

September 20, 2023 Newsletter #06

Important Dates:

9/25No School, Teacher In-service

10/2-6.....Book Fair

10/12-13.....No School, Fall Break

10/17.....Picture Retake Day, P3 Pictures

10/18.....Grandparents Day, Grades 1 & 3

10/27.....No 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,

What a wonderful turnout we had at Stricker's Grove for our parish picnic! This is one small way we are able to thank our families for all their support throughout the year! We appreciate all of our volunteers.

Sometimes students experience hardship, a heartache or bad news that may affect their learning. It is very helpful if you can communicate a general notice to the child's teacher (s). We all have rough patches in our lives and the teachers can be more sympathetic when

they know there are other issues. You certainly do not need to tell us everything, but a note stating there is something going on at home alerts the teacher to look for any out of the ordinary behaviors.

I was at a principals' meeting last week. The topic was social media. As a group, we are extremely concerned about the ugliness our students are exposed to on Smartphones. ALL principals have had instances of children sharing inappropriate pictures, vulgar language, nasty messages, etc. Students are not kind to one another when there are no adults watching and intervening. Kids push boundaries until they get caught. The pressure placed on students through social media is overwhelming. Anxiety issues are rising in children...just as the number of students who own Smartphones is also rising. I always try to tell students that what people post is their highlight reel, it's not showing them the entire picture. There's also a campaign out there called "Wait until 8" that advises parents not to purchase phones with Smartphone capabilities until 8th grade. Perhaps, a phone with only texting capabilities may be an option for your child. Please do what you can to protect your child. Educate them about what you feel is appropriate and inappropriate use on their phones.

Teachers will be spending time in faith formation on Monday, Sept. 25th. There is no school for your child on that day.

Blessings,

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

Students in grades K-1 have started reading groups. During this time teachers are working with students in small groups based off targeted skills needed for review or reading levels. The teachers work in these small targeted groups to review phonics, comprehension, fluency and/or writing skills. Each teacher has an aide in the classroom to meet with small groups and/or host a center to review skills taught in class. When students are not working with the teacher, they are participating in hands-on centers around the room to practice skills previously taught. This time allows teachers to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of all students. Students in grades 2-3 will begin reading groups next week.





A fun adaptive resource for practicing math and language arts skills for grades Pre-K to 5 is www.splashlearn.com. The site provides interactive math and language art games that are age appropriate for students to practice skills taught in elementary grade levels. Students each work on skills based on their own personalized path and they have the opportunity to earn digital rewards. The best part is that parents are able to track their child's progress on this program.

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

FROM THE CAFETERIA:

Parents as of October 1st we will no longer be issuing credit to those not picking up their purchased lunch items. Please remind your child what you have ordered for them. Please review your schedules on Dr. and Dentist appointments and *Do Not Order A Hot Lunch* these days. Credit will be issued for students that are sick or go home sick. If you think your child will not be coming to school and you have ordered a hot lunch or even if your child has a change of heart you may go into your account and cancel the order up until 8:00am daily. These steps help keep our food cost in line and less waste occurs. Thank You,

Linda Good, Cafeteria Manager

GRANDPARENTS DAY 1st & 3rd Grade Families

Mark Your Calendars! On Wednesday, October 18th 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-grandparents3

BOOK FAIR



Book Fair is coming October 2-6th. We are excited to partner with Literati this year for the book fair. Each student will visit the book fair during their regular scheduled class time. The book fair is optional, students are welcome to bring cash to purchase books. Parents can purchase a Literati gift card if you do not want to send cash in with your child. The link is below. You will be able to print out the gift card and it will get scanned

at the book fair checkout. Parents can also choose to shop online (link below) and orders are sent to school about 10 days after the fair closes (October 6th). Orders will be sent home with students.

https://efairs.literati.com/?school=our-lady-of-visitation-school-cincinnati-oh



We will host an evening book fair on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:00-7:00pm in the media center. Parents, grandparents, and parish community are welcome to attend and shop.

Teachers are able to make a book wish list for their classroom, these lists will be available all week. If you purchase a book from a wish list, your child's name will go in the book so teachers will know who purchased it.

Please consider signing up to help the students shop. Taxes will be charged so parents are needed to help students with their money.

Sign up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA8AE2FA0FEC07-book

VISITATION VIKING BAND

It is not too late to sign up for band at Our Lady of the Visitation. Information and enrollment documents can be found at https://olvisitation.org/school/Get-Involved/Activities-Clubs/Band. Give your child the gift of an instrumental music education! Questions? Email our band director, Susan Cassidy at scassidy@olvisitation.org. Band is open to all Visitation students in grades 5 -8.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR



PTO is once again sponsoring Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 20th, from 6:30 - 8:00pm. Children will be in costume and walk to each parked car to get a treat from the trunk. Rain will cancel this event. Pleases use the SignUp Genius below to register for your spot. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4FABAB28A20-trunk#/

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.

<u>Spiritwear</u>: PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY ONLINE ORDERS. Our website is currently misbehaving. If you placed an online order in the last week, your money will be refunded, as we are unable to see what you ordered. We are working on fixing it. The Spiritwear Shop will be open from 5-7pm on Monday, Sept 25th. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

VISITATION ATHELTIC CLUB (VAC) - www.vacsports.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/28 VAC Open Meeting (Note date change from 9/21)
- 9/30 Last Day to Sign-up for Girls Basketball & Wrestling

VAC MEETING - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 @ 8:30PM IN THE PAVILION

- Please mark your calendars to join us at our next VAC meeting. All parishioners are welcome, and we would love to see more parent involvement from every grade level.
- The meeting will provide updates on Fall sports and the upcoming Winter seasons. In addition, the meeting will include voting for the 5 open/up for re-election Board positions. You will get the opportunity to meet all the candidates and cast your vote.
- We are looking for more Board candidates. If interested in running or for more information, visit the VAC website or reach out to <u>visitationathletics@gmail.com</u>.
- If you have agenda items for the meeting, please send to visitationathletics@gmail.com.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

• Sign-ups are now open for girls in grades 3rd through 8th until Saturday, September 30th. For your daughter to be considered for an A/B1 team, they must be registered and attend at least one of the sessions on October 22nd or 29th. Please visit the Girls Basketball homepage on the VAC website for the complete schedule for 3rd and 4th grade evaluations and 5th through 8th try-outs.

WRESTLING

Wrestling sign-ups are now open until September 30 th for boys and girls in 1st through 8th grade. Practices begin in November and are held all season at Elder High School. Visit the Wrestling homepage on the VAC website for more details.

DAISY SCOUTS

Please see the attached flyer for information about Daisy Scouts. Contact Jenna Craig at jennacraig@gswo.org

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Please see the attached flyer for information about American Heritage Girls. Contact Mollie Harloff at harloffwellness@gmail.com.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK

Please see the attached flyer for information about Green Township's Touch a Truck Safety Expo on Saturday, Sept.23rd.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

<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 their upcoming events – Shadow Days, Grade School Nights, HSPT and Open House. Register at www.mercymcauley.og/shadow.

<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 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 <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. Open House is November 2nd. Register online today at <u>www.setoncincinnati.org</u>.

Registration is open for Seton's festive fall event, Bourbon and Bites on Thursday, September 21.

All 7th & 8th grade future Seton Saints and Elder Panthers are invited to the Tailgate Mixer before the football game on Friday, 10/6 at 6:00 p.m. Join us in Elder's wrestling/volleyball gym for music, Lindsey's shaved ice, snacks and giveaways, and receive free admission to the game and LaRosa's pizza in the Pit! Registration is required online at Seton or Elder's website.

<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.

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)
9/25	M	NO SCHOOL			
9/26	Т	Amanda Bruner Christina Yockey	Laura Dusold Lauren McKenna	Aunnie Wertenberger Theresa Marzhauser	Sue Stautberg Kate Raterman Liz Hildebrandt
9/27	W	Jenny Carmosino	Danielle Hartoin Lisa Juszak	Amy Failace Angela Graman	Brandon Rainer Kristina Kelley
9/28	Th	Emily McKenna Amy Zimmerman	Shannon Clifton	Jillian Edwards Angela Born	Mary Sue Emerson Kate Kafel
9/29	F	Laura Bolger	Erin Frank	Deb Tisch	Bonnie Pope Alex Coffaro Lori Ann McKenna

LUNCH MENU FOR SEPTEMBER 25-29

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
	Chicken Patty	- La Rosa's Pizza	Popcorn Chicken	-Hamburger or		
	-Seasoned Fries	(1 Slice)	-Dinner Roll	Cheeseburger		
No Cobool	-Pickles	Cheese or	-Rice Pilaf	-Fries		
No School	-Fruit	Pepperoni	-Fruit	-Pickles		
Teacher In Service	-Vegetable	-Fruit	-Vegetable	-Fruit		
	-Milk	-Vegetable	-Milk	-Vegetable		
		-Milk		-Milk		
A La Carte						
	-Chicken Patty	-La Rosa's Pizza 1 Slice	-Popcorn Chicken	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger		

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.

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

Touch a Truck Safety Expo

Saturday, September 23 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Green Township **Administration Complex** 6303 Harrison Avenue



Bring your family to see Police & Fire Demonstrations, Cool Trucks & Free Firehouse Chili & Sno Cones

Honk the Horn and Touch the Trucks!





Register for Visitation Daisy Troop 4891_2024:



Scan the above QR code with your phone to join the Visitation Daisy Troop! Sector Craig Text: 927.821.5953

jennacraju@gowo.org

Need help?

888.350.5090 customercare@gswo.org

> Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

September-November

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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 projets, 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.

FIVE LEVELS OF FUN! PATHFINDER

ages 5-6

TENDERHEART

AGES 6-9

EXPLORER

AGES 9-12

PIONEER

AGES 12-14

PATRIOT

AGES 14-18

aith 🕝 Family 🕝 Country 🎨 Community



For more information visit American Heritage Girls visit americanheritagegirls.org

opportunities to speak in front of others and develop leadership skills. - Katie A.



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.

Outdoors

Christ

Leadership

Skills

SocialEmotional

Health

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



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	



Chess Scholars

Fall 2023

Our Lady of the Visitation School



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





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.

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S.T.E.A.M.



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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.

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