

**Important Dates:**

9/1 .....Caps for the Cure  
9/4 .....No School, Labor Day  
9/11 .....Picture day (P4, PK, K-8)  
9/25 .....No School, Teacher In-service

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,

St. Augustine's feast day is Aug. 28th. He was known for a quote posted in his office that stated, "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." What a great reminder this should be to all of us! As parents, we are often taking phone calls in the car...but, are we holding ourselves accountable for what we are saying in front of our children? I used to have to tell my sisters "I can't talk now, there are little ears listening." And most of the time, that conversation didn't need to happen or need to continue. It was a good check on myself to focus

on the good and the positive in the world.

Thank you to all families who took part in the Ed Choice evenings. Any concerns or questions about Ed Choice should be directed to Josh Agnew, Director of Schools. Applications will need to be dropped off at the rectory. [jagnew@divinemeracyfam.org](mailto:jagnew@divinemeracyfam.org)

As a reminder, students may only wear uniform items to school that are purchased in our Spiritwear shop. They may not wear logos from outside companies. Items purchased in our Spiritwear shop helps support our school and students.

Please see the school policy below on vacations. Too many unexcused absences could cause a family to lose their EdChoice Scholarship.

- Vacations are considered unexcused. Unexcused absences can be detrimental to a child's educational progress and should be avoided. Parents assume all academic responsibility for such absences. It is not the job of the teacher to cater to social absences.
- If parents decide to remove a student for an "unexcused absence", they are advised that teachers are under no obligation to give students work ahead of time. Any assignments missed, including tests, will be given to the student upon return at a time convenient for the teacher.
- If you choose to pull a child out for social or athletic reasons (tournaments, attending Opening Day, vacation, go golfing with dad, etc.) the teachers are not required to provide work for your child, nor are they required to work with your child to help get them caught up from this missed work. When you take your child out of school, you are taking away from their education.

This Friday, we are taking part in Caps for the Cure. Students may wear a fun/crazy hat to school, with their uniform, if they bring in a cash donation for The Cure Starts Now. It can be a baseball cap, something they won from a festival, etc. Teachers will collect donations in the homeroom. We like to encourage students to use their own money for charitable events as possible. It creates good habits of giving to others in students. Please see their website [www.thecurestartsnow.org](http://www.thecurestartsnow.org) for more information.

Blessings for a great week ahead!

*Spely M. Aug*

**COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER**

Each benchmark (fall, winter, spring) students in grades K-1 take the AimswebPlus reading assessment. Each subtest focuses on letter identification, vocabulary, letter sound knowledge, phonemic awareness (the ability to hear distinct sounds in spoken words), fluency and decoding. The assessments are administered by the staff typically in a one-on-one setting. The assessment takes about ten to fifteen minutes. The purpose for this assessment is to allow our staff to plan meaningful instruction and to meet each child's needs in reading. Taking the assessment each benchmark (fall, winter, spring) allows teachers to monitor student growth throughout the school year and to inform instruction.

Students in grades 2-8 will take the MAP Growth test from NWEA on September 5th and 7th. This will take place of the IOWA test typically taken in the spring. The MAP growth test will be taken each benchmark (fall, winter, spring) to monitor student growth and inform instruction. See the letter attached regarding the MAP test.

Results for both the AimswebPlus assessment and MAP Growth Test will be sent to parents within a few weeks.

Please see the attached flyers for our Chess Scholars, Coding Club and STEAM clubs. First session begins in October.

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

If you don't already have Rediker Plus Portals, you should have received an email about setting up your account. In order to see your student's information such as new passwords, please follow these steps:

Sign into Plus Portals.

From the home screen, on the right of your student's name, click on the More button.

Click on School.

Click on Demographics.

### **CAFETERIA**

- **We still need 26 volunteers to serve hot lunch. If we do not get enough volunteers, we may need to discontinue hot lunches.** Must be Safe Parish trained and updated. Serving time is 10:30-1:30. Please wear a hat or visor, gym or slip resistant shoe. Please use this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria1>. Thank you for your support and volunteering.
- Hot Lunch Program: Lunches are purchased online through the Hot lunch program. Each student must be registered **separately** when purchasing a Hot Lunch. **Lunches must be ordered by 8:00 a.m. daily.** If you have a current Hot Lunch account, you **MUST** go in and update each of your students' grade and homeroom teacher. Please do this on a computer and not the app. Our campus code is olvlunch.
- Hot Lunch is \$4.00 with the option to purchase an additional Hot Entree for \$2.00. Students may purchase bag snacks .75, ice cream \$1.50, bottled water and milk .50, daily with cash. Online ordering for these items is also available. A box lunch will be available for students who have forgotten their lunch. The charged amount is \$4.00 for lunch and milk.
- The cafeteria cannot supply plastic silverware and condiments to those students that pack their lunches. Please remember to pack all your child's needs for their packed lunch.
- Questions or concerns please email Linda Good, Cafeteria Manager [lgood@olvisitation.org](mailto:lgood@olvisitation.org)

Parents, Please double check your Hot Lunch account to make sure the correct grade and homeroom teacher is selected for your student. When ordering lunch for students, be careful not to order twice, and complete all steps before checking out. An email will be sent to you confirming the order.

### **CHROMEBOOKS**

Visitation has a limited supply of older chromebooks that we can offer for home use. These will only be offered to students in grades 4-8 and are to be used for school work only. Due to the limited supply, only one chromebook per family. Please fill out this form and have your oldest student return it to the office. [https://olvisitation.org/Portals/1/Chromebook%20Loaner%20form%202020\\_1.pdf](https://olvisitation.org/Portals/1/Chromebook%20Loaner%20form%202020_1.pdf)

Loaner chromebooks will not be available to be sent home until sometime next week.

### **CHURCH CHATTER**

Please see the attached about the Conquest program that will be starting at Our Lady of the Visitation on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Register for CONQUEST at <https://form.jotform.com/232236141247953>

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Our Children's Choirs will begin rehearsing on September 4 and 5. The children's choir's primary responsibility is to sing for the Wednesday 8:30AM Rehearsals will be held in the Church's Welcome Center on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:30PM for students in grades 3-5 and on Wednesdays from 3:15-4:30PM for students in grades 6-8. The choir permission form is attached and included is a schedule of events. Please contact Matt Spencer if you have any questions: [mspencer@olvisitation.org](mailto:mspencer@olvisitation.org).

### PIANO ENRICHMENT

Visitation offers piano enrichment classes for students in grades 4 through 8. Classes are free of charge and students learn in a group environment, once a week, during their flex time. To participate, parents need to register their students and registration is open now through next Wednesday, September 6. Here is the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/PeRdYFXDQEGvREN06> . Please let Mr. V know if you have any questions!

### VISITATION VIKING BAND

It is time once again time to sign up for our Visitation Viking Band! **Returning member?** Just fill out the enrollment [form](#) and turn it in with the participation fees to your homeroom teacher by September 7. The first day of Advanced Band practice will be September 12.

New to band? Want to find out more? Interested new members and a parent can sign up [here](#) to schedule a time on Thursday, August 31 to meet with Mrs. Cassidy and try all of the band instruments. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!!

Band is open to any Visitation student in grades 5 through 8. Please contact Susan Cassidy at [scassidy@olvisitation.org](mailto:scassidy@olvisitation.org) with any questions you may have or if you can't find a time slot that meets the needs of your schedule.

### YEARBOOKS

If you ordered a yearbook last year, your child should have come home with it last week. If you did not receive it, please email [ebecker@olvisitation.org](mailto:ebecker@olvisitation.org). I have several extra yearbooks that are available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one, please send \$20 in an envelope marked OFFICE with your child's name and homeroom teacher on it.

### PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Our Fall "Big Win" is back and it's a good one!! (2) tickets to the Bengals Bills Sunday Night football game with parking pass! All information in attached document.

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

### VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC) – [www.vacsports.com](http://www.vacsports.com)

Important Dates:

- 9/7 – Registration Ends for Boys Basketball (3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)
- 9/10 – Basketball Evaluations and Tryouts
- 9/21 – VAC Open Meeting

Fall Sports are in full gear and off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who helped set up the fun (and hot!) Blue & Orange Nights for all our cheerleaders, football, and soccer players.

Boys Basketball Registration:

- September 7th - Registration ends for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- September 10<sup>th</sup> – Evaluations and Try-out nights begin. Visit the Boys Basketball sports homepage on the VAC site ([vacsports.com](http://vacsports.com)) for full details.

Concessions Signups for Football & Soccer

- Football Signup Link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4AABAA28A1F85-20231#/>  
Football families are required to sign up for 2 sessions to work the concessions or grill during the season. Signups are open until September 6.
- Soccer Signup Link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4aaba28a1f85-2023#/>

VAC Open Meeting – Thursday, September 21 @ 8:30pmm Pavilion

The meeting will include updates from our Sports Commissioners about in progress Fall sports, preparation for Winter sports and the upcoming Spring sports signups. We are looking for new members to fill positions on the VAC Board. If you would like more information or details, please attend the meeting or reach out to VAC President, Jodi Zureick at [jzureick2@gmail.com](mailto:jzureick2@gmail.com) All are welcome and we would love to see more involvement from our parents.

\*Reminder\* For the latest updates on field conditions, upcoming events and signup reminders be sure to follow VAC on Facebook (search and Like - Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club) and Twitter (search and Follow - VACSports).

THEATER CLUB

Please see the attached flyer about our theater club that will begin on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

LaSalle High School: Please visit LaSalle’s website for information about upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Night and High School Placement Test. For more information, contact Jake Pucci at [admissions@lasallechs.net](mailto:admissions@lasallechs.net)

Mercy McAuley High School: Please visit Mercy McAuley’s website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days and Grade School Nights. Register at [www.mercymcauley.org/shadow](http://www.mercymcauley.org/shadow).

Purcell Marion High School: Please visit Purcell Marion’s website for information about our Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. Visit <https://www.purcellmarian.org/ibelong> to learn more!

Saint Ursula Academy: Please visit St. Ursula’s website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Walkabout Wednesdays, Grade School Night, Educational Services, and HSPT prep course. Open House will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Information can be found at [www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx](http://www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx).

Seton High School: Registration is open for Seton's festive fall event, Bourbon and Bites! Join us on Thursday, September 21 for bourbon tastings, light bites, live music, raffles and more!

St. Xavier High School: Please visit St. Xavier’s website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. Information can be found at <https://www.stxavier.org/admissions/visit>.

Benny the Bomber Entrepreneurship Boot Camp will be held 10/20 and 10/21. For more information, please see <https://www.stxavier.org/entrepreneurshipbootcamp>

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
9/4	M	NO SCHOOL			
9/5	T	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Elizabeth McPherson	Amanda Bruner Deb Tisch	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
9/6	W	Amy Faillace Betsy Horvath	Angela Graman Theresa Marzhauser	Kirsten Law	Christina Yockey Brandon Rainer Kristina Kelley
9/7	Th	Shannon Hafner Becky Schwarz	Sarah Lykins Dana Ellsworth	Megan Schmidt	Brandon Rainer Chris Emerson
9/8	F	April Rischmann Stephanie Schiller	Dana Ellsworth Sarah Ray	Shannon Clifton Lauren Eagan	Sarah Re Angela Hayes LeAnn Brock

LUNCH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 4-8

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
No School Labor Day	-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Walking Taco -Corn Chips (1 oz.) -Chili -Shredded Cheese -Shredded Lettuce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- LaRosa’s Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
	-Chicken Patty	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-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, 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 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.





[www.thecurestartsnow.org](http://www.thecurestartsnow.org)

Caps for the Cure Day  
is  
September 1<sup>st</sup>

To benefit The Cure Starts Now Foundation and pediatric brain cancer research

## Please Help Us Raise Awareness

We will be showing our support for pediatric brain cancer patients and the need for research to cure this deadly cancer by participating in Caps for the Cure.

Students will be allowed to wear a hat for the day and in exchange, the students are asked to donate at least \$1 which will be given to The Cure Starts Now Foundation.

The Cure Starts Now is working to help fund research to stop the loss of these beautiful lives. These children with brain cancer deserve to be given a chance and your kids can help!

\$1=wearing a hat=funding for research=  
SAVING LIVES!

The Cure Starts Now was started in 2007 after 6-year-old Elena was diagnosed with brain cancer. Elena was a bright and healthy kindergartner who loved to read and draw and wanted to be a teacher when she grew up. After her diagnosis, Elena's parents learned there is a severe lack of funding for pediatric brain cancer research, resulting in few treatment alternatives.

Elena lost her battle only 7 short months after diagnosis, but thousands of children continue to battle brain cancer. Today they have joined forces with parents from around the country to build awareness for the need to fund pediatric brain cancer research and fund research to help cure this deadly cancer.



CeCe, Student at  
Our Lady of Visitation



Rylie



Aspen

## About The Cure Starts Now

The Cure Starts Now is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) non-profit. Since 2007, due to efforts like Caps for the Cure, The Cure Starts Now has been able to fund research across the globe. In conjunction with our DIPG/DMG Collaborative partners we have funded more than \$30 million in research grants at 117

hospitals in 17 countries. It is our hope that this year's Caps for the Cure will enable us to open up even more opportunities for these children before it is too late.

Please visit our website to see a few of the thousands of children whose lives will be affected by your school's generosity.



Together we can find the  
Homerun Cure™ for all cancers!

Additional tax-deductible donations can be made at [www.thecurestartsnow.org](http://www.thecurestartsnow.org) or simply send a check in with your child and you will receive a donation receipt in the mail.



Dear Parents,

On September 5th and 7th, your child will take a MAP® Growth™ test from NWEA® on a computer or tablet. We give students in grades 2-8 MAP Growth tests to help teachers shape instruction for your child and measure performance over the course of the school year and across school years in math and reading.

Before testing begins, we wanted to share some testing tips and reminders for you to review with your child because MAP Growth tests are unique in two ways.

The first is that they adapt to your child's level of learning. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This results in a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their grade level. It is possible your child may receive a question on content they haven't learned before.

The second is if your child rushes through the test by quickly clicking any response, MAP Growth will pause their test and notify a proctor. This pause will allow a proctor to check in with your child and remind them to try their best and not rush. If they continue to rush, we may/will need to retest your child in order to get a detailed picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn.

#### Testing Tips for Students

1. Do your best.
2. Listen carefully to instructions by your proctor.
3. Ask your proctor for help using any part of MAP Growth.
4. It's ok if you don't have all the answers.
5. Don't rush through the test.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement. For more information about the MAP Growth test, visit: [NWEA.org/Parent-Toolkit](https://nwea.org/Parent-Toolkit).

Sincerely,  
Leah Cook  
Assistant Principal  
[lcook@olvisitation.org](mailto:lcook@olvisitation.org)



# S.T.E.A.M.



Fall 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!

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***Schedule: 9 Wednesdays, October 11th - December 13th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***

***No class: 11/22***

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

You will need to enter the course code **OLV10.11.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 10/3 for the early bird price of \$139.50.

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

Fall 2023



Our Lady of the Visitation



Grades 2-8

Digital Design – Your child will have a blast designing video games and animations in this exciting STEM program. Our innovative approach to coding is sure to spark your child's interest in computer science, using a kid-friendly, intuitive, block-based programming system called Scratch, developed by the MIT Media Lab. The fun filled curriculum hones important skills related to problem solving, attention to detail, creativity, storytelling and critical thinking. Class topics include conditional statements, cloning, variables, loops, control structure, object-oriented design concepts and data structures.

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***Schedule: 9 Thursdays, October 5th - December 14th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***

***No class: 10/12, 11/23***

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

*You will need to enter the course code **OLV10.5.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 9/27 for the early bird price of \$171.00.*

*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.**

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*Program provider has experience in virtual delivery.*



# Chess Scholars

Fall 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: 9 Mondays, October 16th - December 11th, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM***

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

You will need to enter the course code **OLV10.16.23** to register. Please register by 10pm PST on 10/8 for the early bird price of \$139.50.

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.

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**CONQUEST**

# INSTILL VIRTUE DEVELOP CHARACTER AND ENCOURAGE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

all in an atmosphere of fun and adventure.  
Conquest helps boys to reach their leadership potential  
and equip them to face and overcome the challenges  
of the world while making a positive difference.

*All Kindergarten - 4th Grade boys in the Divine Mercy Family of Parishes are encouraged to join this program that focuses on saints and heroes and Jesus as their brother and friend. The boys are motivated to acquire basic elements of friendship such as trust, loyalty, and sincerity and to see obedience as a good, especially out of love for Jesus. The boys learn about virtue through stories of the saints, videos and dynamic virtue activities.*

**FIRST MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10  
THE PAVILION AT VISITATION  
11:15AM - 12:45PM**

The program will be broken into two sessions:  
Sept 10 – Nov 19, 2023 and Feb 18 – May 19, 2024  
Contact Mike Schwarz at 513.225.2668 with questions.

Registration fees:  
Grades K-4 Junior Program:  
\$50 per boy for the year

Older boys (Grades 5-8)  
are encouraged to join as  
Young Leaders: \$30 per boy

Register here →



**PERMISSION, RELEASE, AND AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT FORM (rev. 7-9-2020)**

1. I, the custodial parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Child"), give permission for my Child to participate in the activity described on the *Activity Information Form* (the "Activity") and release from all liability, indemnify, and hold harmless \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of parish and school) ("Parish and School"), the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (the "Archdiocese"), the Archbishop of Cincinnati (the "Archbishop"), both individually and as trustee for the Archdiocese, all parishes and schools within the Archdiocese, and all of their agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees from any and all liability, claims, judgments, damages, costs and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of any injury, illness, infectious and/or communicable disease (such as MRSA, influenza, or COVID-19), or death, (including any injury, illness, infectious and/or communicable disease, or death caused by the negligence of Parish and School, the Archbishop, the Archdiocese, any parish or school within the Archdiocese, or any of their agents, representatives, volunteers, or employees) incurred by my Child while participating in the Activity, traveling to or from the Activity, or while using the facilities and equipment of the Parish and School. I further agree not to bring or prosecute or allow to be brought or prosecuted (including, but not limited to, prosecution through subrogation) in my name, or on behalf of my Child, any claims, lawsuits, or actions against Parish and School, the Archbishop, the Archdiocese, all parishes and schools within the Archdiocese, or their agents, representatives, volunteers, and employees.

2. I understand that my Child's participation in the Activity is purely voluntary and is a privilege and not a right, and that my Child, and I on behalf of my Child, agree to my Child's participation in the Activity in spite of the risks of injury, illness, infectious and/or communicable disease (such as MRSA, influenza, or COVID-19), and death. I agree that if my Child has underlying health concerns which may place him/her at greater risk of contracting COVID-19 or that would possibly increase the severity of illness if COVID-19 is contracted, then my Child and I will consult with a health care professional before participating in the Activity.

3. I agree to instruct my Child to cooperate with the agents of Parish and School and/or the Archdiocese who are in charge of the Activity.

4. I authorize the agents of Parish and School and/or the Archdiocese who are acting as leaders of the Activity to seek medical treatment for my Child in the event of any injury, illness, or medical emergency during the Activity or related travel. I understand that the agents of Parish and School and/or the Archdiocese will make a reasonable attempt to contact me as soon as possible in the event of a medical emergency involving my Child.

5. *Please indicate.* I ☐ agree ☐ do not agree that Parish and School and/or the Archdiocese may use my Child's portrait or photograph for promotional purposes, website, and office functions.

6. *Please indicate.* I ☐ agree ☐ do not agree that Parish and School and/or the Archdiocese may use social media and technology to communicate with my Child regarding parish/school related ministry activities.

7. This Permission, Release, and Authorization is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Ohio, and if any portion hereof is declared invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This Permission, Release, and Authorization shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, excluding, and irrespective of, any choice of law principles to the contrary.

8. Parish and School, the Archdiocese, the Archbishop and their agents, employees, and volunteers shall have no liability whatsoever in the event the Activity is cancelled due, in whole or in part, to any present or future pandemic, epidemic, widespread disease or illness, public health concern, or circumstances arising therefrom, or from actions taken by any governmental or municipal authority to prevent, avoid, or mitigate the impacts thereof.

I have carefully read and understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and I acknowledge and agree that this Permission, Release, and Authorization to Seek Medical Treatment shall be effective and binding upon me, my Child, and our personal representatives, estates, assigns, heirs, and next of kin. I have signed below of my own free will.

Signature of Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_; (other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_; (other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_



**MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM**

**Completed by Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian — Please Print**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Allergies (e.g. food, drugs, anesthetics): \_\_\_\_\_

Medications taken regularly: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions/Impairments (e.g. epilepsy, diabetes, asthma): \_\_\_\_\_

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Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Custodial Parent/LegalGuardian Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_;(other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone No. (cell): \_\_\_\_\_;(other Phone No.): \_\_\_\_\_

(See *Activity Information Form* below)

**ACTIVITY INFORMATION FORM**  
**Completed by Parish/School -- Please Print**

(As a convenience to parent(s) or guardian(s), a duplicate copy of this information may be attached so as to be retained by them; additional information may be attached to further inform them of specific scheduling details, additional activity information, etc.)

**A. On-Going Program**

Parish/School Our Lady of the Visitation – Church Program or Group Children's Choir

Starting Date September 5/6, 2023 Ending Date May 31, 2024 Registration Fee None

Usual Location OLV Church & Welcome Center Usual day and time Tuesday/Wednesday 3:15-4:30PM

Routine Activities Rehearsal for Masses

Group Leader Mr. Matt Spencer Telephone No. (513)347-2203

Email: m Spencer@olvisitation.org

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check here if any additional information is attached. (Note: any additional activity information (e.g. schedule, list of specific activities, etc.) may be attached to further inform parents(s) or guardian(s).

Regular Duties of the Children's choir includes rehearsals on the appropriate day, 8:30AM Wednesday School Masses, as well as select weekend Masses.

3-5 Grade Choir: Rehearsal Tuesdays 3:15-4:30PM Parish Welcome Center/Church Music Ministry Space	6-8 Grade Choir: Rehearsal Wednesdays 3:15-4:30PM Parish Welcome Center/Church Music Ministry Space
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**LIST OF EXTRA EVENTS:**

*When singing at a 10AM Sunday Mass, it is important to show up on time for warm-ups. Warm-ups will begin at 9:15 in the Welcome Center. Other dates and events are listed as well. Please notify Matt Spencer if your child cannot make one of these dates.*

September 17 – 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15 – 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12 – 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ( <i>Stewardship Sunday</i> )
<i>November 26 – Christ the King</i>
December 17 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent ( <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> )
December 24 – <b>3:30PM</b> Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>Warm-ups begin at 2:15, prelude Music at 3:00</i> )
January 28 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Catholic Schools Week begins)
March 10 – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent ( <i>Latare Sunday</i> )
<i>April 7 – Divine Mercy Sunday</i>
May 5 – <b>12:30PM</b> First Communion ( <i>Warm-ups at 11:45AM</i> )
<b>May 28 – 7PM</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation ( <i>Warm ups at 6:15PM</i> )

**PLEASE KEEP A COPY OF THIS PAGE FOR THE CALENDAR**



# Our Lady of the Visitation Viking Band

Sign up now to participate in our band program at OLV!!! All students grades 5-8 are welcome!!!!

**Returning member?** Just fill out the enrollment form and turn it in with the participation fees to your homeroom teacher by September 7. The first day of Advanced Band practice will be September 12.

**New member?** Find out more!!! Parents, I will be available in the Church Hall on Thursday, August 31 from 3:30-7:00pm to answer questions, tell you more about our program, and to give your child the opportunity to try all of the different band instruments. Wert Music will be on hand to provide the trial instruments and to discuss their instrument rental plan with you! Please sign up for a time slot so that we can space out/have time to disinfect instruments between students. You can find the SignUp genius link on our Visitation School website under Get Involved/Activities & Clubs/Band. It is not necessary to attend our open house to enroll in the band.

I look forward to meeting you and your child!

Thank you,  
Susan Cassidy  
Band Director  
[scassidy@olvisitation.org](mailto:scassidy@olvisitation.org)

## OLV Band Questions and Answers for New Parents....

**1. How much does participation in band cost?**

\$115 for the first half of the school year. \$115 due after Christmas break. Families with multiple children in band will receive discounted fees. You also have the option to pay for the full year at the discounted rate of \$200.

**2. We don't own an instrument.**

There are many good options for obtaining an instrument. If you already have one in your family, I strongly recommend taking it to a reputable music dealer to make sure it is in proper playing condition. If the instrument works well or needs only minor repairs and your child wants to play THAT instrument, this might be the way to go. Otherwise, many area music stores offer rental programs that start around \$20 a month. This is usually the best option for beginning band students. And if they decide to continue with their instrumental music education, most of the rental applies to your purchase.

**3. When and where does the band meet for practice?**

Fifth grade Beginning Band will meet during their music class in the Church Hall. Advanced Band members meet on Tuesdays after school in the Church Hall.

**4. My child is already in EVERYTHING. I don't think we can fit this into our schedule.**

Most Visitation sports do not directly conflict with band practice, and I am very flexible if a child needs to adjust their band schedule. Students do need to find some time at home to practice though so that they experience success and ultimately enjoy this new activity of making music with their friends. However, 15 minutes a day is all that is needed. I have found with my own children that associating practice time with something else that happens daily, like practicing math facts, eating dinner, or even playing video games, helps with the consistency of practice. And, of course, it has been my experience that the students with the most hectic schedules get the highest grades! I firmly

believe it has something to do with them learning how to manage their time.

**5. How many performances are there?**

The Beginning Band will perform a Christmas concert in December and a "Pops" concert in the spring. There are outside opportunities to perform as well. Elder, LaSalle, and St. Xavier have "grade school nights" and LaSalle has hosted a "Festival of Bands" in the past. These are optional. Looking ahead, if your child stays in band next year, the advanced band additionally performs at the Kings Island Festival of Music.

**6. My child plays piano. Can he/she play it in band class?**

Unfortunately, no. Concert band repertoire rarely calls for a piano, and when it does, it is only for one. However, we have many students in band who also play the piano. Students who have a year or more of piano under their belt usually do very well starting a new instrument. That goes for students who play other non-band instruments as well. Plus, later in high school and college, there are often opportunities for band students who also play piano, guitar, or bass to do so in groups like jazz band, pep band, steel band, and marching band. Directors often prefer to pick those students from their concert band ensembles.

**7. What if my child decides he/she doesn't like the instrument he chose?**

That is why it is important to come to the band open house and let your child try every instrument available. Sometimes a child will think they want to play the flute, but get a clarinet in their hands, and they're sold! Or maybe neither of you had ever heard of a baritone, but wow! What a sound! Sometimes a child changes their mind after starting band. If you are renting, switching instruments is not difficult. After switching, your child will need to get in some extra practice time, and maybe enlist the help of an advanced band member or private lesson teacher to get caught up with the class.



**8. What if my child decides they don't like band?**

Kids are kids. Their interests change daily, and sometimes they just get tired of having to practice at home or carry their case on the bus, even if it is just once a week. Often a little extra push for a week or two from you (and me) is all you need to get them over a hump. But sometimes band just ISN'T for them. I would strongly suggest having your child wait through that first concert before they stop coming to band, and then for ease of schedule/grades, waiting until the next trimester to switch back to music class. If you are renting, you can return the instrument to the music store at that time. If you rent from Wert Music, that is as easy as leaving the instrument with me at Visitation.

**9. I played flute, so my child will too. Plus, there's one in my closet.**

If music is in your blood, odds are good it's in your child's too! But please be careful not to push your instrument choice onto them. Also, an instrument that has been in a closet for 20 years just may not work, and may not be worth the cost involved in making it work. Please take it to a reputable music dealer to have it checked out. Wert Music will be available at our Open House and can look at your instrument then if you bring it with you.

**10. What is your background?**

I have a music education degree from Indiana University, and this is my 31st year of teaching. I taught band in public schools for twelve years, six as the band director of Winton Woods Middle School and the assistant band director for Winton Woods High School, and six as head director of the Lawrenceburg School Bands. I LOVED my job, but I decided to stay at home when I had my children. I missed teaching so I started a home school band. When exploring grade school options for our oldest, I found myself in an email conversation with our former principal, Mr. Chapman, about the absence of a band program here. It was time to restart one! This will be my 16th year teaching band at Visitation, and I feel absolutely blessed to get to do what I love here in such a wonderful community! My oldest played French horn in our band while she was here and then went on to major in dance at the Cincinnati School for Creative and Performing Arts. She is about to start her junior year as a dance major at Marymount Manhattan in NYC. My middle, who played alto saxophone in our band, also majored in dance at SCPA, and is a freshman dance major at the University of Arizona. My sophomore was a percussionist in our advanced band and is now on the Elder High School Drumline! I am also the band director at Elder High School and for the Cincy Premier Grade School Band. Did I mention I love band? And the arts? And teaching?

**11. ONE FINAL NOTE:**

Band opens up so many opportunities this year and in the future. There are many studies that show playing an instrument actually makes you smarter. Google it! It can also teach your child skills that they will need for future success. Your child will perform this year for the school, parents, and family. They will strengthen old friendships and make new ones. Students who continue with band will find exciting opportunities to play in high school and college, and even as adults. Some may even receive college scholarships. I did! And two of our local Catholic High Schools, Elder and Seton, are now offering scholarships for band students as well. This is a fun opportunity and a skill that your child could use for years to come. "There are Different Gifts...but the Same Spirit." This may very well be one of YOUR CHILD'S gifts!!! Come to our band open house to find out more!



# Fall Big Win

Get your tickets now to win a BENGALS PACKAGE

Package includes (2) Tickets for Sunday Night game against Buffalo Bills for Sunday November 5th. Tickets are in Section 112 Row 22, tickets also include parking pass!! And for good measure we threw in some Bengals tailgating accessories!!

VALUED AT \$1200

**Drawing will be held on Friday October 27th 2023.** 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](mailto:bcebula@olvisitation.org)

<https://visipto.square.site>



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## Fall Big Win

Name of purchaser: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

# **OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION WILL PRESENT**



**Directed by: Lori Wainscott**

**Start Date: 9/11**

**Time- Mondays Afterschool-4:30**

**Where: Pavilion (kids will be walked over by an adult.)**

**Show Date-TBD**

**Cost- \$150.00 Please make checks payable to OUR LADY OF VISITATION**

**This will include a T-shirt.**

**Must be in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above to participate.**

**Please fill out the form below with payment and return it to the office.**

**NAME\_\_\_\_\_**

**GRADE\_\_\_\_\_**

**HOMEROOM\_\_\_\_\_**

**TSHIRT SIZE\_\_\_\_\_**

**If you have any questions, please contact Lori Wainscott or Shannon Melillo;**

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**CAN NOT WAIT TO GET STARTED WITH THESE TALENTED KIDS**