

Important Dates:

9/5 Labor Day, No School
9/12 Picture Day
9/16 Teacher Inservice, No School
9/16 Parish Picnic, Stricker's Grove

K-8 Absent/Tardy347-2231
Preschool Absent347-4450
Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
Aftercare371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

It truly is so exciting for us to finally open the building up to the children! As I say often, the children make the building come alive! Thank you for choosing Our Lady of the Visitation for your child's Catholic education.

My name is Holly Aug and I am the principal of Our Lady of the Visitation. This is my 6th year here as principal. I

am married to Brian and have three adult children: Lauren, Kelly and Tommy. All of whom are successful graduates of Visitation!

This newsletter comes out every Wednesday. It may contain letters from myself, the assistant principal, the Director of Religious Education (DRE), Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Visitation Athletic Club (VAC), Scouts, fundraisers, high school info, etc. LaRosa's pizza is served every Wednesday.

Our parish is now part of the Divine Mercy Family, partnering with St. Jude and St. Joseph in North Bend, as part of the Beacons of Light program. Our mission is united, that being to "go out and make disciples of men". Matthew 28:19. We are excited to be a part of such a vibrant group of parishes! Please see the attached letter from Fr. Don.

Thank you to each and every parish member who volunteered at Visifest. We needed all of you to make it a success. Your time, talents and treasures are appreciated. We want to thank all of you who support our PTO as well. This summer we have new desks and chairs in grades 1,2, and 3. There's new carpeting, new cubbies and new science lab tables! Thanks to all for supporting our fundraisers throughout the year.

New staff members

Parish: Fr. Don Siciliano (pastor), Fr. Jerry Hiland (senior vicar), Fr. Martin Bachman (parochial vicar), Stephanie Audette (DRE), Michael Bissonnette (Director of Evangelization) and Erik Paffett (Director of Music Ministry)

School: Jen Brady (library/Stem/Media), Vickie Doerger (aide), Sarah Gutwiler (aide), Lauren Millilo (preschool aide) Beth Ridner (1st grade teacher), Jeannine Roth (preschool teacher), Alyssa Snyder (1st grade teacher) and Miki Stakely (PE teacher)

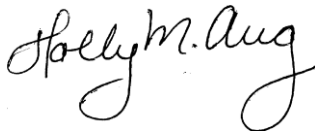
I'm sure there is great anxiety as you send your children out the door for their first day (or maybe a sense of relief?!). We have "all hands on deck" to make sure children get where they need to be these first few days. Some of our younger grades have extra helpers this week to help everyone get acclimated. They will receive lots of nurturing!

A new school year is always a good time to establish habits. Do you children need a set time for homework? Does an alarm need to be set for an earlier time to make for a calmer morning? Your faith is a habit to be developed as well. If you aren't praying with your child at mealtime and bedtime, this is the time to start! Help them learn the Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, rosary, etc. Once you start, it becomes an easy habit. Ask your children for their intentions before praying as well. It is a great way to not only pray for others but to find out their worries as well. If you want your children to carry on the Catholic faith, you need to celebrate mass together. As your children get older and more involved, you have less meals together as a family. Sunday mornings are an opportune time to share both the Eucharist and a family time together. All-School Masses this year will be every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. with the first one being Aug. 31st.

The following forms are coming home with your students today. Please return them by Friday.

- Emergency Medical Authorization/Health History (yellow) - Please complete both sides.
- Family Income form (pink) - One per family needs to be completed.
- Grades K-8: Responsible Use of Technology (lilac) - One per student needs to be signed.

Blessings,



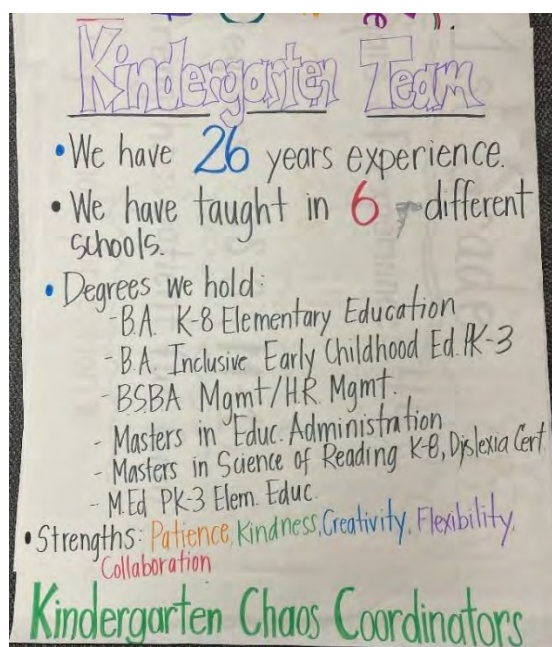
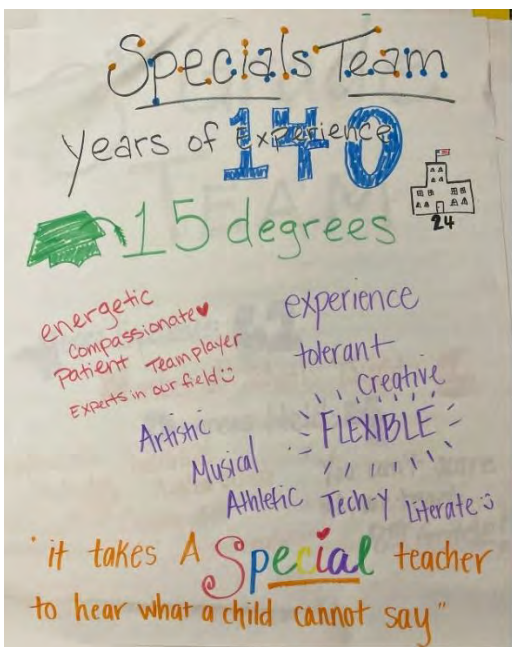
COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

The first day is finally here! The teachers have worked so hard this summer to prepare their classrooms and build a faith-based curriculum to help students excel and build relationships. My name is Leah Cook, and I am the Assistant Principal. This is my eighth year at Visitation and fourteenth year in Catholic education. There is nothing like the community of students, parents and teachers here!

A little about me... I am married and have four children. My oldest children are attending pre-k and second grade at Our Lady of Victory, where we are registered parish members. My twins are eighteen months and running every which way! Needless to say, our house can get a little chaotic at times!

Each week, my section of the newsletter will focus on academics, mental health wellness, and/or technology resources for students/parents. If you ever have any academic questions and/or concerns, please email me at lcook@olvisitation.org. I am here to help partner with you in your child's education.

During our staff in-service, our teachers worked together to make a collective resume for their grade level/department. Each department was required to list years of experience, number of schools taught in and how many degrees they hold total. Together as a staff at Our Lady of the Visitation we have 806 years of experience, 81 degrees held, and experience in 139 schools! I would say your children are in great hands! Some examples of teacher posters are below:



SAFE PARISH

Every volunteer needs to create a SafeParish account. Those new to volunteering at Visitation should contact Tracy Wagner, twagner@olvisitation.org, for any questions.

REDIKER: Rediker is our student information system. All our communications will come through Rediker via email so it is imperative that we have a current email address on file for you.

Teachers in Grades K-8 also use Rediker for their grade books.

You should have received an email on August 20th with instructions to set up your Rediker Parent PlusPortal account.

To find your student online account password, please log into your Parent PlusPortal from our website. Click on the **More** tab next to your student. Click on the **School** tab. Click on **Demographics**. Pertinent student information such as Online Userid, password, bus #, etc. can be found there.

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

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria is still in need of parent volunteers to serve lunch for the 2022-2023 school year. Serving time is 10:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Please wear sensible shoes (no sandals), visor or hat is required, Safe Parish trained and updated. Please go to the signup genius link and as always thank you for your support and time. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria>

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer in the lunchroom or on the playground, please go to the following links to sign up. All volunteers need to be up to date with their safe parish accounts.

Playground <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faca922a1fc1-playground>

Lunchroom <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f054faca922a1fc1-lunch>

ART

Please see the attached introduction letter from our Art Department.

CHOIR

School Choir will begin next week and is open to students in Grades 3-8. See flyer and schedule for more details. Please contact Erik Paffett (epaffett@olvisitation.org) to sign up.

DRAMA CLUB

Please see the attached flyer about our Drama Club for students in Grades 3-8. Registration form must be in by September 14th. Please contact Lori Wainscott (lwainscott1962@gmail.com) with any questions.

SPANISH

We will be offering after school Beginning Spanish for Grades K-2. Please see the attached registration form. The deadline is Friday, August 26. Classes will begin Wednesday, August 31st. Any questions, please contact Marcie Davis at 513-307-2366.

8TH GRADE

8th Grade Parents - an 8th grade trip to Washington DC is being planned for the week of Spring Break, April 10 -14. If you would like more information on the trip, please email Mary Zimmer at 2023olvdctrip@gmail.com. This is not a school sponsored event but one planned by parents.

THREE RIVERS BUS

Three Rivers Transportation uses an app called "Here Comes the Bus" for parents to be able to track their students' bus. This app is not currently available, but we will let you know when it is.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Big Win: Our fall fundraiser is back! Get your tickets now to win a fabulous Outdoor Smoker Package. Package includes Traeger Grill/Smoker, Grill Cover, and 20 lb. bag of smoking pellets. Valued at \$1300. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. Please see flyer for details. Drawing will be held on **Friday, October 28, 2022**.

Home Room Reps: We are still in need of a few homeroom reps. Please see sign up genius for details. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4fabab28a20-homeroom4>

Spiritwear: The Spiritwear shop will be open various times in the evenings. Please check the newsletter for dates and times. Call or text any question to Nikki Niemann 513-379-8478. Visit our website under Get Involved, Spiritwear, or click on this link <http://visispiritwear.weebly.com/shop-school-uniform.html>.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)
8/29	M	Melissa Cunningham	Sarah Reynolds	Deb Tisch
		Liz Asman	Curtney Schill	Amy Burns
8/30	T	Angie McMahon	Laura Bolger	Theresa Ahlers
				Erin Thompson
8/31	W	Erin Frank	Deb Tisch	Erin Lahni
		Christie Morgan	Annie Wertemberger	Theresa Marzheuser
9/1	Th	Kurtsen Kaiser	Theresa Marzheuser	Jillian Edwards
		Jessica Behler	Elizabeth McPherson	Angela Born
9/2	F		Deb Tisch	Lori McKenna
			Gina Bath	Meghan McKenna

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Elder High School: Please visit Elder's website for information about all their upcoming events: Shadow Days, Financial Aid Night, Tailgate Party, Open House, HSPT and HSPT Bootcamp. www.eldershs.org

Mercy McAuley High School: Please visit Mercy McAuley's website for information about their upcoming events: Shadow Days, HSPT Prep class, Parent night, and Grade School Soccer night. www.mercymcauley.org

Seton High School: We invite all grade school students to attend our upcoming Athletic Nights for Alumnae & Future Saints!

Soccer Night - September 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Panther Athletic Complex

Volleyball Night - October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Seton's gym

St. Xavier High School: RedwoodPrep is offering a HSPT Preparation Program at St. Xavier High School. Parents can sign-up at www.RedwoodPrep.com.

Ursuline Academy: Please visit our website for information about our Shadow Days, HSPT Prep Class, and 8th Grade Day. Click [here](#) for important dates for students applying to the Class of 2027.

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.

Dear Friends,

On July 1, 2022, Archbishop Schnurr inaugurated a new chapter for Our Lady of the Visitation, St. Joseph and St. Jude parishes by bringing us together as a “new family of parishes”. As with any change we are faced with a range of emotions; joy, pain, excitement, and loss. Yet, we must work together to begin uniting our particular parishes while at the same time preserving that which makes our communities unique. Change will be inevitable and that can be frightening for some, but what will not change is our mission as a parish. Our mission is the same mission that Jesus gave to His disciples at His Ascension when He said, *“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”* Mt 28:19-20).

Making disciples of all nations was not an easy task for the apostles. They encountered hardships, rejection, persecution, and even martyrdom. Jesus never promised that it would be easy to carry his message of love and mercy to others. He was clear that sacrifice would be necessary. And the challenges we face are no different today as we begin to unite as a family of parishes committed to the work of “making disciples”—while also striving to become the saints that we were created to be. If we work together to face the challenges of the Church today by more effectively sharing ministries and resources and allowing our priests to focus on the spiritual work for which they were ordained, then we will together witness our unity as the Body of Christ that is essential to our mission.

One way that we can begin to unite is through a common name. Until now our family of parishes has been referred to as “SW-1”. This obviously is not the best name for a Catholic parish. The Archdiocese has given us permission to unite under a temporary (or perhaps permanent) name for our family.

When I was informed last December that I would be the pastor of “SW-1” I began to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet daily for our family which I continue to this day. I pray for the conversion of our minds and hearts so that we will be what God intends us to be: trusting in Jesus each step of the way. Our Lord once spoke these words to St. Faustina, *“My child, life on earth is a struggle; indeed, a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone. I am always supporting you, so lean on Me as you struggle, fearing nothing...”* What a beautiful reminder of Jesus to us as we begin the task of uniting as a new family. And so, rather than “SW-1”, I desire that we unite under the title, *“Divine Mercy” Family of Parishes*. We will retain

our individual parish names and saintly patrons but will unite under the family name of Divine Mercy. I cannot think of a better way to come together than to be Apostles of Mercy where we pray for each other, and show mercy and understanding, respect and patience toward one another. For to quote Pope St. John Paul II,



“Those who sincerely say ‘Jesus, I trust in You’ will find comfort in all their anxieties and fears. There is nothing more man needs than **Divine Mercy** – that love, which is benevolent, which is compassionate, which raises man above his weakness to the infinite heights to the holiness of God.”

May God bless us as we continue to work to become a parish family that witnesses His love and mercy to one another and to all the world!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Donald Siciliano

Welcome to ART!

August 2022

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to an exciting year of Art at Our Lady of the Visitation School!

Throughout the year we will be focusing our talents on art activities in the areas of drawing, painting, printmaking, textiles, sculpture and ceramics. We will work on observation and creative problem solving skills through lessons in art criticism, aesthetics, art history and art production. All art lessons are designed to help each student achieve individually as an artist. Project grades will be based on effort, following directions, creativity/problem solving and craftsmanship.

Students will need to bring a pencil, eraser, Sharpie marker, crayons and markers in their own pencil bag to Art class each week. (These do not need to be separate supplies from their classroom supplies.) Aprons are not provided so we are asking each student to bring a paint shirt/apron with their name clearly labeled on it or to wear "older" school shirts on Art class days.

Student artwork will be exhibited throughout the school during the year and during Catholic Schools Week. All finished artworks will be stored at school in anticipation of these school-wide art exhibits; therefore most projects will not come home until the end of the school year. Also, occasionally you may be invited to participate in school art contests, after-school art making activities and local and state art exhibits, including the National Scholastics Art Competition. Watch the Wednesday newsletter for more information about these exciting events.

Student artwork and art events will also be on view on our school art webpage, www.olvisitationart.com.

If you need to contact the Art Department, the number is 347-2235, ext. 2940 or through email at: art@olvisitation.org.

Thank you in advance for your effort in Art. Looking forward to a fantastic year!

Artfully,

Mrs. Rellar and Mrs. Zimmerman

School Choir Sign-Ups for 2022–2023



“Who can join?”

- Cantores is open to all students Grades 3–5
- Voces is open to all students Grades 6–8

Both Choirs will:

- Sing at weekly School Masses on Wednesday mornings
- Sing on certain Sundays throughout the church year
- Rehearse weekly after school:
 - Cantores (Grades 3–5) on Tuesdays, 3:00–4:00 P.M.
 - Voces (Grades 6–8) on Wednesdays 3:00–4:00 P.M.

If your child is interested, please email music director Erik Paffett (epaffett@olvisitation.org) and include:

1. Your child's name and grade
2. Your email (for weekly updates or cancellations)

Cantores • Choir Schedule

(Grades 3-5)



August–September 2022

August

Tuesday, Aug. 30	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Auditions/Rehearsal
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September

Tuesday, Sept. 6	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 7	8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 13	***NO REHEARSAL***	
Tuesday, Sept. 20	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 21	8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 27	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal

epaffett@olvisitation.org
(513) 347-2203

Voces • Choir Schedule

(Grades 6-8)



August–September 2022

August

Wednesday, Aug. 31	8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
Wednesday, Aug. 31	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Auditions/Rehearsal

September

Wednesday, Sept. 7	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 14	***NO REHEARSAL***	
Wednesday, Sept. 21	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 28	8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
Wednesday, Sept. 28	3:00–4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal

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COME JOIN US ON MONDAY'S FOR
OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION DRAMA CLUB

This year they will be Presenting



Directed by: Lori Wainscott

CALLING ALL 3RD-8TH GRADERS

Rehearsals- Mondays 3:00-4:30 at Visitation in the Pavilion

The week of the show (Tech Week) we will rehearse more. You will be provided with those dates as soon as the show is booked.

Start Date: September 19th Forms must be in by: September 14th

Performance Date: TBA (February or March) The show will be performed in a local Theater with Lights, Sound and Costumes.

The show date will be announced the 1st week in September.

Cost-\$160 This includes a t-shirt and Pizza at Technical Rehearsal. This also includes your costumes. make-up, and props Your child will need to provide black leggings, sweatpants, or pants and their own shoes.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OUR LADY OF VISITATION

Any Questions, Please Email: Lori Wainscott@ lwainscott1962@gmail.com

Please fill the information below and return to the office in an envelope marked THEATER.

Childs Name _____

Parents Name _____

Email _____ Phone# _____

T-Shirt Size _____ Homeroom# _____

¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

Beginning Conversational Spanish Course (Grades K-2)

Welcome to Beginning Spanish at Our Lady of the Visitation. Spanish is the second most spoken language in the United States. This learning experience will enhance your child's success in later language development. These classes will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to learn and have fun while conversing in Spanish.

This is a three, 10-week term Spanish program. Children will learn Spanish through singing, playing, listening and speaking. As your child progresses through the program, they will build on their knowledge from the previous term. This is a beginning conversational Spanish course in which students will learn the basics of pronunciation and grammar with an emphasis on vocabulary and basic conversational skills.

Director: Marsha Davis

Class dates/times: Classes will be held once a week on Wednesdays and will begin August 31 and conclude November 2, 2022. Classes begin immediately following school, from 3:10 - 3:55pm. Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. **Please register early.**

Fee: \$50, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish *
Please make checks payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.

Registration/fee deadline: Friday, August 26, 2022
(Please use one registration form per child.)

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

SPANISH REGISTRATION FORM – OL Visitation Beginning Class – First Term, Fall 2022

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

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

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

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

*Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegfall2022



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Package includes Traeger Grill/Smoker Pro Series 780 with WiFi Technology a Grill Cover and 20lb bag of Smoking Pellets

VALUED AT \$1300

Drawing will be held on Friday October 28, 2022. Tickets are \$20 each or 3 for \$50. To purchase tickets, you can use the link or QR code below or send in money and form thru school, with envelope marked "PTO BIG WIN" Checks should be made out to OLV PTO. Tickets will be sent home thru school.

Any questions please email Beth Cebula at bcebula@olvisitation.org

<https://visipto.square.site>



October Big Win

Name of purchaser: _____

Number of tickets: ____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Student: _____