

Important Dates:

2/21Confirmation Practice
2/27Confirmation
2/2811:30 dismissal, School of Faith
3/4No School, Teacher Inservice
3/8-15Wellness Week
3/29Good Friday, No School

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,

We are entering our second week of Lent. Easter is March 31st. Today, Fr. Jerry compared Lent to fishing. If you don't catch something while fishing, you throw the line back in and try again. It's the same with Lent, if you stumble with what you gave up one day just keep trying. Every day is a unique challenge of its own. Every day is a chance to show God our love, an opportunity to grow closer to Him. Every day is a new start. Students will say the Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

Please pray for the women of our parish who are participating in the Christ Renews His Parish weekend. We pray this event brings them the rest and refreshment of their mind, body and soul and that it leads them to a closer relationship with Our Lord.

Thursday and Friday we will have principals from Cincinnati and Cleveland visiting our school. They are here for our state accreditation. This is basically our school audit and it is the culmination of a 6-year process. They will give us recommendations and then we will hope to be accredited by the end of the school year.

The last day of the second trimester is Thursday, February 29th. Parents of older students please check on Rediker to make sure all assignments are turned in and completed.

8th Grade Parents- please send a copy of your child's scholarship into school or email it to Holly at haug@olvisitation.org

7th Grade Parents-Confirmation practice is tonight. This is for the student and their sponsor. Meet at 6:30 in church tonight. Confirmation is Tuesday, Feb. 27th at 7:00 p.m.

2nd Grade Parents- an email about First Communion feedback was sent to you earlier this morning. Your field trip is tomorrow. Please make sure your child packs their lunch. Thanks to our PTO for supporting this trip to see a play.

Grades 6,7 and 8- The PTO is bringing in a speaker on respectful behavior in March for Wellness Week. His name is Mark Brown and he is a nationally acclaimed speaker.

There is an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 28th. **Preschool carpool will be dismissed at 11:07. Carpool #1 will be dismissed at 11:14 a.m. and Carpool #2 will be dismissed at 11:30.** Buses will run. There is no aftercare on early dismissal days.

May the warmth and sunshine of today bring you warmth in your heart!

Blessings,

Holly M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Congratulations to our fourth graders who are all published authors! Last week was their book release party where the authors did a book signing. Each homeroom wrote a book entitled *What Should Ms. Gutjahr be for Halloween?* Some students took it further to include the other 4th grade teachers or Ms. Gutjahr's family. We look forward to seeing what these budding authors publish next!



The site <https://studyjams.scholastic.com/> introduces and reinforces math and science topics as well as provides many interactive activities. Many topics provide videos, slideshows, and step by step tutorials for students. Some math topics include addition/subtraction, place value, multiplication/division, and integers. There are a wide range of science topics as well, including but not limited to cells, the human body, ecosystems, and weather.

REDIKER

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

CAFETERIA REMINDER

If you know your child will be absent on a day that lunch has been ordered for them, you may cancel your ordered lunch up until 8:00 am daily. Go to the ordered lunch and click on the invoice # and hit cancel. This helps from creating waste as well as keeping our food cost in line. Please make sure you are not ordering a hot lunch on the days of scheduled dentist, and or other appointments. Again, you may cancel up until 8:00am daily. Thank you for your help.

7th GRADE PARENTS

The ESAP Butch and Karen Humbert Scholarship is an award presented to 7th grade students who embody the Christian spirit of giving back and helping others. 7th graders can complete an application online at ESAP.org. They are due March 1st. Recipients are announced at the end of May.

CODING CLUB

Please see attached for information about Mrs. Ruberg's March Madness Coding Club for Grades 3-5. It will be held on Wednesdays in March.

LEGO CLUB, Grades 2-6

Spring Lego Club Sign Ups for Grades 2-3 and 4-6! Below you will find the links to sign up for the next session of Lego Club with Mrs. Lott. Please be sure to click on the correct sign up based on your child's grade. If you are able to secure a slot, please send \$30.00 into school with your child's name addressed to Amy Lott no later than **Monday, Feb. 26th**. Checks made payable to Our Lady of Visitation. Please remember to include your **child's name, grade, homeroom teacher and your name and cell in the comment section of the sign up**. These clubs fill up fast, so it is first come, first served basis until filled. If there are no slots left, the club is at maximum capacity. Sign up for weekly Lego challenges and lots of fun!

[Lego Club Spring Sign Up Grades 2-3](#)

[Lego Club Spring Sign Up Grades 4-6](#)

STRIKING VIKINGS



It's not too late! Please see the attached flyer about Visitation's Striking Vikings music ensemble for students in Grades 3 through 6.

SUMMER ART CAMP

Art Summer Camp 2024 registrations start now! See attached fliers for all of the information. Register today so you don't miss out on this creative and FUN week!! Email art@olvisitation.org if you have any questions.

GIRL SCOUT DANCE

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

YEARBOOKS

Yearbooks for the 2023-2024 School Year are on sale now! Yearbooks are \$20 each and are available for purchase online at www.strawbridge.net

1. Click Order Pictures and Yearbooks, and enter code YB29199
2. Enter your name and email, and click Access Yearbook.
3. Enter your student's 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

RICE BOWLS

On Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent, we are called to repentance and deeper communion with God and neighbor through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Lenten almsgiving enables us to grow in generosity, actively participate in the body of Christ, and respond to God's call to love and care for others.

Your rice bowl donations help families in countries like Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia to access nutritious food, build sustainable livelihoods, and adapt and thrive in the face of climate change. Rice bowl cartons will be coming home today. Please take your carton and fill it! Return it to school by March 22nd and help someone in need.

CHURCH CHATTER

Pictorial Directory: The Devine Mercy Family of Parishes is creating a Family pictorial directory. Please see attached to book your appointment. Your student could win an ice cream treat and an out of uniform pass. Please see attached.

Lent Schedules: Please see the attached schedule for the Lenten season.

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

- 2/25 – Last day to sign-up for 4/5U, 6/7U, 14U & 15U baseball

Baseball – Sign-Ups Close Feb. 25

- Baseball sign-ups for 4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U & 15U end on Sunday, Feb. 25
- [Visit the Baseball homepage](#) for all important dates and details for the season. If you have any questions, please reach out to visivikingbaseball@gmail.com.

Track & Field – Sign-Ups Close March 1

- Sign-ups for Kindergarten through 8th grade track & field close on Friday, March 1.
- Practices are 1-2 times a week starting in March; meets on Saturdays starting in late March – May

Clean Up Day March 2 @ 9:00am: Mark your calendars to come volunteer a few hours of your time to help prep our fields and facilities for the Spring season on Saturday, March 2. Please see flyer below for all the details. (Alternate weather date will be Saturday, March 9)

Next VAC Meeting – March 7: Save the date for our next open meeting on Thursday, March 7 at 7:30pm in the Canteen.

Save the Date – Golf Outing: Save the date for the annual VAC golf outing on Friday, May 3. More details and registration coming soon.

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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LaSalle High School: Summer camp registration is open! <https://www.lasallehs.net/forms/summer-camps/>
Future Lancer Lifting Program registration is now live! It is available to all registered students of the Class of 2028 and rising 8th graders, the Class of 2029! Register here for the Future Lancers Lifting Program <https://www.lasallehs.net/quick-links/future-lancers-lifting/>

Mount Notre Dame: Plan your summer by previewing our camp offerings now! Registration will open on March 1st. Be sure to register early as popular camps fill quickly. Preview camps [HERE](#).

OTHER NEWS

Improve Basketball Camp: Boys and girls for incoming grades 2nd - 8th. We are now accepting applications for our 27th year of the improve basketball camp, on July 15th-18th. at Our Lady of Visitation. Register at www.improvebasketballcamp.com.

High School Placement Test Prep Class: Please see the attached flyer for the HSPT summer prep class.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
2/26	M	Jen Phillips Laura Cavanaugh	Sherri Peretzky Jessica Behler	Amanda Hiles Jen Hehman	Clint Lehman Whitney Walton Tim Kelley
2/27	T	Amanda Bruner Christina Yockey	Lauren Dusold Lauren McKenna	Aunnie Wertenberger Theresa Marzhauser	Kate Raterman Liz Hildebrandt
2/28	W	11:30 a.m. Early Dismissal			
2/29	Th	Liz Asman Liz Preistle	Beth Papin Angela Born	Peggy Edwards Kim Steinreide	Diana Stock Stacey Hafner Shannon Melillo
3/1	F	Jessica Burdette Stephanie Campbell	Jenna Erhart Gina Bath	Christie Klosterman Laura Obert	Kelly Hamilton Jill Ballman Kelly Sullivan

LUNCH MENU FOR February 26 - March 1

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	No Hot Lunch Early Dismissal	-Soft Taco -Taco Meat -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Breaded Cheese Ravioli -Marinara Dipping Sauce -Garlic Breadstick -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Chicken Nuggets (5)		-Soft Taco	-Breaded Cheese Ravioli

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.

MARCH MADNESS

CODING CLUB

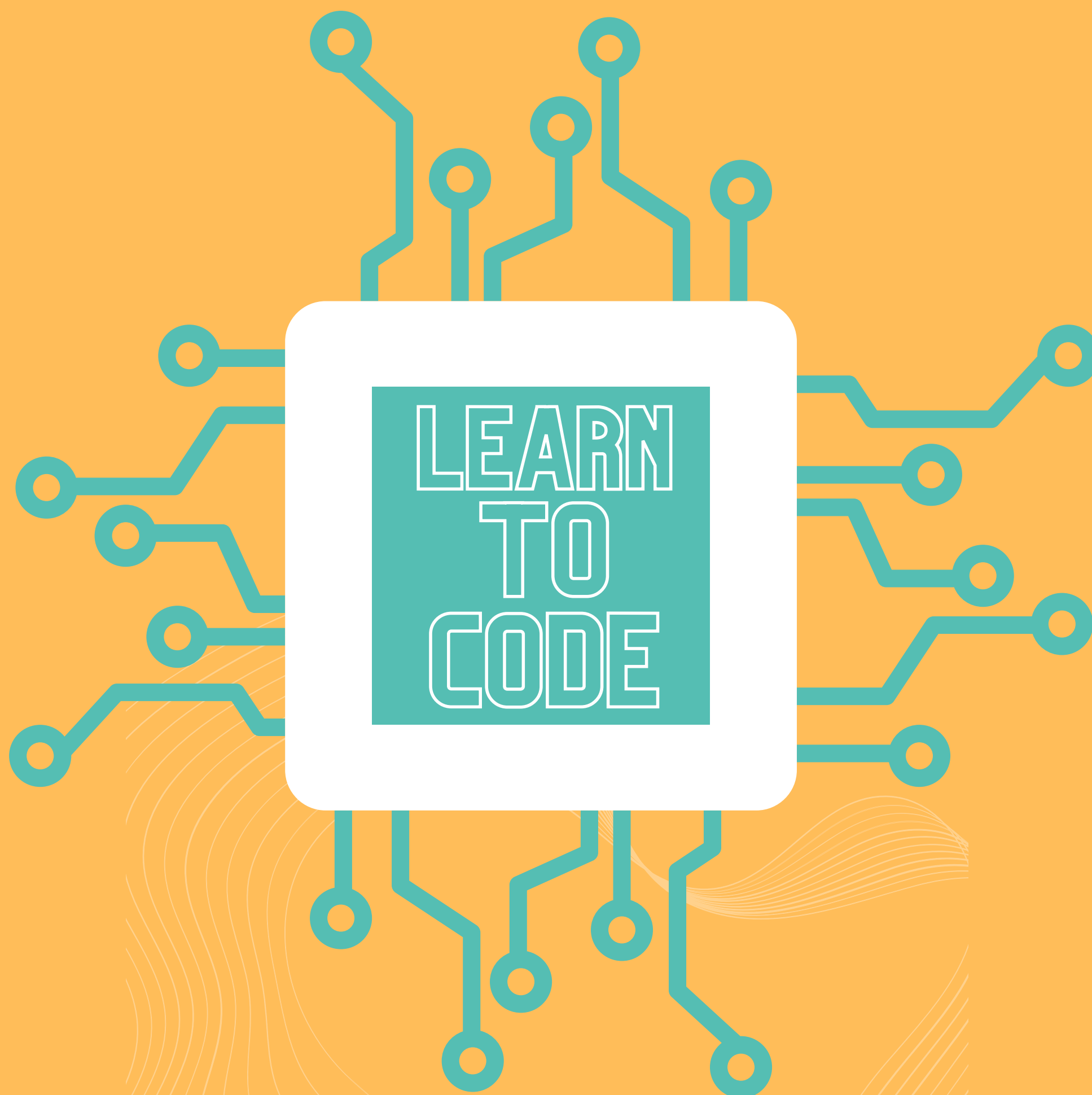
3RD - 5TH GRADE

WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH

3-4:15

MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27

COST: \$40 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION



Mrs. Ruberg's March Madness Coding Camp

Child's name and grade: _____

Parent email and phone #: _____

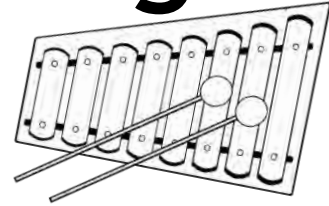
Enclose cash or check to OLV, send to office attn: Mrs. Ruberg/Coding Camp



Questions? lruberg@olvisitation.org



The Striking Vikings



Who? Students in grades 3-6

When? Fridays 3:15-4:00 beginning February 9

Where? Mrs. Neeley's music room

This group will be a combination choral and instrumental group, using the xylophones, glockenspiels, tubanos, woodblocks, and all the other percussion instruments students know from Mrs. Neeley's class. Students will not need to provide any of their own materials (for students in 4th-6th grade, if you still have a recorder hanging around the house, there may be opportunities to bring it!). There will also be a mix of a more "traditional" choir rehearsal with an emphasis on learning modern or popular repertoire.

The Striking Vikings will perform at the Visitation spring concert on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

"That sounds great! How do I sign up?" Return the bottom portion of this paper along with the participation fee (make checks out to Our Lady of the Visitation) to your homeroom teacher or school office.

Participation for 1 child: \$50

For siblings: 2 children: \$80 3 children: \$100

Any additional information will be sent home the week prior to rehearsals beginning!

Questions? Please contact Lauren Neeley at LNeeley@OLVisitation.org

I have enclosed the participation fee and will be at rehearsal on Friday afternoons beginning February 9.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Email: _____

Summer Art Camp 2024

Use your talents this summer to create beautiful artwork and learn new art techniques. Projects will include clay, printmaking, painting, sculpture, book making, drawing and more!

Instructor: Mrs. Zimmerman

Who: Open to incoming 1st – 9th graders (limited to 25 students)

When: June 3rd-7th, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: OLV Art Room (Main Building)

Cost: \$100. Fee includes materials, snacks and instructions for the week. (Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation School)

Art Show will be on Friday, June 7th at 11:15 PM. Families and friends are invited!

If you would like to participate in the Our Lady of the Visitation Art Camp, please return your fee and the completed form below to your art teacher. After your registration is received, a confirmation letter will be sent home in May. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Zimmerman at mzimmerman@olvisitation.org or 513-347-2235. Ext. 2940.

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Summer Art Camp 2024 Registration Form

I, the lawful parent or guardian of _____ (“the child”), give permission for my child to participate in the Our Lady of the Visitation Summer Art Camp and release from all liability and indemnify the Archbishop of Cincinnati (“the Archbishop”), both individually and as trustee for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and all parishes within the Archdiocese, and their officers, agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees from any and all liability, claims, judgements, cost or expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of any injury or illness incurred by my child while participating in or traveling to or from the activity.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Current Grade: _____ Current Homeroom: _____

Phone Number: _____

Any known Allergies or Health Conditions: _____

(Please bring your own snack if you need to accommodate allergies.)

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. FISCHESER

RAFFLE AND SPLIT THE POT

TICKETS \$1 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5

PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED!!

Order Your YEARBOOK Online

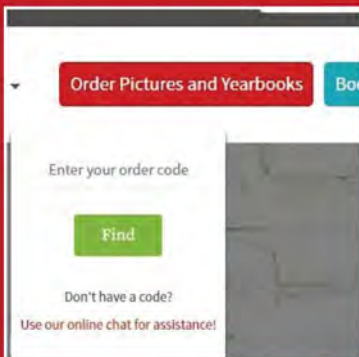
Ordene Su Anuario Online

To order online, go to www.strawbridge.net and follow these four easy steps.

1.

Click **Order Pictures and Yearbooks**. Enter your Online Code.

Vaya a www.strawbridge.net. Precione **Order Pictures and Yearbooks**. Ingrese su Online Code.



2.

Enter your name and email, then click **Access Yearbook**.

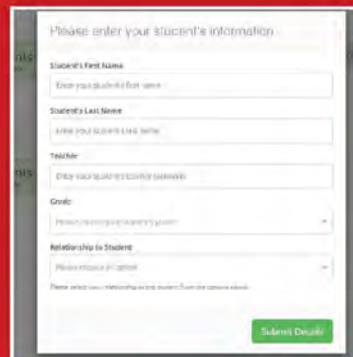
Ingrese su nombre y email, y precione **Access Yearbook**.



3.

Enter your student's information, then click **Submit Details**.

Ingrese la información de su estudiante y precione **Submit Details**.



4.

Select your product and quantity. Click **View Cart** to proceed to checkout.

Escoja su producto y precione **View Cart**.



Our Lady of the Visitation School

2023-2024 YEARBOOK

ANUARIO DE 2023-2024

SOFTCOVER

\$20.00 until 5/31/2024

HARDCOVER

\$25.00 until 5/31/2024

PERSONALIZATION AVAILABLE ONLINE

ORDER ONLINE AT WWW.STRAWBRIDGE.NET

ONLINE CODE: YB29199



Office Use Only: 115407

All yearbook orders are shipped in bulk and will be distributed by your school.

Need an updated family photo?



Choose your best matching outfits and have your family photo be a part of The Divine Mercy Family of Parishes directory. Book your appointment for our Pictorial Directory and you'll get a free 8 x 10 photo and copy of the directory!

Book Now

You may have your photo taken at any parish

**Schedule your appointment after Masses
January 27 & 28** for photography session
at Visitation.

Or schedule online at www.UCDIR.com

Enter church code:

oh2727a (appointment at Visitation)

oh2727b (appointment at St Joseph)

oh2727c (appointment at St Jude)

Password: photos



Ice Cream Prize

Win

An Ice Cream Party and Out-of-Uniform Pass

Have your family photo taken for the new Divine Mercy Family Pictorial Directory and your child is entered to win. The homeroom class with the highest participation in the Pictorial Directory will win an Ice Cream Treat from Fr Don and an Out-of-Uniform Pass.

Book now!

Schedule online at www.UCDIR.com

- Enter the Church code:
 - oh2727a (appointment at Visitation Welcome Center)
 - oh2727b (appointment at St Joseph Eliz Seton Room)
 - oh2727c (appointment at St Jude Undercroft)
- Enter password:
 - photos

Included with your photo session is a free 8 x 10 photo and copy of the directory!

Lent 2024

ASH WEDNESDAY

February 14 Mass Schedule

8:00 am St Joseph

8:30 am St Jude and Visitation School Masses*

12 noon Visitation

7:00 pm St Jude

* limited seating available at school Masses

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays 8:30 am – St Joseph (clergy led)

Thursdays 7:00 pm – St Jude (stations according to Our Lady)

Fridays 9:25 am – St Jude (school)

Fridays 8:30 am – Visitation (school)

Fridays 7:00 pm – Visitation (lay led)

CONFESSIONS

February 15, March 7, and March 14

5:00-6:00 pm – Visitation

Also regular Saturday times: 2:00-2:30 pm – St Joseph,

2:30-3:30 pm – Visitation, 4:00-4:30 pm – St Jude



Thursday, February 29

7:00-8:30 pm – Visitation

Confessions 6:30-8:30 pm

Encounter God's mercy at an evening with confessions,

talk from guest speaker Fr. Chris Geiger, Eucharistic

Adoration, and worship music.

Separate child programming will be available.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE

March 5 – St Joseph

6:00 Soup Supper, 7:00 Taize Prayer Service

ST JOSEPH ALTAR

March 16 following 3:00 pm Mass – St Joseph

STUDY GROUPS

RESTORE

Tuesdays at 8:45 am at St Joseph

February 13 - March 26

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

Mondays at 7:00 pm at Visitation

February 19 - March 25

JESUS AND THE JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at St Jude

Ash Wednesdays ONLY at 6:00 pm

February 14- March 27

Spiritual
Growth

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

March 17, 3:00 pm at Visitation Church

FEATURING DVORAK'S

STABAT MATER



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 24

Regular Sunday Mass times

Tuesday, March 26

3:00 pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral Basilica

Wednesday, March 27

12 noon Stations at St Joseph

Holy Thursday, March 28

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Joseph

Good Friday, March 29

12 noon Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross at St Jude

3:00 pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy at St Jude

7:00 pm Stations at St Joseph (outdoors)

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass at Visitation

Easter Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Visitation

8:30 am St Jude

9:30 am St Joseph

10:00 am Visitation

10:30 am St Jude

11:00 am St Joseph



Clean Up Day

Saturday, March 2

9:00am until it all gets done

Every little bit helps so come for the day or just a few hours. This is a great opportunity for service hours for teens. All ages welcome and lunch will be provided.



Bring Your Tools

Rakes
Brooms
Ladders
Shovels
Spades
Tin Snips

Gas Blowers
Gas Weed Wackers
Tree/Shrub Cutters
Post Hole Digger
Wire-Cutters

Volunteers Needed

Any questions, contact visivikingbaseball@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST PREP CLASS

SUMMER, 2024

TEACHER: Mrs. Julie Kraemer, 40 years of experience, Master's in Education

WHAT: Small individualized group sessions to prepare incoming 8th graders for the November HSPT. I cover all academic areas (verbal skills, reading, math, spelling, grammar) as well as crucial test-taking strategies and timing tips.

WHEN: Choose ONE session (Monday through Thursday) from the following:

June 10 – 13, 17 – 20, 24 – 27

July 15 – 18, 22 – 25, 29 – Aug. 1

Time: Choose ONE only: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: My home @ 5487 Romilda Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 (right behind St. Antoninus Church)

MATERIALS NEEDED: Prep Book (Kaplan 7th edition Catholic High School Entrance Exams – available on Amazon), notebook, folder, index cards, highlighter, pencil

TO REGISTER: Text me @ 513-910-3673 with your name and email, student's name and school. Send 1st and 2nd choices of dates/times. Cost is \$130; half is due (\$65 cash only) by May 1st to hold the spot. You may put it in a marked envelope in the cooler on my porch starting April 1st. The remainder is due upon the first day of class. Classes are on a first come, first served basis.