

Important Dates:

9/11Picture day (P4, PK, K-8)
9/25No School, Teacher In-service
10/12-13.....No School, Fall Break
10/17Picture Retake Day, P3 Pictures
10/27No School, Teacher In-Service

K-8 Absent/Tardy ..513-347-2231
Preschool Absent ...513-347-4450
Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
Aftercare513-371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

On Tuesday, September 5th, we celebrated the feast day of St. Teresa of Calcutta. She is quoted as saying... *"Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love."* What a wonderful concept to teach all of our children. So many times, our little ones think they need to complete a grand gesture, when in fact, we just need them to be kind and take care of each other. A little love can go a long way.

Tomorrow we will continue our MAP testing in the area of math. This test is not timed so students are given the opportunity to truly do their best without the pressure of time. As a reminder, we are using MAP testing this year in place of the Iowa testing we have done for the last several years. MAP testing takes place three times a year and is an opportunity for students to show growth.

It is always a good idea to make sure your child knows what to do if no one is home when they get there after school. Does your child know where to go or who to contact if no one is home? Should they go to their neighbors? Do they know the garage code? Do they know your phone number? Do they know how to dial a number on the phone? Some students keep an index card of phone numbers in their backpack in case there is ever an issue. Please be sure to remind your child when transportation changes are made. You should also email the homeroom teacher as another reminder.

Our school raised \$1800 for Caps for the Cure last Friday! A special shout out to Delaney L., Mila K. and Kennedy S. who went around their neighborhoods and collected money for this great cause! Save the date of Saturday, Nov. 4th for a special Angel Run to also benefit the Cure Starts Now. This will be a 5K walk/run coming starting at Kuliga Park!

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

Picture Day is Monday! Student photos are taken, so they may come out of uniform on that day.

Next Friday, Sept. 15th is our annual Visitation Night at Stricker's Grove. Stricker's Grove is a mini amusement park/picnic area near Ross, OH (past Rumpke softball fields). The park is open to Visitation families only. It is free of charge and includes hot dogs, brats, metts, popcorn, ice cream, Snow Cones, etc.

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

We have completed AimswebPlus assessments for grades K-1 and are working on completing MAP tests for grades 2-8 this week. We will take these assessments again in the winter and spring to help us look at student growth and make instructional decisions to improve student learning. The MAP tests can take up to two hours for both the reading and math sections. When a child misses a testing day, they will have to make up these assessments when they return, which means they may be missing another half day of instruction and will be required to make up missed class work for that day. In the future, please try to refrain from scheduling vacations and appointments for your children during testing week. We will be taking these assessments again **January 8th-January 12th and May 6th-May 9th.**

Results for both the AimswebPlus assessment and MAP Growth Tests 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.

PICTURE DAY



Picture day for grades P4, PK, & K-8 is Monday, September 11th. Your child should have come home with their order form today. Students may come out of uniform. All out of uniform rules apply. Orders may be placed with the paper order form or online by going to strawbridge.net and using code FM424424. Students that have online orders do not need to bring in the envelope.

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

NURSE'S OFFICE

Please see the following letters attached from Stephanie Knapke, BSN, RN.

- Guidelines for Childhood Illness and School Attendance
- Vision and hearing screening letter

CAFETERIA

For students who bring their lunches, please remember to supply the needs of your packed lunch. For example, if you bring a yogurt, supply your spoon. If you bring a salad, supply your fork and salad dressing. The cafeteria cannot keep supplying the plastic silverware.

We still need volunteers for the 2nd and 3rd Thursday of the month. We have only one person signed up for this. Please use this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria1>. Thank you for your support and volunteering.

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 10th. Register for CONQUEST at <https://form.jotform.com/232236141247953>

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 today, September 6. Here is the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/PeRdYFXDQEGvRENo6>. Please let Mr. V know if you have any questions!

VISITATION VIKING BAND

Give the gift of instrument 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!

YEARBOOKS

If you ordered a yearbook last year, your child should have come home with it already. If you did not receive it, please email 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. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC) – www.vacsports.com

Important Dates:

- 9/7 – Sign-ups Close for Boys Basketball
- 9/10 – Boys Basketball Evaluations & Tryouts
- 9/11 – Sign-ups Open for Girls Basketball, Wrestling & General Boys Basketball
- 9/28 – VAC Open Meeting (DATE CHANGE)

Boys Basketball (Grades 3-8): Your son must be registered by Sept. 7 to be included in the tryouts on Sept. 10. Visit the Boys Basketball page on the VAC website for the complete skill evaluations & tryout schedules.

VAC Meeting: Please note date changed to **Thursday, September 28 @ 8:30pm** in the Pavilion.

- If you have kids participating in Visi sports, we encourage all parents to attend for updates on Fall sports and as we gear up for Winter sports.
- If you have agenda items for the meeting, please send to visitationathletics@gmail.com.
- The meeting will include voting for open VAC Board positions. For the upcoming 2-year term, a total of 5 board positions are open or up for re-election. If you are interested in running for a position or would like more information, please reach out to visitationathletics@gmail.com.

****VAC Social: Facebook (search & Like - Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club), Twitter (search & Follow - VACSports)****

THEATER CLUB

Please see the attached flyer about our theater club that will begin on **September 18th**. (This is a change from September 11th.) If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Melillo 513-484-3710 or shaymelillo@hotmail.com

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@lasallehs.net

Mercy McAuley High School: Please visit Mercy McAuley's website for information about their upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, HSPT and Open House. Register at www.mercymcauley.org/shadow.

Mount Notre Dame: Please visit MND's website for information about Shadowing, grade school events, information nights and Open House. Learn details about each event [HERE](#).

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

Saint Ursula Academy: Please visit St. Ursula's website for information about their upcoming events – Shadow Days, Walkabout Wednesdays, Grade School Night, Educational Services, and HSPT prep course. Open House will be on October 22nd. Information can be found at www.saintursula.org/visit.aspx.

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

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)
9/11	M	Amy Beitz	Shannon Clifton Alex Coffaro	Kim Post Erin Lahni	Bonnie Pope Kate Raterman Wei Gibler
9/12	T	Danielle Hartoin Katie Raterman	Amanda Bruner Sarah Fischer	Theresa Marzhauser Jen Hehman	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
9/13	W	Angela Graman Theresa Marzhauser	Amy Faillace Amy Burns	Emily Hughes Susie Ammer	Pat Thatcher Ali Thatcher Brandon Rainier
9/14	Th	Sarah Re Jamie Streder	Dan Kaiser	Emily McKenna Amy Burns	Chris Cassiere Diana Stock Linda Steinriede
9/15	F	Katie Rohrmeier Christie Klosterman	Kirsten Law	Sarah Waldeck	Emily Shears Kursten Kaiser Chrissy Pierson

LUNCH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 11-15

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Tenders -Dinner Roll -Rice Pilaf -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-3 Way Chili -Oyster Crackers -Spaghetti -Shredded Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Chicken Tenders	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-French Toast Sticks (4)	-3 Way Chili & Spaghetti

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 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.



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.

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

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.

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

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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!

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

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I hope you have settled into a daily school routine and your family is ready for another great year! I am already beginning to see some sick kids in school, so this is just a quick reminder of our school policy regarding illness. If we all follow these guidelines, it should make for a great school year!

Guidelines for Childhood Illness and School Attendance:

- *Temperature:* If your child has a fever (a temperature of 100.0 F. or greater) they should remain at home until they have been fever free for a full 24 hours without giving any fever, reducing medication and they have returned to their typical **behavior. It is important for you to take your child's temperature before giving the fever-reducing medicine.**
- *Vomiting and/or diarrhea:* Your child should remain at home until they have been without any episodes of vomiting or diarrhea for a full 24 hours and have resumed a typical diet. If your child has had any of these symptoms during the night she/he should not be sent to school the following day.
- *Taking antibiotics at home:* According to the Ohio Department of Health, your child should remain at home for at least 24 hours after starting antibiotics. This includes (but not limited to) taking antibiotics for strep throat, pink eye, respiratory infections or any other type of infection that requires antibiotics.
- *Cold symptoms:* Runny noses are a fact of life with little ones. However if the drainage is thick and green or if your child has a persistent or productive cough please **have your child stay home and consider consulting with your child's doctor. A constant dry cough can be a sign of more serious respiratory problems and the doctor should be notified.**
- *Redness or discharge in the eyes:* Redness of the white part of the eye, burning or itching, yellow or white matter or crusted eyelashes are the signs of pink eye or conjunctivitis. This is very contagious. Your child should remain at home until she/he has seen the doctor and has been on medication/antibiotics for 24 hours.
- *Chicken pox:* Chicken pox is a skin rash consisting of small blisters, which leave scabs. There may or may not be a fever present. Children need to remain at home until all blisters have scabbed over, usually 5-7 days after the first appearance of blisters.
- *Rashes:* Rashes can be difficult to evaluate. Skin rashes of unknown origin should be evaluated by a physician before your child is sent to school.
- *Sore throat:* If your child has a persistent or severe sore throat they should remain at **home. You should consider contacting your child's doctor if there is fever, white patches on the tonsils, swollen tender glands, headache, or stomach ache.** These could indicate a possible strep infection. If that is the case, your child should remain at home until he/she has had 24 hours of antibiotics, is fever free for 24 hours and has resumed typical activity.
- Please remember that these are just guidelines. If in doubt, keep your child home until he/she can be checked out further or he/she is better. This is also for the benefit of the other children and teachers in the classroom, and will help to keep everyone healthy.



Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at Visitation!

Vision and hearing screenings are done annually on all students in 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades as well as kindergarten, preschool and any students new to the school. The screenings are done between the beginning of school and December of the school year.

- **IF** there is a problem with your child's hearing or vision you **WILL** receive a letter from the school nurse advising you to see a specialist or pediatrician for follow up.
- **IF** the screening was normal, you will **NOT** receive any notice from the school nurse.

Please call or email with any questions or concerns.

Stephanie Knapke, BSN, RN
School Nurse
Our Lady of the Visitation
513-451-7207
sknapke@olvisitation.org



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 →





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

<https://visipto.square.site>



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: 9/18

Time- Afterschool-4:30

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

Show Date-March 9th

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

This will include a T-shirt.

Must be in 3rd grade or above to participate.

**Please fill out the form below with payment and return it to the office by
September 8th.**

NAME_____

GRADE_____ HOMEROOM_____ T-SHIRT SIZE_____

Parent's email: _____ Parent's phone: _____

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

lwainscott1962@gmail.com

shaymelillio@hotmail.com

CAN NOT WAIT TO GET STARTED WITH THESE TALENTED KIDS