

Important Dates:

9/13Stricker's Grove Night
 9/27Teacher In-service, No School
 10/10-11.....Fall Break, No School
 10/16Grandparents Day, Grades 1 & 3
 10/18Picture Retake Day, P3 Pictures
 10/21-25Book Fair
 10/29No 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,

This Friday is our parish Stricker's Grove Night! The students love this event. Stricker's Grove Night for Our Lady of the Visitation is **Friday, Sept. 13th from 5-10**. The address is 11490 Hamilton Cleves Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013. 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.**

Attendance: It is mandatory to provide a reason for your child's absence or tardy. When you leave a message that states your child is "not coming in" or "absent" this equates to an unexcused absence. A reason for the absence **MUST** be given. As a reminder, 3 tardies with no doctor/dentist note equates to an unexcused absence. Teachers are **NOT** responsible for providing homework ahead of time for any recreational activities.

Reminders:

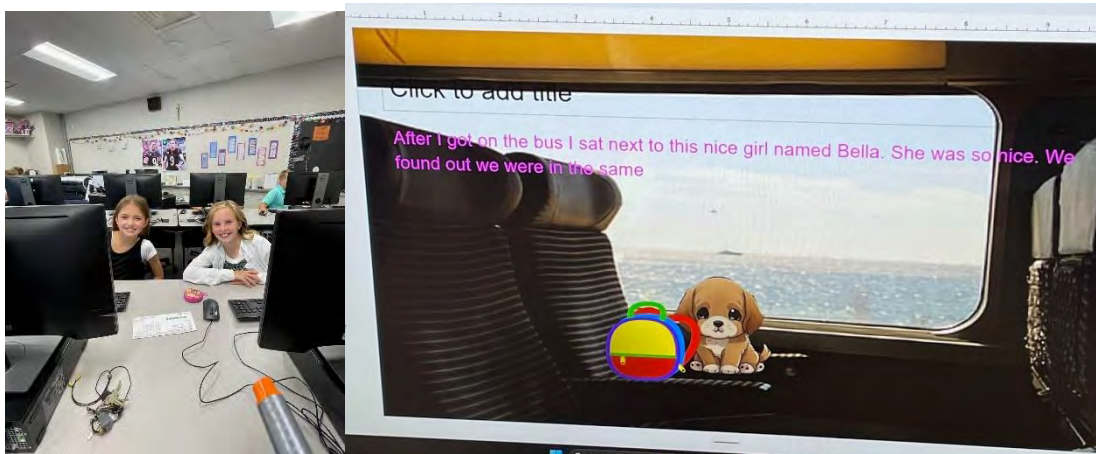
- Please be mindful of our handicapped spots, especially the ones near the Pavilion.
- Please continue to pray for our 7th grade student, Ross, who is battling a brain tumor.
- If you have little ones, please practice having them open lunch items (juice bags, Bentgo boxes, fruit cups, milk containers, Gogurts, twist off with water, etc.) We always make them try first.
- Make sure your child's uniform is in compliance.

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

In Mrs. Ruberg's technology class, sixth-grade students are embarking on an exciting project to create Back to School eBooks using Google Slides. This collaborative effort allows students to partner up and develop engaging stories that will resonate with kindergarten and first-grade students. The eBooks will not only include compelling narratives but also feature animations and sounds designed to captivate younger audiences. By incorporating these multimedia elements, the students aim to create an enjoyable reading experience that keeps the attention of their audience. Once the eBooks have been perfected, the sixth graders will have the opportunity to read and share their creations with kindergarten and first-grade students!



LAST CALL for 75th anniversary crewnecks or t-shirts. If you would like to order a 75th anniversary crewneck sweatshirt or t-shirt for your child, yourself or anyone else, please use this link: <https://buff.ly/3ZfAiNm> Sizes from YXS to A3XL. Orders will be accepted until the end of day Wednesday 9/11. You will pay for and pick up your items on a date TBD. Email ebecker@olvisitation.org with any questions.

ADVANCED BAND

Advanced Band begins this Tuesday, September 10 after school until 4pm. Returning students should bring their instruments to school and will be called to the office around 3:05. I will meet them and walk them over to the church hall where we will practice until 4pm. Pick up is from the Church Hall parking lot. I can't wait to get started with this group again!! It should be an amazing year.

If your child is doing band this year, but you haven't filled out the form yet, please go to the OLVisitation website to enroll! Advanced band enrollment form can be found [here](#).

If you haven't turned in the fees yet, you can bring them to school Monday and give to your student's homeroom teacher, or Tuesday and give directly to me at band rehearsal. Checks should be made out to OLV Church. If you need help getting a ride home for your child, please let me know that as well. I can try to help you find a carpool at least for the following week. Go Viking Band!! Let's have a great year!

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., and 2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursday.

*** A Few Reminders***

*If you know your student will not be in school due to illness or a Dr. appointment, please cancel your lunch. You may cancel up until 8:00am daily. Please reference the website for assistance.

*Please make sure you check your order and complete the entire check out process, many mistakes are being made.

****If your student packs their lunch, you are to provide the needs of that packed lunch. The cafeteria does not provide the condiment or silverware for those that pack, we have a budget to maintain.

Thank You for your help.

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.

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

DRAMA CLUB

This is the LAST week to sign up for 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 week!!! Only those who have registered will receive a script, and auditions will start Sept 16.

If you have any questions, please email shaymelillo@hotmail.com or loriwainscott@gmail.com.

GRANDPARENTS DAY 1st & 3rd Grade Families

Mark Your Calendars! On Wednesday, October 16th we are having a Grandparents & Special Guests day just for you! We will start with mass at 8:30, followed by donuts/coffee, the opportunity to visit the classrooms and get a picture together. The morning wraps up at 10:50. We are in need of several volunteers to help make the day a success. Please use the signup genius link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AA9AE29ABF85-51193854-grandparents>.

NURSE

Annual hearing and vision screenings. Please see attached.

Any questions, please contact Stephanie Knapke, School Nurse at sknapke@olvisitation.org.

PIANO ENRICHMENT

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>.

Students, please note that parents alone should be signing students for this program. If you are interested in joining, please talk it through at home and ask your parent to click the link above and sign up!

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

PTO: PTO is in need of someone to help assist with Grandparents Day 2025 and possibly going forward. The position is minimal, it involves some coordinating of task and sending a few emails to staff etc. If interested please contact Jillian Edwards at jillian.edwards83@gmail.com.

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 hotels.com GC!! All information included in document and link to purchase is: <https://visipto.square.site/>.

Spirit wear: Spirit wear- Exciting News we have a NEW website! Thanks to Lauryn Thompson for all her hard work. Go check it out www.visispiritwearshop.com. 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! Questions 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.

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.

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

BOYS BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS & TRYOUT SCHEDULE

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

October 20 – Evaluations (in MPR)

- 3:00 - 4:15pm (3rd grade)
- 4:15 - 5:30pm (4th grade)

October 20 – Tryouts (in Auditorium)

- 3:00 - 4:30pm (5th grade)
- 4:30 – 6:00pm (6th grade)
- 6:00 - 7:30pm (7th grade)
- 7:30 – 9:00pm (8th grade)

October 22- Callbacks (in Auditorium)

- 5:30 – 6:30pm (5th grade)
- 6:30 – 7:30pm (6th grade)
- 7:30 - 8:30 (7th grade)
- 8:30 - 9:30pm (8th grade)

WRESTLING SIGN-UPS

Signups for boys and girls in grade 1st through 8th are now **open until Friday, November 8th**. Practices will begin the week of November 18th at Elder High School. Please visit the [Wrestling Homepage](#) for complete details on the season. Any questions, please send an email to visitationwrestling@gmail.com.

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

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Elder High School: 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>.

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 our upcoming events – Shadow Days and Grade School Nights. 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.purcellmarian.org/ibelong> to learn more!

Saint Ursula Academy: Please visit St. Ursula's website for information about our upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, etc. 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.

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>.

OTHER NEWS

American Heritage Girls

Faith, Service, Fun. Our Lady of the Visitation, Troop #1313. Please see attached.

To register with Troop #1313 contact Mollie Harloff – harloffwellness@gmail.com 513-404-6436

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
9/16	M	Renea Fishburn Karen Berndsen	Lindsey Krause	Amy Burns Erin Lahni	Sherri Peretzky Amanda Hiles Stephanie Hayes
9/17	T	Theresa Marzheuser Maggie Rauch	Elizabeth McPherson Lindsay Jagoditz	Shannon Clifton Peggy Edwards	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
9/18	W	Jenny Waldeck	Elizabeth Papin Becky Schwarz	Kelli Clarkson	Denise Miller Brandon Rainer
9/19	Th	Deb Tisch Liz Preistle	Theresa Marzheuser Amy Burns	Emily McKenna Kimberly Steinreide	Whitney Walton Chris Cassiere
9/20	F	Kirsten Law Laura Miller	Tiffany Kersting	Sarah Waldeck Jenny Waldeck	Emily Shears Chrissy Pierson

LUNCH MENU FOR September 16 – 20

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Nacho’s & Cheese sauce - Pretzel -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-3 Way Chili -Oyster Crackers -Spaghetti -Shredded Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-Chicken Nuggets (5)	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Nachos & Cheese Sauce	-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 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.

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](#)

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.

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!!!



Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year at Visi!

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



Fall Big Win

Get your tickets now to win a BEIS LUGGAGE PACKAGE (VALUED AT \$1200)

Package includes (5) incredibly made and durable BEIS luggage pieces all in the color Navy as well as \$300 Gift Cards for hotels.com

1. Carry on Roller- Crafted with a durable hard-shell exterior, smooth-rolling 360* wheels, and a cushioned silicone trolley handle.
2. Convertible Weekender-Features a fully removable bottom compartment that doubles as a packing cube, with a mesh zip-cover.
3. Backpack-With a trolley pass-through, padded interior sleeve, and two (yes, two) water bottle pockets, this is the ideal laptop backpack for work, school, or play.
4. Dopp Kit- spill-proof bag for all the bottles, tubes, jars and sprays your getting-ready routine requires.
5. Cosmetic Case-spill-proof so every makeup-lover can stay super organized wherever they bring their beauty rituals.

Drawing will be held on Friday October 25th 2024. 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: ____

Phone: _____

Student: _____

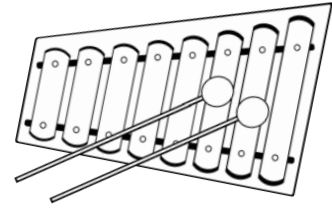


The Striking Vikings

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

I have enclosed the participation fee and will be at rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons beginning September 17.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone: _____



Upcoming Admissions Events

Shadow Days

Current 8th grade students are invited to spend a day at Elder and experience what it's like to be a Panther!

Schedule your shadow day at www.elderhs.org/shadow

Financial Aid & Scholarship Information Night

On **Tuesday, October 1st from 6-7 PM**, Elder staff will present information to 8th grade families on our financial aid program, merit-based scholarships, and the Ohio EdChoice Scholarship.

RSVP at www.elderhs.org/fasin

Elder Open House

Bring the whole family on **Thursday, November 14th from 4-8PM** for a tour of Elder's campus. Meet the Elder family and learn about our academics, clubs/activities, athletic programs, and more!

Reserve your tour at www.elderhs.org/openhouse

High School Placement Test (HSPT)

The HSPT testing day for 8th grade students is on **Saturday, November 23rd**. Visit our website at www.elderhs.org/hspt to find information on the HSPT and our Prep Boot Camp!



Visit www.elderhs.org to learn more about Elder!

ELDER®

Grade School Soccer Night

Saturday, September 21st

Panther Athletic Complex (PAC)

Elder vs. Fairmont

JV @ 5:00 PM,

Varsity @ 7:00 PM

**Free Admission & Giveaways*
for all Grade School Students!**

Elder Soccer Ball, while supplies last

Visit ehsports.com for info on Elder Athletics



PAC - 1915 Quebec Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45205



LOOKING FOR FAITH, SERVICE & FUN FOR YOUR DAUGHTER?

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Email Mollie Harloff: harloffwellness@gmail.com

Questions?

Email or Call Mollie 513-404-6436

American Heritage Girls

Our Lady of the Visitation, Troop # 1313

The program allows your daughter to grow in FAITH, cultivate a heart of SERVICE, and have fun while building new friendships.

AHG focuses on providing progressive level programming rich in opporutnies for girls of all ages and abilities. With each AHG level, girls are introduced to new skills, badge work, services projects, and outdoor experiences unique to a female audience. Girls develop physically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually through the support and encouragement of other fun-loving girls and engaging AHG volunteers.



My daughter has developed new friendships with many new girls of all ages. The AHG program has given her great opportunities to speak in front of others and develop leadership skills. - Katie A.

FIVE LEVELS OF FUN!

PATHFINDER

ages 5-6

TENDERHEART

AGES 6-9

EXPLORER

AGES 9-12

PIONEER

AGES 12-14

PATRIOT

AGES 14-18

Faith Family Country Community



For more information visit American Heritage Girls visit americanheritagegirls.org

TO REGISTER WITH TROOP #1313 - OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION

Contact Mollie Harloff - harloffwellness@gmail.com | 513-404-6436





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WOMEN of INTEGRITY Six Program Emphases

AHG's Program Emphases creates a well-rounded experience for girls. A girl who completes the AHG Program will be a Christ-following servant leader who is honoring, relational, anchored in Christ, and competent: a woman of integrity.



AHG OATH

I promise to love **GOD**,
Cherish my **FAMILY**,
Honor my **COUNTRY**,
Serve in my **COMMUNITY**.

AHG CREED

As an American Heritage Girl, I
promise to be
Compassionate,
Helpful,
Honest,
Loyal,
Perseverant,
Pure,
Resourceful,
Respectful,
Responsible,
Reverent.



FAITH:

Girls are encouraged to grow in their faith and relationship with God through the AHG Faith Award Program, prayer, fellowship, and service, which are woven throughout each aspect of the AHG Program.

Outcome: A Christ-follower who submits to Christ and seeks God's will for her life.



LEADERSHIP:

The AHG Program is rich in leadership opportunities for girls of all ages. Girls discover their passions, acquire project management skills, hold leadership positions, and participate in leadership training.

Outcome: A servant leader who follows Jesus' model of leadership by putting others first.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL:

Girls will gain a better understanding of their identity in Christ through the AHG Program. AHG's multi-level Troop structure encourages girls to create friendships with girls of all ages. This unique Troop structure allows for mentorships and learning opportunities to occur naturally among girls. Girls learn to anchor their emotions in Christ in a caring and loving environment.

Outcome: A relational girl who invests in positive and loving relationships with others and clings to Christ when navigating emotions.



OUTDOORS:

Nature reveals to us God's beauty, glory, power, wisdom, presence, creativity, and, most of all, His loving care. Through the AHG Program, girls are encouraged to participate in outdoor activities such as hiking or camping several times a year. High Adventure activities are great times for team building, leadership, physical activity, and strengthening relationships with friends. The outdoors will educate girls about their natural world and the beauty God has bestowed upon them.

Outcome: A girl who values creation through outdoor experiences that display the glory of God's creation.



CITIZENSHIP:

The AHG Program provides girls with a deeper understanding of their country and heritage. Girls cultivate honor for their country by participating in patriotic events, flag ceremonies, serving in their community, and through badge work. Serving others and being active citizens with their Troop, fosters a lifelong love for their country.

Outcome: An honoring girl who cares for her community as an active citizen through service and patriotism.



LIFE SKILLS:

In the AHG Program, girls can step out of their comfort zone and try new experiences in a safe environment. Earning badges provides girls the opportunity to learn a wide array of life skills, inspiring them to become lifelong learners and doers. AHG's six Badge Frontiers include: Heritage, Family Living, Arts, Outdoor Skills, Personal Well-Being, and Science & Technology.



For more information visit American Heritage Girls visit americanheritagegirls.org

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ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Office of the Archbishop

archbishop@catholicaoc.org

513.263.6612

August 8, 2024

RE: Endorsement of American Heritage Girls

Dear Brothers in Holy Orders,

Greetings in Christ. I write to you today to convey my endorsement of the American Heritage Girls (AHG) and urge you to promote AHG in your parish(es) as the preferred scouting option for girls.

Scouting is fundamentally good – it builds virtue, discipline and community. It helps form responsible, well-rounded citizens. Scouting has a strong, multi-generational heritage in our country, one associated with positive values and memories. When done correctly, scouting can be an efficacious part of Catholic youth ministry, espousing a way of life congruent with the Gospel.

Unfortunately, in recent years, some scouting organizations have embraced and promoted an impoverished worldview regarding human life and sexuality. Through activities, badges and awards, these organizations have contributed to normalizing a gender ideology devoid of Christian virtue and contrary to the Catholic understanding of the human person made in the image and likeness of God.

One organization that has stayed true to its founding Christian principles is the American Heritage Girls, established right here in Cincinnati in 1996. The mission of AHG is, “Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.” AHG is openly Christ-centered and dedicated to helping girls respond to God’s call to grow in purity, service, stewardship and integrity. Moreover, AHG expressly believes that every person is made in the image of God.

AHG has chartered troops in every U.S. state and in 15 countries. There are a handful of AHG troops currently chartered in parishes across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. I wholeheartedly endorse the American Heritage Girls and urge any parish looking for a scouting program that will form girls in faith and virtue to consider chartering a troop with AHG. For more information on how to do so, visit <https://americanheritagegirls.org/start-a-troop/charter-organizations/> or contact Ms. Julie Goodwin, AHG Catholic Relations Specialist, at goodwinj@ahgonline.org or 515.771.2025, ext. 158.

Please join me in praying for the renewal of our culture and country through the good news of Jesus Christ and the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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RADIATE CHRIST