

Important Dates:

12/19.....Band Concert
12/21No School, Christmas Break
1/4School Resumes
1/15No School, Martin Luther King Day

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,

Today is the feast day of St. Nicholas. Perhaps, you celebrated this German Catholic tradition by “hanging your stockings with care in hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there”. This tradition goes back to the story of how St. Nicholas came upon a poor father and his three unmarried daughters. There was no money for a dowry, which was expected for marriage, and so while the girls’ stockings were hung by the fireplace to dry, Nicholas tossed gold coins through an open window which

landed into their stockings. This tradition tends to be stronger in families with German Catholic heritage.

Students in Grades 3-8 celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation today. It is a great way to celebrate God’s eternal love and forgiveness during Advent. As a reminder, students are asked to bring in loose change and dollars from their piggy banks to help support Catholics in the Holy Land. The change will be donated to the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, which is a philanthropy order that aids schools and currently provides relief for the Christians who are affected by the current war. Thank you to Mr. Bellman for coordinating. He went on a pilgrimage with this group this past summer.

Today we also held our Advent Prayer Service, focusing on the significance of the candles, wreath and light. Each day, we also have a student talk about a member of God’s family and place an ornament on the Jesse Tree displayed in our main hallway.

Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our students will attend the 8:30 a.m. mass on Friday. It is a holy day of obligation. This feast day is probably the most confusing of all feast days. This is the day we celebrate that Mary, the Virgin Mother, was born free of original sin. Mary was granted this unique privilege because of her role as the Mother of Jesus.

Next week, our students will have the opportunity to visit the Eucharistic Miracles of the World display created by Blessed Carlos Acutis. He was a Catholic Italian teenager who loved gaming, computers...and the Eucharist! He created this display of miracles of the world that revolve around the Eucharist before dying at the age of 15 from leukemia.

Thank you to our 3rd, 7th and 8th grades, our piano Enrichment students, Mrs. Neeley and Mr. Vasconcelos for two wonderful concerts last night to get us in the holiday spirit. Next week is our band concert.

Please see the attached schedule for Masses on Christmas weekend.

Thursday is an Out of Uniform Day for students who sold at least one Buddy Card or a \$5 donation. Your child may still bring in a \$5 donation on Thursday if they have yet to do so. These funds go in our Development Fund. This includes promoting our school, decorations used in school, folders for new families, etc. Occasionally, it will buy our teachers a treat as well!

Next Tuesday, our 7th Grade Academic Team will compete against other local schools at Elder. Thanks to teacher Mrs. Kelhoffer who coordinates both 7th and 8th grade teams. They also have a spring competition held at LaSalle.

Lastly, I wanted to share a quote with you that I saw online and it continues to resonate with me. “Give your children social media when you want their childhood to end.” Many of us educators worry about the mental health issues directly associated with the use of Smartphones. Often, children are exposed to adult topics/situations that their minds are not ready to process. It has truly become an issue with so many of our students. We, like parents, always worry about your children.

Blessings,

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COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER



Students in grades K-8 are celebrating Grinch Week in the Stem lab using the NEW book *How the Grinch Lost Christmas*. There is currently a Who-Ville Christmas contest in each grade. Grades K-3 are making ornaments for their grades' tree. Cindy Lou won first place because every Who made an ornament for her tree. It's a tree for all of Who-Ville!

Grades 4-8 are using recycled materials to build their own Stem Christmas trees. Each group is given the same supplies to start as well as 10 gold coins to purchase more supplies. The trees are creative and have been quite a display for all to see!



Looking for something to guide your prayer through the season of Advent? Check out the Magnificat Advent app. There are daily prayers and meditations on the Gospel readings.

There will be no peer tutoring December 12th and 19th.

ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Check your mail! The State is sending out a Scholarship Acceptance Forms for each Visitation student who has been awarded a scholarship. These forms will be generated about a week after the scholarship has moved to "Awarded" in the EdChoice portal, and sent to parents via mail. My contact at EdChoice has said people are receiving the letters within two to three weeks after the application is changed to awarded status. Visitation families are beginning to be awarded in the State system and will start receiving these forms. Once you receive the form(s), please promptly complete the information requested and return the form(s) to the Our Lady of the Visitation School office as soon as possible. We will then process them promptly. We will let you know about tuition adjustments and refunds when we have more details from the State. ****Important – The scholarship cannot be granted until this form is returned to the school for each student. This is the documentation we need to approve the scholarship in the State system. *Also, you can lose this scholarship if you are absent 20 or more days from school. (From Josh Agnew, Director of Schools)**

REDIKER

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

8th GRADE PARENTS

The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Foundation gives out \$500 scholarships to 8th grade students. Students are asked to write an essay and submit their application online. The deadline is January 26th to apply. Please see this link to apply for this scholarship. You will have to scroll to the bottom of the screen to get to the scholarship application form. <https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/>

BUDDY CARDS

Our Buddy Card sale was a HUGE success!! Thank you to all that participated. Our top seller and winner of the Pizza Party for his homeroom is Ryan L. in Mrs. G's homeroom! The Pizza Party will be on Monday December 18th. Way to go Ryan!

The Buddy Cards are coming home today in a red envelope. Any student that sold at least 1 card, or made a donation of \$5, will be out of uniform tomorrow, Thursday Dec 7th. You may still turn in \$5 if you want to be out of uniform. Students that sold 10 or more cards will also receive an out of uniform pass good for the week of January 8th-12th. This is the first FULL week in January. Students that sold 20 or more will also receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Thanks again to all that participated in this great (and delicious) fundraiser for our school!

CODING CLUB

Please see attached for information about Mrs. Ruberg's Winter Coding Club. There are 2 sessions - one in January and one in February.

LEGO CLUB GRADES K and 1st

Please see attached for information about the second session of Mrs. Brady's Lego Club for Kindergarten and 1st grade.

LEGO CLUB, GRADES 2-3 and 4-6

Join the LEGO Club for weekly challenges and lots of fun! **Grades 2-3** will be offered on Mondays after school until 4:15. **Grades 4-6** will be offered on Thursdays after school until 4:15. Dates of sessions are in the link attached. Five sessions are offered and the cost is \$30.00. Checks made payable to Our Lady of Visitation and sent through school to Amy Lott, grade 5. This club filled up quickly last time...Spots are available until the slots are full! If you are signed up on the link, please send your payment by 12/12.

[LEGO Club Grades 2-3 Sign Up](#)

[LEGO Club Grades 4-6 Sign Up](#)

CHURCH CHATTER

Giving Tree: Please see the attached about our Giving Tree. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the Welcome Center on December 16 & 17.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

PTO is taking up a collection only for our Specials Teachers and Staff to let them know how much we appreciate them as well as for all that they do for our children. The oldest child in each family brought home a collection envelope last week with more information on it. You can also donate at

<https://visipto.square.site/> Any questions, please email bcebula@olvisitation.org

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 Upcoming Dates:

- 1/8 – Final day to sign-up for baseball (8U to 13U)
- 1/11 – VAC Meeting at 7:30pm
- 1/21 – Final day to sign-up for boys volleyball

Spring Sports Sign Up Now Open: To begin Spring registration for all sports, visit vacsports.com and select Login in the top right. Visit any of the sports home pages on vacsports.com for additional information.

Baseball

- 8U – 13U – per the league, we need all sign-ups by January 8
- 4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U/15U – sign-ups open until Feb. 25

Boys Volleyball

- 3rd to 8th grade – sign-ups open until January 21
- Tryouts for 5/6 and 7/8 A teams will be held in early February, practices start early March and the season wraps mid-May before Memorial Day.
- Great Spring sport for the boys – games are played in the evenings with little interference with baseball (and no rain outs!). Boys are able to play baseball and volleyball.

Track & Field: Open for girls and boys from kindergarten to 8th grade - sign-ups open until March 1.

Girls Softball: Open for girls from Pre-K to 8th grade – sign-ups open until end of April.

Follow VAC on Facebook: For the latest updates on sports sign-ups and upcoming events, be sure to follow VAC on Facebook (search and Like - Our Lady of Visitation Athletic Club).

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Mercy McAuley High School: Please visit Mercy McAuley’s website for information about the Winter Wonderland on 12/9, Christmas Concert on 12/10, and Grade School Basketball Night on 12/12.

Mount Notre Dame: Please visit MND’s website for information about Grade School Basketball Night on December 7th.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
12/11	M	Amy Beitz	Shannon Clifton Jamie Donovan	Kim Post Erin Lahni	Bonnie Pope Kate Raterman Wei Gibler
12/12	T	Danielle Hartoin Kate Raterman	Amanda Bruner Sarah Fisher	Theresa Marzhauser Jen Hehman	Sue Stautberg Bob Johnson
12/13	W	Angela Graman Theresa Marzhauser	Amy Burns	Emily Hughes Susie Ammer	Brandon Rainier Ali Thatcher Joyce Bowman
12/14	Th	Sarah Re Jamie Streder	Dan Kaiser	Emily McKenna Amy Burns	Angela Hayes Jillian Edwards
12/15	F	Katie Rohrmeier Christie Klosterman	Kirsten Law	Sarah Waldeck Jenny Waldeck	Emily Shears Kursten Kaiser Chrissy Pierson

LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 11-15

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Breaded Cheese Ravioli -Marinara Dipping Sauce -Garlic Breadstick -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Nuggets (5) -Dinner Roll -Mac-n-Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-3 Way Chili -Oyster Crackers -Spaghetti -Shredded Cheese -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk
A La Carte				
-Breaded Cheese Ravioli	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice	-Chicken Nuggets (5)	-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 always 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.



We look forward to
welcoming you and
your family this
Christmas!

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The list below provides the liturgies that will be offered in the Divine Mercy Family of Parishes.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Obligation can be fulfilled

Saturday, Dec 23

3:00 pm St Joseph	Fr Jerry
4:00 pm Visitation	Fr George
5:00 pm St Jude	Fr Bachman

Sunday, Dec 24

8:30 am St Jude	Fr Don
9:00 am Visitation	Fr Bachman
9:30 am St Joseph	Fr Jerry

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

Obligation can be fulfilled

Sunday, Dec 24

Christmas Eve	
3:00 pm St Joseph	Fr Don
3:30 pm Visitation	Fr Nolker
4:30 pm St Jude	Fr George
5:00 pm St Joseph	Fr Jerry
10:00 Visitation	Fr Bachman

Monday, Dec 25

Christmas Day	
8:00 am Visitation	Fr Don
9:00 am St Joseph	Fr Bachman
10:00 am St Jude	Fr Jerry

WINTER CODING CAMPS

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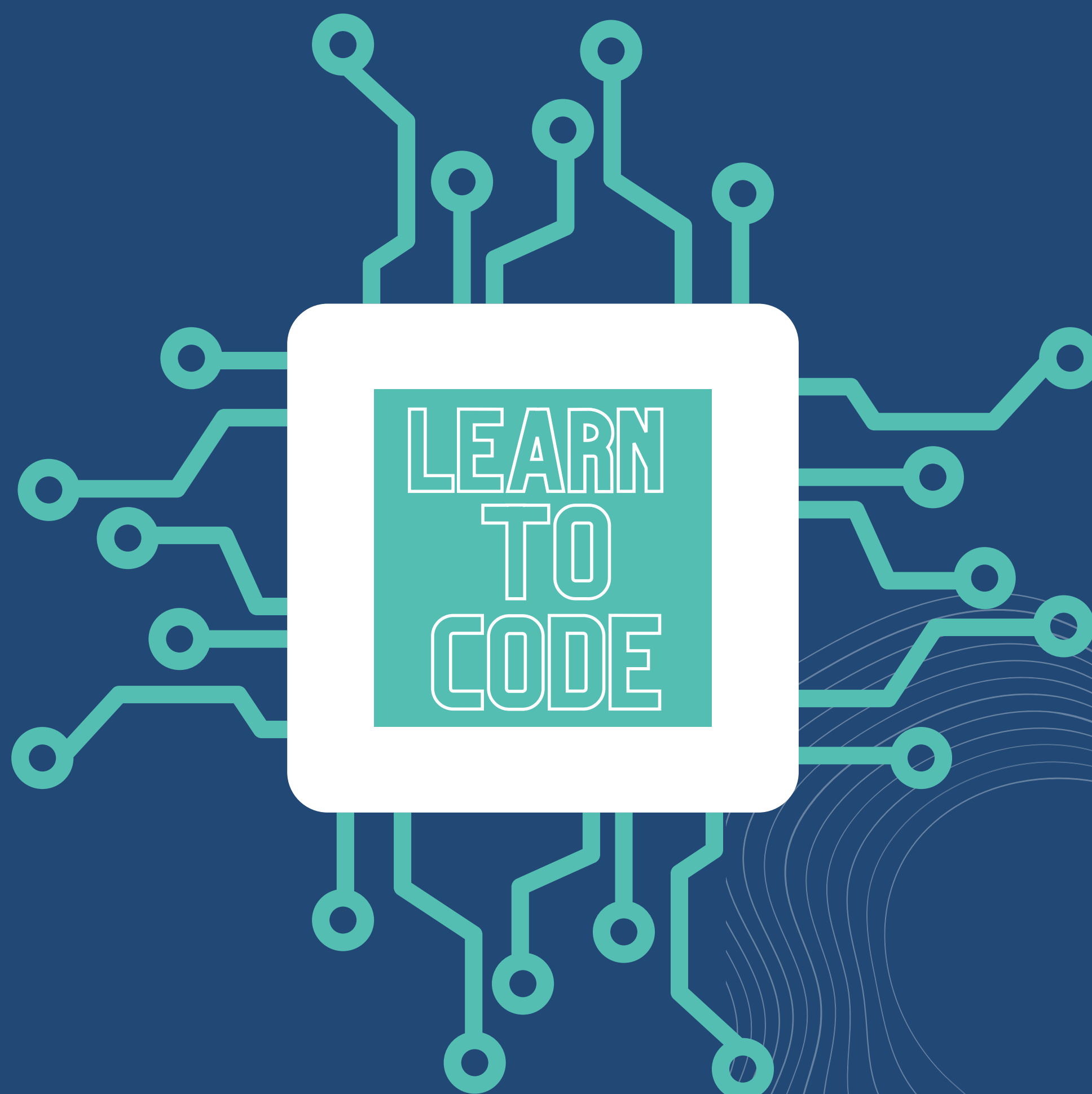
2 SESSIONS, TUESDAYS

3-4:15

SESSION I: JANUARY 9, 16, 23, 30

SESSION II: FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27

COST: \$40/ SESSION DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION



Mrs. Ruberg's Winter Coding Camp

Child's name and grade: _____

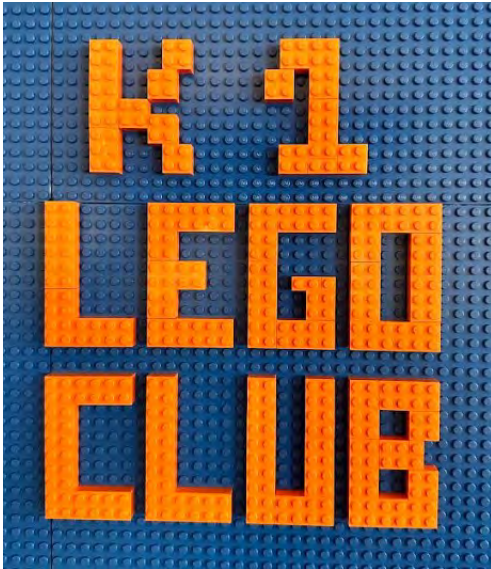
Parent email and phone #: _____

Session I ☐ Session II ☐ Session I and II ☐

Enclose cash or check to OLV, send to office attn: Mrs. Ruberg/Coding Camp



Questions? lruberg@olvisitation.org



Kindergarten and 1st
graders are invited to
join LEGO Club!

When: Wednesday's in the library after school from carpool 2 until 4:00

(pick up in the large lot outside the library doors)

Dates: January 17th, January 24th, January 31st, February 7th, and February 14th

Cost: \$30.00 per child

If your child is interested, please return the form to Mrs. Brady.

Checks can be made payable to Our Lady of the Visitation.



K/1st Grade LEGO Club Sign Up

Child's Name _____ **Grade** _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Email _____

**New LEGO
Challenges
each week!**



**Your have the opportunity to provide
Christmas joy to others this holiday season.
Your generosity is a kindness that will extend
beyond the holiday season for so many.**

Visitation Giving Tree

The are gift items and gift card options for St Vincent de Paul, St Martin's, and St Leo Parish. You may purchase the gift cards or you can write a check to OLV, indicate the organization in the memo line, and put in the collection basket. Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the Welcome Center December 16 & 17.

Questions?
Lynn Hensler at
513-519-3368



*St. Leo Food Pantry
& Community Service Space*

In
November,
St. Leo's
Food
Pantry
Served:



St. Leo's Pantry Press

2573 Carll Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45225

Food Pantry Greatest Needs

Canned Goods: Mixed Vegetables, Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Pears, Mixed Fruit, Salmon, Chicken 12.5 oz, Sloppy Joe, & Manwich

Bottled Water, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, Rice A Roni, 16oz Ranch Dressing, 16 oz Vegetable Oil, 1 lb Sugar, 16 oz BBQ Sauce, Flour, Raisins, Cereal, Saltines, Graham Crackers, 64 oz Juice, Apple Sauce, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Shampoo, and Razors.

1395

Individuals

370

Households

544

Children

144

Senior Citizens

View our Amazon Gift List

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/1ZGRUHXUUXSG6>



Volunteers Needed:

Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, 1pm to 4pm

To learn how you can volunteer and sponsor our food pantry, contact Nicole at nicolec@saint-leo.org or 513-921-1044

*Thank
you*

Monthly Overhead Sponsor
Anonymous

ST. LEO'S FOOD PANTRY

"They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

