

Newsletter #02

August 31, 2022

Important Dates:
 9/5Labor Day, No School 9/12Picture Day 9/16Teacher Inservice, No School 9/16Parish Picnic, Stricker's Grove 10/14Early Dismissal, 11:30 10/21Trunk or Treat
K-8 Absent/Tardy347-2231 Preschool Absent347-4450 Early Dismissalnote to teacher Aftercare371-0371

AUG'S BLOG Visitation Families,

I hope your children are slowly adjusting to the new routine of school. Keep in mind it takes about 6 weeks to adjust to the school schedule after the laid back days of summer. Throw in some hot sports practices and games and that makes for one tired child! One of the best things you can do as a parent is to help establish routines with your children. Make your mornings and evenings peaceful, children don't like to be rushed. Provide plenty of time to get ready and dressed in both the a.m. and p.m.

Pack bags and lunches the night before to avoid last minute missing items! It's a big change for both children and adults!

Please be diligent in reminding your child what their form of transportation is, especially if it changes on different days. Those little ones (and big ones) could use all the reminders they can get! Also, don't forget if you have someone "subbing" for you at pickup that you explain the logistics and times to them. We are one of few schools that have carpool in multiple locations at multiple times.

We have more new personnel to announce: Tanya Morgan and Cheryl Oevermeyer (aides). Our staff is happy to have them on board!

This is a reminder that if you intend to volunteer/coach at Visitation you must complete Safe Parish. **SafeParishTM** is a learning management platform that provides a broad array of training, education, information, and programs for Catholic organizations. It is a child and workplace safe environment program specifically designed for Catholic entities. To access or register for your SafeParish account go to <u>http://www.aocsafeenvironment.org</u>.

On Tuesday, you received an email from Rediker to acknowledge that you have read the Student Handbook, including the Covid policy, along with Media Consent / Permission to Publish. Please complete for each one of your students.

Today, we celebrated our first All School Mass. As a reminder, school mass is every Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. We will still have prayer services this year. When we do, they will be in addition to the weekly mass.

Don't forget our mass times are 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. If you are not near home, don't forget to check out <u>masstimes.org</u> to find local mass times.

Blessings,

Holly M.a.

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

New this year! All students in grades K-8 will attend our Library/STEM Center once a week. Students will have the opportunity to check out books and participate in STEM based projects using hands-on materials while applying real world skills. Students will apply skills learned in science and math classes to complete projects. This week students had the opportunity to explore brain flakes in groups to create a variety of items including cars, boats, airplanes, flowers and animals! Student creativity certainly shined!





If your child enjoys building and coding, try using <u>www.tinkercad.com</u>. This website is free and allows students to build 3D designs and practice coding skills. The website is easy to use and allows your child to bring out their creativity!

<u>REDIKER</u>: All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to <u>rediker@olvisitation.org</u>.

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

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 the attached form and have your oldest student return it to the office. Loaner chromebooks will not be available to be sent home until sometime next week.

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. <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria</u>

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

CHOIR

It's not too late! You can still sign up for the School Choir. It is open to students in Grades 3-8. See flyer and schedule for more details. Please contact Erik Paffett (<u>epaffett@olvisitation.org</u>) 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 Wainscottt (<u>lwainscott1962@gmail.com</u>) with any questions.

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 13.

New to band? Want to find out more? Interested new members and a parent can sign up <u>HERE</u> to schedule a time on Thursday, September 1 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 <u>scassidy@olvisitation.org</u> with any questions you may have or if you can't find a time slot that meets the needs of your schedule.

CHURCH CHATTER

Christ Renews His Parish will be held on October 8-9. Please see the attached flyer for details.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

<u>Big Win</u>: 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**.

<u>Spiritwear</u>: 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 <u>http://visispiritwear.weebly.com/shop-school-uniform.html.</u>

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)		
9/5	М		NO SCHOOL				
9/6	Т	Angela Graman	Dana Elsworth	Amanda Bruner	Sue Stautberg		
		Johnna Rowe	Sarah Ray	Deb Tisch	Kathy Kammerer		
9/7	W	Amy Faillace	Stephanie Hayes	Kristie Jostworth	Brandon Rainier		
		Betsy Horvath	Erin Viltro	Kirsten Law	Kristina Kelley		
9/8	Th	Katie Rohrmeier	Laura Cavanaugh		Daniel Schultz		
		Erin Pace			Chris Cassiere		
9/9	F	Kim Post	Kirsten Law	Grace Faigle	Angela Hayes		
			Laura Miller		Laura Obert		
					Stephanie Hayes		

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

LUNCH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 5-9

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*	-Walking Taco			
	-Corn Chips (1 oz.)	- LaRosa's Pizza	-Popcorn Chicken	-Nacho's & Cheese
	-Chili	(1 Slice)	-Dinner Roll	Sauce
No School	-Shredded Cheese	Cheese or Pepperoni	-Rice Pilaf	- Pretzel
	-Shredded Lettuce	-Fruit	-Fruit	-Fruit
	-Fruit	-Vegetable	-Vegetable	-Vegetable
	-Vegetable	-Milk	-Milk	-Milk
	-Milk			
A La Carte				
Well-in Trees		-LaRosa's Pizza	Donoom Chiekon	-Nacho's & Cheese
	-Walking Taco	1 Slice	-Popcorn Chicken	Sauce

Assorted bagged snacks daily for \$.75, Ice cream \$1.50, Milk and Water \$.50.

To purchase the main entrée or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through <u>https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login</u>. Cash can be used for milk, snacks and ice cream.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

<u>Elder High School</u>: 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. <u>www.eldershs.org</u>

<u>LaSalle High School</u>: LaSalle is offering a cheer camp for grades K-8. To register, please go to <u>https://www.lasallehs.net/summer-camp</u> by September 2 or a t-shirt cannot be guaranteed. Please contact Coach Carla at cjkottmann@gmail.com with any questions.

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

<u>Saint Ursula Academy</u>: Please visit our website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Night, and Educational Services. Open House will be on October 23rd.

<u>Seton High School</u>: 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

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

<u>Ursuline Academy</u>: Please visit our website for information about our Shadow Days, HSPT Prep Class, 8th Grade Day, and Financial Aid Information. Click <u>here</u> 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.

3180 SOUTH ROAD • CINCINNATI, OH 45248 • (513) 347-2222



CHROMEBOOK LOAN FORM (for students in grades 4-8)

Our family would like to borrow a Chromebook to be used **at home for school work only** by our children enrolled at Our Lady of the Visitation School.

I understand that this is a loaner and we are responsible for it being returned in good condition and may be charged for damages.

I understand this loaner is for the ______ school year and we will return it at the end of the year.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print):_____

Parent Signature:

Date: _____

Name(s) and homeroom of student(s) enrolled in Visitation:

Chromebook assigned to your family:

(Office Use Only)

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

<u>August</u>

Tuesday, Aug. 30

3:00–4:00 P.M. Auditions/Rehearsal

<u>September</u>

Tuesday, Sept. 6	3:00-4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
Wednesday, Sept. 7	8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
Tuesday, Sept. 13	***NO REHEARSA	AL***
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

<u>August</u>

Wednesday, Aug. 318:30 A.M. MassSchool MassWednesday, Aug. 313:00-4:00 P.M.Auditions/Rehearsal

<u>September</u>

3:00-4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
NO REHEARSA	AL
3:00-4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
8:30 A.M. Mass	School Mass
3:00-4:00 P.M.	Rehearsal
	***NO REHEARSA 3:00–4:00 P.M. 8:30 A.M. Mass

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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#____



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 13.

New member? Find out more!!! Parents, I will be available in the Church Hall on Thursday, September 1 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



5th GRADE BEGINNING BAND ENROLLMENT FORM

Student Na	meHomeroom Teacher
Parent/Gua	ardian Names
Phone num	ber(s)
. , _	e list all emails that you would like to receive band information/schedule reminders.
	s available for beginning band: inet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Snare Drum Kit, Bell Kit
	Instruments available for students with prior band experience: aet, Tenor/Baritone Saxophone, French horn, Tuba, Oboe, Bassoon
Musical exp	perience:
Instrument	Selection:
Firs	t semester participation Fee \$115
(sec	cond payment of \$115 due after Christmas)
(mu	ltiple children in Band? Two students \$200. Three students \$250)
0	R prepay for the entire year \$200
(mı	ıltiple children in Band? Two students \$375. Three students \$475)

Check made payable to OLV Church. Band Fees are non-refundable.

Please return this sheet with payment to your homeroom teacher by **September 7** to enroll in the Beginning Band program. The first day of Beginning Band is September 9.

Susan Cassidy Band Director scassidy@olvisitation.org



ADVANCED BAND ENROLLMENT FORM

Student Name	Homeroom Teacher
Parent/Guardian Names	
Phone number(s)	
E-Mail(s) Please list all emails that	t you would like to receive band information/schedule reminders.
Instrument:	

Musical experience:

Advanced Band students will meet after school on Tuesdays from 3:10-4pm in the Church Hall. If needed, I will open an additional day and extend an offer for you to switch your student to that day. If your child can NOT make Tuesdays after school, please let me know ASAP.

First semester participation Fee \$115 (second payment of \$115 due after Christmas) (multiple children in Band? Two students \$200. Three students \$250) OR prepay for the entire year \$200 (multiple children in Band? Two students \$375. Three students \$475)

Check made payable to OLV Church. Band Fees are non-refundable.

Please return this sheet with payment to your homeroom teacher by **September 7** to enroll in the band program. Advanced Band will begin September 13.

Susan Cassidy Band Director scassidy@olvisitation.org

OLV Band Questions and Answers for New Band 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. What if 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.

4. My child is already in EVERYTHING! This sounds wonderful, but how can we fit band 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 will there be? 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. Both Elder and LaSalle 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, and sometimes marching band. Directors often prefer to pick those students from their concert band ensembles.

7. What if my child decides they do not like the instrument they 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. If a student wishes to switch instruments late in the school year; however, it may be necessary to wait until the following school year and repeat beginning band on the new instrument. As soon as they are caught up, they can join the advanced band.

8. What if my child decides that he or she doesn'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 twice 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 the sax, 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 are your Covid 19 procedures?

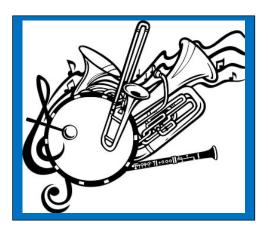
I have been keeping up with both the archdiocese covid policies as well as national studies/information for band directors and music teachers. As we navigate 2022, I will continue to stay up to date with policies and best practices and will communicate what will occur in my classroom with administration and parents. If you have further questions/concerns, feel free to email me.

11. What is your background?

I have a music education degree from Indiana University and this is my 30th 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 15th 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 sophomore year as a dance major at Marymount Manhattan in NYC. My middle, who played alto saxophone in our band, is a senior dance major at SCPA. My freshman 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?

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 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!



A Special Opportunity For Women



Any women 18 or older.



It's an experience that helps you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.



Our Lady of the Visitation Welcome Center.



Oct 8th @ 8:00 AM -Oct 9th @ 2:00 PM.



Because you deserve to live your life with passion and purpose.



Sign-Up

Scan the QR code above to sign-up online.



Call Us

Someone is available to answer questions or sign you up! 513-922-2056



Join Us Meet Nicole and other OLV Parish members while investing in yourself.



Christ Renews His Parish



Get your tickets now to win a fabulous OUTDOOR SMOKER PACKAGE

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
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Name of purchaser:	

Number of tickets: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: _____

Student: _____