. Signups will be open through January 20th. Evaluations will take place in early February, with more information to follow.

**Track and Field:**

Signups are now open for boys and girls K through 8th grade. Fees includes meet fees and uniform (t-shirt). With the variable weather during track season, there will again be an option for a hooded sweatshirt (heads up, they do run small). Practices are 1-2 times weekly. Track meets are on Saturdays starting in late March and run through early May. Coaches are always needed across all levels. Please consider volunteering. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. If any questions or to volunteer, please contact Lee Reynolds at [lreynolds@beaconortho.com](mailto:lreynolds@beaconortho.com) .

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
1/9	M	Jen Hehman Elizabeth McPherson	Jessica Behler Alex Caffaro	Gina Osterbrock Jamie Donovan	Bob Johnson Kursten Kaiser
1/10	T	Julie Young Renae Fishburn	Amanda Bruner Angela Graman	Keli Clarkson Jackie Lanter	Sue Stautberg Liz Hildebrandt
1/11	W	Amy Beitz Maria Kersting	Amy Faillace Amy Burns	Aunnie Wertenberger Susie Ammer	Brandon Ranier Randy Lipps
1/12	Th	Katie Rohrmeier Erin Pace	Shannon Hafner Laura Cavanugh	JeanneAnne Nichols	Daniel Schultz Chris Cassiere Jenna Erhart
1/13	F	Julie Miller	Maureen Hildebrandt  Dana Elsworth	Erin Lahni  Kristie Horn	Stephanie Hayes  Angela Hayes Laura Obert

**LUNCH MENU FOR JANUARY 9-13**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Patty -Spiral Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Popcorn Chicken -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Shredded Cheese offered -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Nacho’s & Cheese sauce - Pretzel -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Chicken Patty	-Popcorn Chicken	La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Hot Dog with chili & cheese on the side	-Nacho’s & Cheese Sauce

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.

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

**Seton High School:** Future Seton Saints and Grads are invited to *Alumnae and Grade School Basketball Night* tonight, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for games, activities, prizes, and cheer on the Basketball Saints to victory! The Varsity Dance Team will perform, the Spirit Shop will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and all Future Saints and Alumnae will be entered into a raffle to win Seton swag!

**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

Winter 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.

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**Schedule:** 7 Mondays, January 23rd - March 20th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

No class: 1/30, 2/20

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

You will need to enter the course code **OLV1.23.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/15 for the early bird price of \$99.75.

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 It



Winter 2023

Our Lady of the Visitation School



Grades 2–5

**Tynker Tech-** In this exciting new coding class from Afterschool Enrichment Solutions, take a deep dive into computer programming with the web-based platform Tynker!

- Learn the art of digital animation
- Create video games that run on physics, math and art concepts
- Design Minecraft blocks, skin and mobs
- Experiment with HTML, Python and Java

No previous coding experience is required to learn and have fun in the Tynker playground under the instruction of a coding coach!

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***Schedule: 7 Thursdays, January 26th - March 16th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***

***No class: 2/9***

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

*You will need to enter the course code **OLV1.26.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/18 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)*

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# S.T.E.A.M.



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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!

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***Schedule: 7 Wednesdays, January 25th - March 8th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***

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

You will need to enter the course code **OLV1.25.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 1/17 for the early bird price of \$110.25.

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