

**Important Dates:**

12/19 .....Band Concert  
12/19 .....PJ Day (no slippers)  
12/20 .....Out of Uniform, Red & Green  
12/21 .....No School, Christmas Break  
1/4 .....School Resumes  
1/15 .....No School, Martin Luther King Day

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,

We are now in our second week of Advent. Many of us have prepared our homes for Christmas, but have we prepared our hearts and souls for Jesus? Take the next week to call someone you haven't talked to, send a card to someone who needs a little pick me up, remember those who have lost a loved one in the past year, show gratitude to someone who has been a blessing to you or make amends to someone with whom you hold a grudge. As we get closer to Christmas, make room for Christ in your hearts.

Confessions are being held this evening at 6:30 p.m. at Visitation Church. Please see the attached schedule for Masses on Christmas weekend.

This week our students 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. The display is in the Welcome Center of the church.

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection for schools in the Holy Land last week. We collected almost \$600 in coins and dollars. You have some very generous children! In addition, we made over \$5,000 in the Buddy Card sale.

Next week is our last week before Christmas break! Tuesday is our EGO sponsored pajama day. Students may wear Christmas pajamas, other pajamas or other. Kids will go outside for recess on this day if the weather is nice. No slippers please. This is also the day and evening of our Band concert. Wednesday is when the class parties are held. If you are volunteering, please make sure you park as you would for afternoon carpool. Cars all face the basketball hoops. Carpool #1 begins closest to school. As a reminder, we return to school on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

Today, the oldest child in each family will be bringing home a Christmas card with an ornament inside as a gift to our wonderful Visitation Families!

Ross, our 6<sup>th</sup> grader who has been fighting a brain tumor, has been able to come to school two days a week the last few weeks. Please continue to pray for Ross and his healing. His presence is a gift to all of us!

Don't forget to have your children look for the pink candle this weekend at mass!

Blessings,

*Spely M. Aug*

**COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER**



Our eighth grade LeadHERship group read Christmas stories with our preschool students on Monday. The LeadHERship group was founded in sixth grade by a student looking to help girls build self confidence, relationships and spread kindness to our school community. For the month of December, the girls were interested in spreading Christmas joy to our youngest students! Both the preschool and eighth grade students enjoyed the Christmas stories, getting to know each other and sharing each other's Christmas lists!



Check out the free writing app known as Grammarly that helps students and adults check their writing for mistakes in spelling and grammar as well as detects the tone of their message in their writing and whether their message is clearly communicated. The app can be used to check work in various platforms such as Docs, social media accounts, and emails.

**There will be no peer tutoring December 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](mailto:rediker@olvisitation.org).

### **FROM THE NURSE**

Please see the attached reminder of the school policy regarding illness.

### **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/>

### **EGO**

Next week, EGO will be spreading a little Christmas cheer by hosting a few free out-of-uniform days for the student body.

- **On Tuesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> students may come out-of-uniform wearing their cozy Christmas PJs. (no slippers allowed)**
- **On Wednesday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> students may come out-of-uniform wearing Christmas themed clothing or the colors of Red or Green. (Hats, Antlers, etc... are ONLY PERMITTED AFTER MASS)**

Normal out of uniform rules apply. Visi spirit wear is always another option.

EGO is also looking forward to leading the classrooms in fun games of Christmas Bingo on our last day before break! **A special thanks to all of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents who donated candy canes for the activity!!!**

### **VISI'S VISION STUDENT NEWSPAPER**



Our students have been hard at work creating this school year's first edition of the student newspaper. It's filled with stories and pictures from student life, parish and community, sports, and events. If you would like a copy of the newspaper, please send in \$1 in an envelope marked “Newspaper” with your child's name and homeroom on it. We will deliver the paper for all pre-orders before Christmas break. Copies of the newspaper will also be sold before school in the auditorium, library, and MPR. Thank you for supporting our student newspaper!

### **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 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **LEGO CLUB, GRADES 4-6**

Join the LEGO Club for weekly challenges and lots of fun! There are a few spots left for **Grades 4-6**. It will be 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 12/14. [LEGO Club Grades 4-6 Sign Up](#)

### **CHURCH CHATTER**

Giving Tree: Unwrapped gifts should be returned to the Welcome Center on December 16 & 17.

Sunday Feast: Please see attached about our Family Sunday Feast on January 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **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 a couple weeks ago with more information on it. You can also donate at <https://visipto.square.site/> Any questions, please email [bcebula@olvisitation.org](mailto:bcebula@olvisitation.org)

Spiritwear: You can shop online at [visispiritwear.weebly.com](http://visispiritwear.weebly.com). Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478.

### **VISITATION ATHLETIC CLUB (VAC) – [www.vacsports.com](http://www.vacsports.com)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls Basketball – Register today at [vacsports.com](http://vacsports.com). The St. Jude girls 2<sup>nd</sup> grade basketball league offers games on Sundays starting in February with a 30-minute practice followed by a 30-minute game for six-weeks. This instructional league is a great way to get introduced to basketball. League fees are \$65 and include a ball and shirt. If interested in coaching a team, please email David Kneflin ([davidkneflin81@gmail.com](mailto:davidkneflin81@gmail.com)).

Spring Sports Sign-up Now Open - For additional information and to register, visit [vacsports.com](http://vacsports.com).

- \* BASEBALL – 8U – 13U (closes Jan. 8), 4U/5U (t-ball), 6U/7U (coach pitch), 14U/15U (close Feb. 25)
- \* BOYS VOLLEYBALL – Grades 3 to 8 (sign-ups close Jan. 21)
- \* TRACK & FIELD – Grades Kindergarten to 8 (sign-ups close March 1)
- \* SOFTBALL – Grades Pre-K to 8 (sign-ups close April 16)

VAC Committees Now Forming – We are looking to get more people involved through four smaller committees that do not require a long-term commitment. Check out each sign-up link for more details and get involved today!

1. SERVICE – Service is a key component weaved into our athletic programs. Each season we host a service project to give back to our community. The goal of this committee is to find ways for our athletes to participate and develop an increased sense of social responsibility. Sign-up to help with our Spring service project. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAFA623A2FA7-46444369-vacservice>
2. FUNDRAISING – VAC FUNdraising, this committee includes planning social events with a fundraising component for our programs. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAFA623A2FA7-46444371-vacfundraising>
3. GEAR & MERCHANDISE – Help determine athletic merchandise (for kids and adults) to support our sports. Have design ideas? Sign-up and bring your talents and insights as we work on our Spring sports gear. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAFA623A2FA7-46444110-vacgear>
4. FACILITIES – We are looking for people to help with our grounds, Pavilion, MPR, Auditorium and fields for maintenance and enhancements. Bring your ideas and expertise to make our facilities the best in the West! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C4AAFA623A2FA7-46444134-vacfacilities>



**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE**

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
12/18	M	Shannon Clifton Jamie Donovan	April Rischman Lindsay Krause	Nikki Nieman	Sherri Peretzky Amanda Hiles Stephanie Hayes
12/19	T	Elizabeth McPherson Jenny Waldeck	Renae Fishburn Erin Pace	Shannon Clifton Andrea Griffith	Linda Steinriede Bob Johnson
12/20	W	Amy Burns Erin Pace	Lee Cassiere	Angela Graman	Brandon Rainier Clint Lehman
12/21	Th	No School			
12/22	F	No School			

**LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 18-22**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-French Toast Sticks (4) -Sausage Patty (2) -syrup -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	<b>Christmas Break!! Enjoy the Season</b>	
A La Carte				
-French Toast Sticks (4)	-Chicken Patty	-La Rosa’s Pizza 1 Slice		

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



I hope you are ready for the holidays and are looking forward to a relaxing Christmas break. We are in the middle of cold, flu, strep, pink eye, pneumonia, croup and stomach bug season! This is a quick refresher on the school policy regarding illness. It is a good idea to review the school's policy on illness and when your child should return to school.

#### 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.



# WINTER CODING CAMPS

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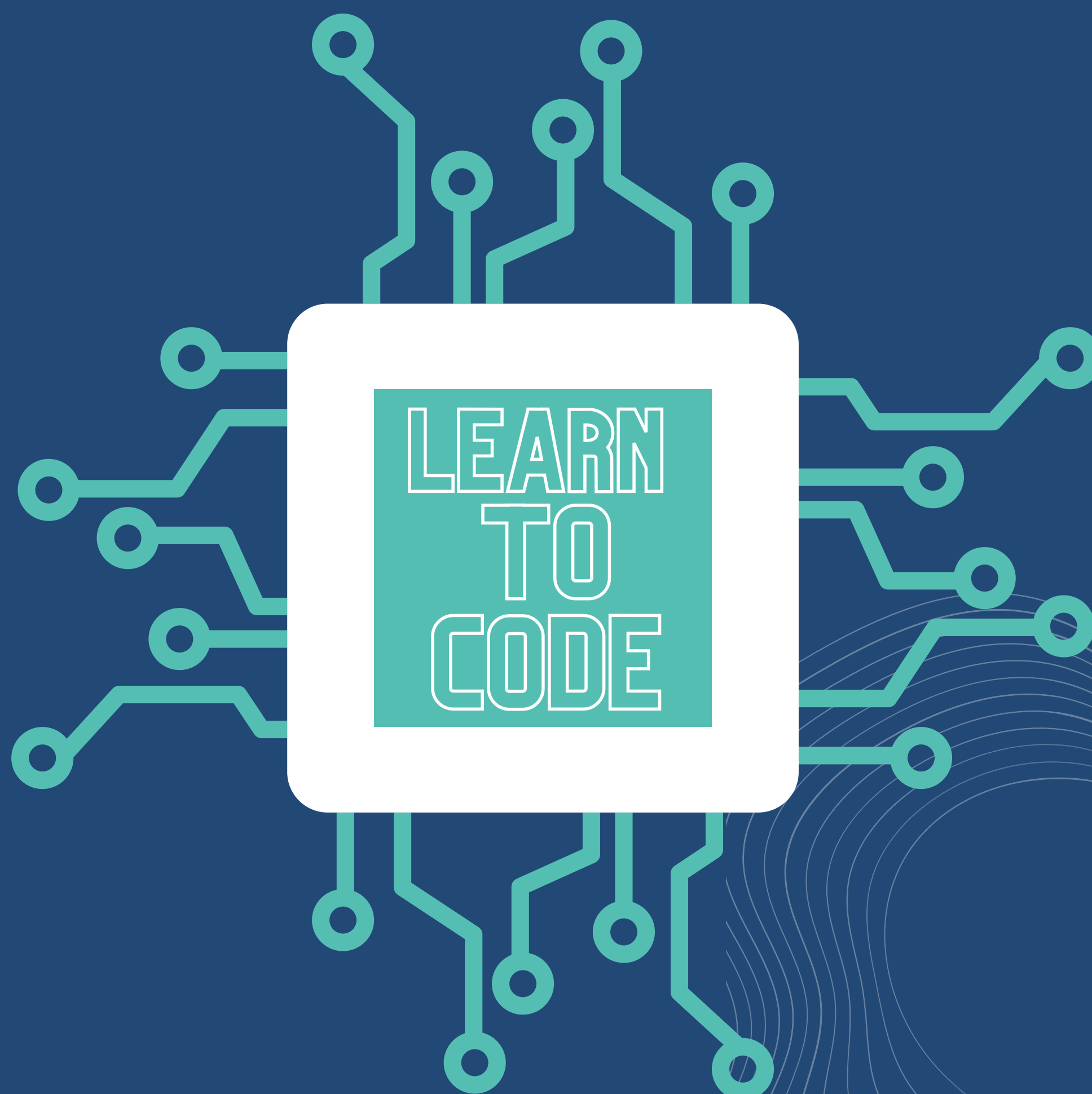
2 SESSIONS, TUESDAYS

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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

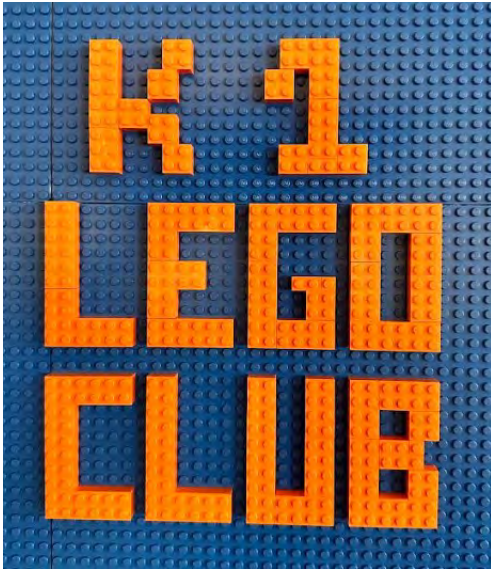
Session I ☐ Session II ☐ Session I and II ☐

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



Questions? [lruberg@olvisitation.org](mailto: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!**







## Join us for a Family Sunday Feast



Join us to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord! The goal of this new event is to bring families together for a potluck brunch after a Sunday Mass to celebrate a liturgical feast with community, food, and activities for children of all ages. We'll provide coffee & juice and ask that each family bring a food item to share.



**Date: Sunday, January 7**  
**Time: after the 9:30 am Mass**  
**Location: St Joseph (Hospitality Room)**



**RSVP**  
BY JAN 3

Questions? Michael Bissonnette  
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