

Newsletter #4 September 4, 2024

Important Dates:

9/10.....Picture Day

9/13Stricker's Grove Night

9/27Teacher In-service, No School

10/10-11.....Fall Break, No School

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,

The primary goal of a Catholic education is to prepare children for salvation. Our Lady of the Visitation also supports character development, instilling in children ethical values that ultimately guide their decision-making process; from their personal, everyday behaviors to their chosen career paths. Moral conduct is built into the very fabric of school culture. This is what you signed up for when you registered for Our Lady of the Visitation. By

signing the handbook, you agree to follow guidelines that will help all stay safe while working toward salvation. Please make sure you review the handbook and sign off when you have read it. The handbook was sent with the social media consent form/permission to publish last week.

Stricker's Grove Night for Our Lady of the Visitation is **Friday, Sept. 13th from 5-10.** Stricker's Grove is a small family owned amusement park in Ross, Ohio. (25-30 min. away). The park is only open to our parishioners that night. The parish provides hot dogs, brats, metts and drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There are picnic grounds, rides, Putt Putt, etc. It is a great time to meet people of the parish. The rides open at 6 p.m.

Reminders:

- Please be mindful of our handicapped spots, especially the ones near the Pavilion.
- Please continue to pray for our 7th grade student, Ross, who is battling a brain tumor.
- Picture Day is Sept. 10th for most students. Preschool students who don't attend on Tuesdays are the exception. Students are photographed from the waist up, so they can wear shorts with a nice top
- If you have little ones, please practice having them open lunch items (juice bags, Bentgo boxes, fruit cups, milk containers, Gogurts, twist off with water, etc.) We always make them try

Blessings,

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

A reminder that students in grades 2-8 will take the MAP reading and math tests on September 9th, 12th and 13th next week. It is important that your child gets enough rest, eats a good breakfast and arrives at school on time. Once testing is complete, teachers will meet to look over the data the following week to discuss student needs, focus on skill based learning and make instructional decisions to drive student growth. Once all data meetings are complete student scores will be released to parents.

Students in grades 4-8 have the opportunity of participating in Piano Enrichment classes at Visitation. Students meet in group format to train and refine their piano skills. The classes are organized by grade level, one meeting per week during their flex time. There is no additional cost for students to participate, but they need to keep up with practicing their instrument at home. To enroll your child/children in piano enrichment, please fill out this form: https://forms.gle/MN8h8L3SWNTaZ828A

The beginning of the school year can be an exciting time for both parents and their children. However, it also comes with a lot of change and unknowns for many students, which can cause anxiety and frustration. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers some <u>Tips to Ease Back to School Anxiety</u>.

LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS

Help is needed in the lunchroom, wiping tables, helping students, etc. If interested in helping, see the following link: • Lunchroom Helper Sign Up

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

We could use your help. Volunteers are needed for playground, both upper and lower lots. If interested in helping, see the following link: • Playground Helper Sign Up

BAND

Give the gift of instrumental music education to your child!! Picking up an instrument is a great way to unplug from screens, exercise the mind, and practice mindfulness. Being in band is also FUN!! We put on two concerts each year plus the advanced band goes to a music festival at Kings Island in the spring. Band can be an investment as well, as several colleges and some Catholic high schools have scholarships available for students who participate in band. Both the beginning band and the advanced band enrollment forms can be found on our school website. https://olvisitation.org/school/Get-Involved/Activities-Clubs/Band

Sign up and send in the participation fees by this Thursday. Band starts NEXT WEEK!!! Have questions? Please contact Susan Cassidy at scassidy@olvisitation.org. Band is open to all Visitation students in grades 5 - 8. No prior experience necessary!

CAFETERIA

From the Cafeteria:

*We are in need of some more volunteers to serve lunch in the cafeteria. Please use the sign-up genius link to sign up, https://bit.ly/Cafeteria24-25 we are grateful for the time you can provide for the Hot Lunch Program. Help is needed on the 4th Mon., 4th Tues., 3rd Wed., and 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursday. Thank you for your help.

* Hot Lunch Program:

You must update your student to their current grade and homeroom before placing an order. This is to be done on a computer, not on the app. Please reference the website. https://olvisitation.org/school/Visi-Vitals/Lunch. The campus code is: olvlunch.

*Those that have the app for hot lunch you will have to delete and reinstall to order your hot lunch.

* Questions or concerns please email Linda Good, Cafeteria Manager <u>lgood@olvisitation.org.</u>

CHOIR

All students from 3rd through 8th grades are welcome to sing in the choir each Wednesday morning for the 8:30 Mass and also occasionally for a weekend Mass at Visitation. The rehearsal schedule this year will be different, with only one rehearsal for all students on Wednesdays after school. The time will remain the same, from 3:15 to 4:30. Rehearsals will begin on September 4.

Please contact Brenda Hayden, our new music director at Visitation, to register your child's interest and to obtain a registration form. Looking forward to a great year of making music!

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
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 8th.

DRAMA CLUB

Drama club will meet every Monday starting Sept 16, 3-4:30 to prepare for the production of Annie Jr!!! You MUST register for this club. Print the form below and return to school in envelope marked "Drama club", along with payment. This is a change to the original plan as we are no longer doing Oliver Jr. If you have any questions, please email shaymelillo@hotmail.com or loriwainscott@gmail.com.

LEGO CLUB Grades 2-6

Join the Lego Club with Mrs. Lott! There will be new STEM challenges each week. Grades 2-3 will be on Mondays and Grades 4-6 will be on Thursdays. Please see attached flyers with information and links to sign up!

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PICTURE DAY



Picture day for grades P3, PK, & K-8 is Tuesday, September 10th. Students may come out of uniform. All out of uniform rules apply. Orders may be placed online, see the following link: https://bit.ly/VisiPictureDay2024.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

<u>PTO</u>: PTO is still in need of a few more homeroom reps, if interested please use link below to sign up. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FABAB28A20-50662683-homeroom#/.

The Fall "Big Win" is under way and it's a great one!! Purchase your chances to win a beautiful 5-piece BEIS luggage set and \$300 https://visipto.square.site/.

<u>Spirit wear</u>: Spirit wear- Exciting News we have a NEW website! Thanks to Lauryn Thompson for all her hard work. Go check it out <u>www.visispiritwearshop.com</u>. If you ordered on the old site within the last week. You will be receiving a refund. Sorry for the inconvenience. Lot of new things on the horizon! Ouestions contact Nikki Niemann 513-379-8478.

REDIKER: All Rediker issues, primary email changes or primary household phone number changes should be emailed to 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.

SPANISH

Please see the attached flyer for our Fall Spanish course for Grades 1-3. Registration deadline is Monday, September 9th.

SEPTEMBER CODING & ROBOTICS CLUB

Grades $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ after school on Wednesdays for the month of September. Cost to attend is \$40 and is due at the time of registration. Deadline to register is September 1^{st} . To register please see the link below: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DAEA82AABF8C16-50457746-coding#/.

THE STRIKING VIKINGS

Choral and instrumental group with Mrs. Neeley. Students in Grades 3-6. Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00 beginning September 17. See attached flyer for details. Questions? Contact Lauren Neeley at LNeeley@OLVisitaion.org.

<u>VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC)</u> – <u>www.vacsports.com</u>

Sept. 5 – VAC Meeting at 7:30pm in the Canteen

Oct. 11 – Last day to sign-up for boys basketball (grades 3rd-8th)

VAC MEETINGS THIS THURSDAY

Please join us this Thursday for our first meeting of the new school year. The meeting will start at 7:30pm in the Canteen (room on the left as you enter the main doors into the Auditorium). All are welcome and we encourage everyone with kids involved in Visi sports to attend.

We are looking for new members to fill positions on the VAC Board, especially if you have a background in communications, technology or finance. If you would like more info, please send an email to visitationathletics@gmail.com.

TAKE THE GWAC CONFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE - OPEN UNTIL SEPT. 8

The Girls Western Athletic Conference ("GWAC") is the conference that governs girls' volleyball, basketball, and softball for Our Lady of Visitation and other westside parishes. Historically and currently, the girls' volleyball season runs from approximately November-January and the girls' basketball season runs from approximately February-March

The VAC Board has been asked to consider a proposal whereby it would request that GWAC move the girls' volleyball season to the fall sports season (August-October) and the girls' basketball season to the winter sports season (October-January). The VAC Board asks for every member to please vote on this proposal before Sunday, September 8th. The VAC Board intends to follow the majority vote of its members on this issue.

>> GWAC Questionnaire (please fill out 1 per family) - https://forms.gle/YZLqkJsK8weFEiVL7

BOYS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups are now open at $\underline{\text{vacsports.com}}$ for boys basketball for 3^{rd} through 8^{th} grade and our high school leagues. Sign-ups will close on October 11^{th} . Any questions, please reach out to $\underline{\text{visitationbasketball@gmail.com}}$.

Facebook (Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club) - Instagram (visiathletics) - X (Twitter) (VACSports)

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Shadow at Seton!

Future Saints in the 8th grade will see a snapshot of the Seton experience from our strong academics and competitive athletics to our faith-filled community and leadership opportunities! Saints for a Day will encounter the welcoming Seton sisterhood and our school spirit every step of the way! Seton Shadow Days are September 27, October 11, 18, 25 and November 15. Register online at https://setoncincinnati.org/future-saints/plan-your-shadow-visit/.

Parent Coffee & Conversation

Parents of 8th grade Future Saints are invited to attend one of Seton's Parent Coffee & Conversation events! Join us on either October 8 or October 30 from8:30-9:30 a.m. for an informational morning about Seton's academics, technology, student life, faith formation and financial aid and scholarship processes. Register online at https://setoncincinnati.org/future-saints/parent-coffee/.

<u>Elder High School</u>: Please visit Elder's website for information about upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Night and High School Placement Test. For more information go to: https://www.elderhs.org/admissions/shadow-days--open-house.

<u>LaSalle High School</u>: 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@lasalleehs.net

<u>Mercy McAuley High School</u>: Please visit Mercy McAuley's website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days and Grade School Nights. Register at <u>www.mercymcauley.og/shadow</u>.

<u>Mount Notre Dame</u>: Please visit MND's website for information about Shadowing, grade school events, information nights and Open House. Learn details about each event <u>HERE</u>.

<u>Purcell Marion High School</u>: 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!

<u>Saint Ursula Academy</u>: Please visit St. Ursula's website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. Information can be found at <u>www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx</u>.

<u>Seton High School</u>: Please visit Seton's website for information about their Grade School nights and Shadow days. Register online today at <u>www.setoncincinnati.org</u>.

<u>St. Xavier High School</u>: 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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
9/9	M	Shannon Clifton	Jamie Donovan Laura Cavanaugh	Grace Faigke Amy Stroube	Wei Gibler Bonnie Pope Kate Reterman
9/10	Т	Amanda Bruner	Christina Yockey Christie Klosterman	Andrea Griffith	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
9/11	W	Jessica Neurohr	Aunnie Wertenberger Karen Berndsen	Susie Ammer Emily Hughes	Brandon Rainer Kristina Kelley
9/12	Th	Deb Tisch	Dan Kaiser Mary Patten Sharp	Jillian Edwards	Laura Hampel
9/13	F	Katie Rohrmeier Jennifer Phillips	Dana Ellsworth Sarah Ray	Shannon Clifton Suzie Carey	Sarah Re LeAnn Brock

LUNCH MENU FOR September 9-13

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday				
-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	(1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chili Cheese Hot Dog - Tater Tots - Chili & Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- LaRosa's Cheese Rondos (2) -Pizza Sauce -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk				
	A La Carte							
-Chicken Patty	-French Toast Sticks (4)	Pizza 1 Slice		-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. Regular tray lunch \$4.00, Hot a La Carte \$2.00, Orders to be placed on Line with the Hot Lunch Program.

To purchase the regular lunch or hot a la carte items, you must set up an account and order through https://olvlunch.ahotlunch.com/login. Lunches must be ordered by 8:00 a.m. daily.

Regular lunch is \$4.00. Hot a la carte is \$2.00.

If your student has an appointment and will not be here for lunch, please do not order lunch for that day. If your student is sick or leaves early due to emergency or sickness, your account will be credited for that day's missed lunch. Please note, you can go into your account and cancel any lunch up until 8:00am daily of the day ordered.

GENERAL REMINDERS

• If your child will be absent from school or tardy, a phone call is required by 8:30 a.m. The direct phone numbers to report a student absent or tardy are:

K-8: 513-347-2231 Preschool: 513-347-4450

- If your child needs to leave school early, a note written by a parent must be given to the student's homeroom teacher at the start of that same day.
- For school closings and delays due to inclement weather, Our Lady of the Visitation will follow Three Rivers Local School District.



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

Returning member? Just fill out the online enrollment form and turn in the participation fee to your homeroom teacher by September 5. The first day of Advanced Band practice will be September 9.

New member? Find out more!!! Parents, I will be available in the Church Hall on Thursday, August 29 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 students out and 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.



more info.

I look forward to meeting you and your child!

Thank you, Susan Cassidy Band Director scassidy@olvisitation.org





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 8 SCHOOL LIBRARY AT VISITATION 8:30-9:55AM & ATTEND 10:00 AM MASS

The program will meet 3 Sundays a month and be broken into two sessions. The first session will be from September 8 - December 22.

Contact Mike Schwarz 513.225.2668 with questions.

Registration fees:

Grades K-4 Junior Program: \$75 for each session (\$150 for both Fall and Spring sessions)

Older boys (Grades 5-8) are encouraged to join as Young Leaders: \$50 for each session (\$100 for both fall and spring sessions)

REGISTER HERE -



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION WILL PRESENT



Directed by: Lori Wainscott

Must be in 3rd grade or above to participate.

Start Date: 9/16

Time- Afterschool-4:30

Where: Pavilion- Kids will be walked over by an Adult, this is also where you pick them up.

Show Date-TBD

Cost- \$150.00 This will include a T-shirt.

Please make checks payable to: Lori Wainscott (this is different than before)

You can also Venmo: Lori-Wainscott-1 (my picture is on my Venmo Account)

Please fill out the form below and return to school in envelope marked "Drama Club" circle form of payment.

Venmo Check(enclosed)

CHILD'S NAME		
PARENT'S NAME	PHONE#	
EMAIL		
GRADE		
HOMEROOM		
TSHIRT SIZE		

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

lwainscott1962@gmail.com

shaymelillo@hotmail.com

We are so excited! We cannot wait to get started with these talented kids!!!





¡ Hola y Bienvenidos!

Beginning Conversational Spanish Course (Grades 1-3)

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 <u>Wednesdays</u> and will begin <u>September 11</u> and conclude <u>November 13, 2024</u> . Classes begin immediately following school from <u>3:00 - 3:45pm</u> . Unfortunately, due to class size, there will be limited availability. Please register early .			
Fee:	\$60, which includes ten (10) weeks of Conversational Spanish *			
	Please make checks payable to C	Our Lady of the Visitation.		
Registration/fee deadli	ne: Monday, September 9, 2024. (Please use one registration form pe	r child.)		
Questions: Please contact Marsha Davis at (513) 307-2366.		307-2366.		
SPANISI	H REGISTRATION FORM Beginning Class – First Term, F			
Child's Name:		Age: Grade:		
Parent's Name:		Phone:		
Email Address:		Cell #:		
Address:		Zip:		

Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

^{*}Spanish instruction is non-refundable; OLVisibegfall2024

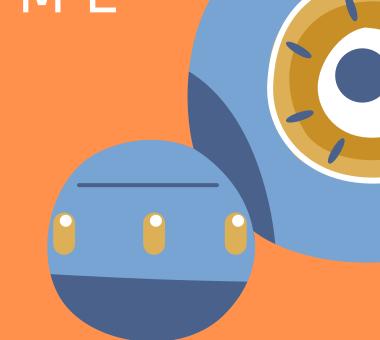
SEPTEMBER CODING 8 ROBOTICS CLUB

3RD-8TH GRADE WELCOME



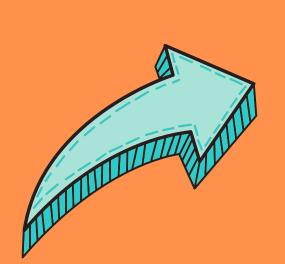
SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25

AFTER SCHOOL-4:15



COST: \$40 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION

PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY BY SEPT 1 USING THE SIGNUP GENIUS LINK

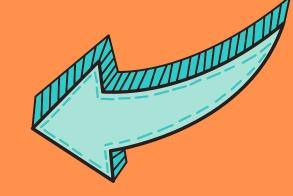


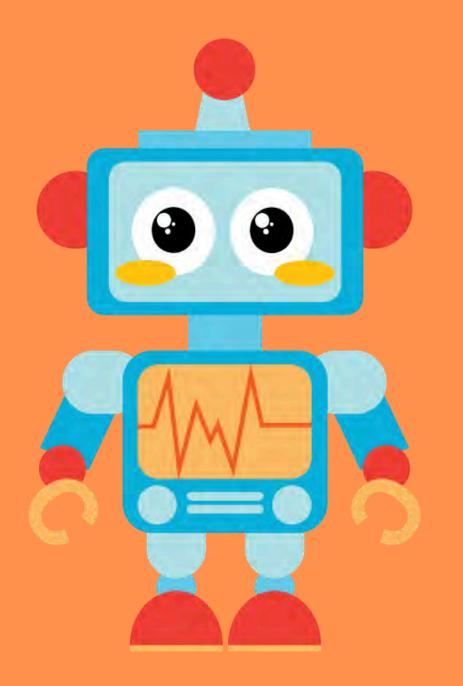


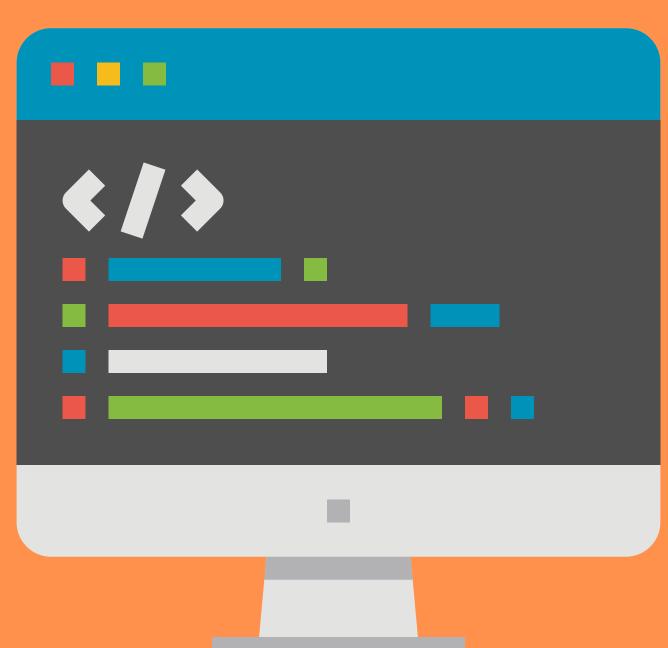
Coding & Robotics Club

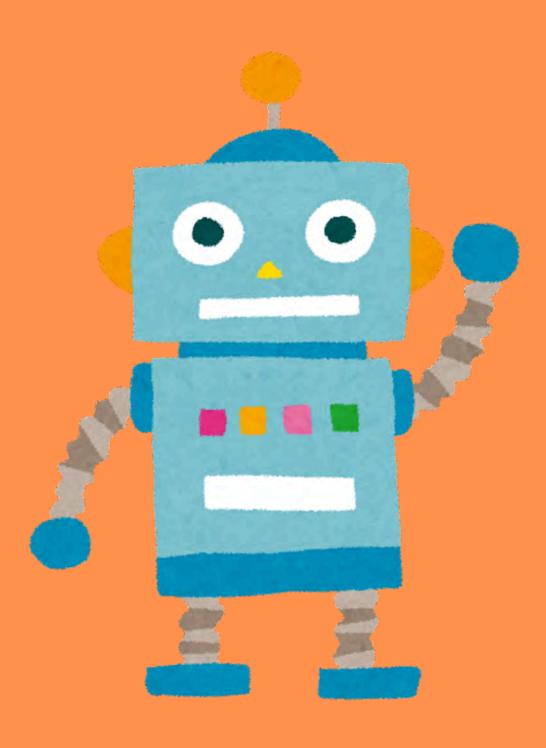
Please review the info below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you! Coding Club each Wednesday in September till 4:15 (pick up at specials wing do...



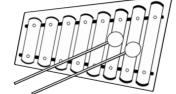








Who? Students in grades 3-6 When? Tuesdays 3:15-4:00 beginning September 17 Where? Mrs. Neeley's music room



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

The performance dates for this group are still TBA, but updates will be out as soon as possible!

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

Participation for 1 child: \$50 For siblings: 2 children: \$80 3 children: \$100

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

Questions? Please contact Lauren Neeley at LNeeley@OLVisitation.org			
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I have enclosed the participation fee and will be at rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons beginning September 17.			
Name:			
Grade: Homeroom:			
Parent Email:			
Parent Phone:			

Volleyball

Thursday, September 5

Seton Gym 6:00 p.m.

Varsity begins at 6:30 p.m.

Theme: All-Out Green





Champions

Rocci

Monday, September 30

Panther Athletic Complex 6:30 p.m.

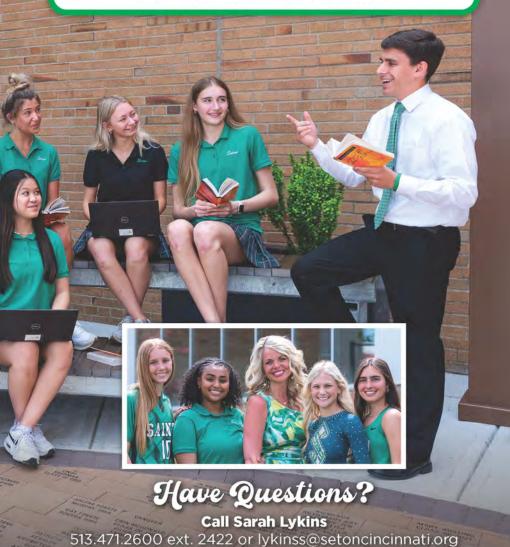
Varsity begins at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: Pink-Out



Dates: Sept. 27 • Oct. 11, 18, 25 • Nov. 15

Shadow spots fill up quickly!
Schedule your shadow request online at setoncincinnati.org/futuresaints/
You will receive a confirmation email.



Seton High School provides young women with an exceptional Catholic education founded by the Sisters of Charity.