

Important Dates:

12/20 Out of Uniform, PJ Day - \$1
12/21 Out of Uniform, green/red - free
12/22-1/3..... Christmas Break
1/4 School Resumes
1/16 MLK Day, No School
1/29-2/4..... Catholic Schools Week
1/30 Teacher In-service, No School

K-8 Absent/Tardy347-2231
Preschool Absent347-4450
Early Dismissal.....note to teacher
Aftercare371-0371

AUG'S BLOG

Visitation Families,

This is the third week of Advent, a time for rejoicing! Susie Gibbons, Superintendent, shared this prayer with principals this week:

*There will come a day when joy takes over our world
because God will be so much a part of every person.
God will take over our hearts and lead us
to heal instead of to wound,
to care for others more than ourselves.*

*Lord, give us Your gentle patience
with ourselves and with each other
as we celebrate during this time of rejoicing.
Keep our hearts turned toward You
so that we may share Your warmth and love with others.*

I hope over the next 11 days, you find time to get closer to God so that you, too, may find true joy!

Please pray for our kindergarten friend, Cece Sharp. Cece and her family are heading to Seattle next week for some treatment. This is sooner than expected. Please keep CeCe, her family and caregivers in your prayers. In addition, please pray for several families who lost a grandparent, uncle or loved one in the last week or so.

- **Dec. 14th Parish Reconciliation 6:00 p.m. in the evening**
- **Dec. 20th EGO sponsors a Christmas movie during the day, students wear PJ's for \$1**
- **Dec. 21st Christmas Parties at the end of the day, students may wear red/green**
- **Dec. 22nd Christmas Break Begins- No School**

7th grade parents- The Camp Joy dates are April 17, 18, and 19. The retreat will be held after students return. As a reminder, Santa may want to bring students some items for this overnight (sleeping bag, waterproof boots, overnight bag, etc.)

The National Eucharistic Revival is coming soon! Archbishop Schnurr is inviting ALL Catholics through their parishes and schools to grow in our understanding and devotion to the Eucharist. The Archbishop has provided for a great and easy way to help our students and faculty grow in meeting Christ in the Eucharist through a series of videos explaining the mass. This will be a six-week study beginning the week of Sunday, January 8 and concluding the week of Sunday, February 12. Our 6th thru 8th graders will be taking part in the program. The content of the study will be the excellent video series "The Mass" from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday, the Archbishop will email all participants the 25-minute episode along with his own brief insights. Individuals can view the study at their own pace, on their own time, over the course of the week to invigorate their love for Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. You may sign up to receive the emails at <https://catholicaoc.org/themass> This may be just what your family needs to recommit to attending mass.

This Sunday, make sure you point out to your children that all four candles on the Advent Wreath will be lit!

Blessings,

Spely M. Aug

COOK'S CURRICULUM CORNER

'Tis the season! Sometimes you just need to take a break from your normal curriculum to get into the holiday spirit...with a good old fashioned STEM challenge! Later this week, fifth grade engineers will review the principles of the engineering design process they have learned this year to conquer the Annual 5th Grade Peppermint Challenge! Using various materials, such as mini and large marshmallows, popsicle sticks, spaghetti, index cards, gum drop candies, toothpicks and one foot of tape, students will attempt to build the tallest, STRONGEST, free-standing tower with a platform at the top that will be able to support three peppermint candies stacked on top of each other without falling off! Engineering teams will put their heads together to use what they know about structures and support systems as well as their endless creativity to carefully construct the winning tower that meets all the criteria! Engineering elves unite!

Many of us would definitely admit that we spend a lot of time distracted by social media, text messages, and online shopping. Most of our students would admit the same as well. Try downloading the app *Freedom-Block Distractions* to help yourself and children be more present and stay focused on the task at hand. The app enables you to block social media, text messages, apps, and online shopping platforms. The user simply chooses which content should be blocked as well as the amount of desired time to block them.

There will be no peer tutoring Tuesday, December 20th.

HOT LUNCH / SEPTEMBER CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS – by Leslee House, Business

Manager: The electronic Hot Lunch program was put in place to make life easier for our school parents and our cafeteria personnel. Sorry to say, that the program presented challenges right out of the gate. Each and every parent who used a credit card probably encountered a snafu of some sort when trying to submit an order. It has been brought to my attention that when our credit card processing account was originally set up, by the merchant processor, it was done so incorrectly. (This was not an error by Hot Lunch.) As such, Hot Lunch credit card transactions submitted between September 1 - September 21, 2022 did not “settle”. Meaning customer credit cards were not charged and Our Lady of the Visitation did not receive payment for those Hot Lunch transactions. (This situation does not include or involve E-check payments.) Hot Lunch purchases made with a credit card, after September 21, 2022, have processed correctly.

Please be advised that the merchant processor will be resubmitting the credit card transactions that did not settle during the time period September 1 – September 21, 2022. If you see one or more transactions, come through, keep in mind that you may have had more than one Hot Lunch transaction during the September 1 – September 21, 2022, time period.

I apologize for this inconvenience. If upon review of your credit card statements, you feel that this amount is being charged in error or could be a duplicate charge please contact me (513) 922-2056 or via email Lhouse@olvisitation.org.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through this situation.

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

EGO OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

MERRY CHRISTMAS from EGO! The 8th Grade will be sponsoring some activities to spread some Christmas cheer.

TUESDAY, Dec. 20th is a paid out-of-uniform day. The theme is COZY CHRISTMAS PJ DAY. If students pay \$1.00, they may come out-of-uniform and wear comfy pajamas (no slippers allowed). Also, all students will also be treated to the 2018 animated Christmas movie, THE GRINCH. Snacks and water will be generously provided by our PTO!

WEDNESDAY, Dec 21st is a free out-of-uniform day. The theme is HAPPY HOLIDAYS. Students may come out-of-uniform and wear holiday themed clothing (ex: Christmas shirts, hats, antlers, or simply Christmas colors- red or green). **NO. PJ's are allowed today!** Since this is a MASS day, absolutely no accessories may be worn to mass.

ALL USUAL OUT OF UNIFORM RULES APPLY

LAROSA'S BUDDY CARDS

Buddy cards will be going home today. Please check your student's backpack for the red envelope. Thanks again to all that participated in this great fundraiser for our school!

FINANCIAL AID 2023-24 INFORMATION

Applications for financial aid are available online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Please find at the end of this newsletter a document containing information on financial aid available for the 2023-24 school year. Also, attached is information regarding the Catholic Education Fund. One application can be made for financial aid available. **Do not delay! Apply today!** Questions, please call Patty or Leslee in the Parish Office, 922-2056.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (CEF) NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is now a certified SGO - Scholarship Granting Organization! Ohio taxpayers who donate to an SGO may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). See the attached flyer for details.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria still needs more parent volunteers to serve lunch. Serving time is 10:30-1:30. Must be Safe Parish trained and updated. Please go to the signup genius link and as always thank you for your support and time. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DA4AE2CA7FC1-cafeteria>

CUB SCOUTS

Please see the attached flyer about the Cub Scouts Snowball Fight on December 16th.

8th GRADE PARENTS

There are two scholarship opportunities for 8th graders. The Justin and Rita Weber Scholarship and the Aubrey Rose Foundation (ARF) Scholarship. The Weber Scholarship is due Jan. 20th.

Information was sent home with students and is attached. The ARF Scholarship is due Jan. 28th:

<https://aubreyrose.org/scholarships/>.

PTO and SPIRITWEAR

Christmas Collection for Specials: PTO is taking up a collection for our Specials Teachers and Staff to let them know how much we appreciate them and all they do for our children! Donations are strictly voluntary, but would be greatly appreciated and will be personalized with Family Names of all who donated this year. All gifts will be given on Wednesday, December 21st.

<https://visipto.square.site/>

Homeroom representatives will be collecting separately for classroom teachers.

Spiritwear: You can shop online at visispiritwear.weebly.com. Any questions, please contact Nikki Niemann at 513-379-8478

VAC

1/19 - VAC Meeting - 8:00PM - Pavilion

SERVICE PROJECT - Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling: Our Covenant Partner, St. Leo the Great, is always in need of items to help fulfill their increasing needs at their Food Pantry. The Pantry is in need of some specific items. We are asking for the volleyball, basketball and wrestling teams to collect some of the items listed until December 20. There will be a box in the MPR, box in the AUD on the stage and one in front of the MAIN OFFICE during the next few weeks. Thanks for helping out St. Leo's Pantry!

SPRING SPORTS SIGNUPS

Girls Softball: Calling all ladies from Pre-K - 8th grade!!! Are you interested in joining a team sport where one can get dirty - yes, the game is all about getting dirty! How many sports can say that getting dirty is a key element to the game. We are looking for all ladies that are looking to have fun between April and June. Softball also works around other sports such as soccer to provide the best experience for you. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. So register today to have fun!!!

Boys Volleyball: Signups for Boys Volleyball are now open for boys in grades 3-8! Boys Volleyball is a fantastic spring sport opportunity, as there is no possibility of rain delays or rain outs, the season is complete by mid-May and does not interfere with your summer, and the games are held later in the day to allow boys to also participate in other spring sports. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. Signups will be open through January 20th. Evaluations will take place in early February, with more information to follow.

Baseball:

8U - 14U: 11/29/22 - 1/6/2023 (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

5U, 7U & 15U: 11/29/22 - 2/28/2023: (Late Registrations will be placed on a Waiting List and cannot be guaranteed a spot on a team)

Please see the baseball home page at [vacsports.com](https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports) [Baseball \(bluesombrero.com\)](https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports) for all important dates and information regarding the 2023 Season. We also have multiple opportunities to volunteer in leadership roles within the program, so please consider those opportunities while registering your players. Please note that all volunteers must undergo Safe Parish training and certification.

Track and Field: Signups are now open for boys and girls K through 8th grade. Fees includes meet fees and uniform (t-shirt). With the variable weather during track season, there will again be an option for a hooded sweatshirt (heads up, they do run small). Practices are 1-2 times weekly. Track meets are on Saturdays starting in late March and run through early May. Coaches are always needed across all levels. Please consider volunteering. Please log into <https://sports.bluesombrero.com/vacsports> to register. If any questions or to volunteer, please contact Lee Reynolds at lreynolds@beaconortho.com.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Seton High School: Future Seton Saints and Grads are invited to *Alumnae and Grade School Basketball Night* on January 4 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for games, activities, prizes, and cheer on the Basketball Saints to victory! The Varsity Dance Team will perform, the Spirit Shop will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and all Future Saints and Alumnae will be entered into a raffle to win Seton swag!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Playground Upper lot	Playground Lower lot	Lunchroom (wiping tables)	Cafeteria (food service)
12/19	M	Lori Macke Jayne Laake	Lindsev Krause April Rischmann	Emilv McKenna Theresa Marzhauser	Bob Johnson Jennifer Leisgang Jessica Burdette
12/20	T	Kate Raterman Danielle Hartoin	Dan Kaiser Andrea Griffith	Johnna Rowe Angela Graman	Sue Stautberg Kate Raterman
12/21	W	Erin Viltro	Kristina Kelley Renae Fishburn	Leigh Ann Boehmer Amy Faillace	Brandon Ranier Jenna Erhart Jessica Burdette
12/22	Th	No School			
12/23	F	No School			

LUNCH MENU FOR DECEMBER 19-23

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
-Chicken Patty -Seasoned Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger -Fries -Pickles -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	- La Rosa’s Pizza (1 Slice) Cheese or Pepperoni -Fruit -Vegetable -Milk	CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS ENJOY!	MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!
A La Carte				
-Chicken Patty	-Hamburger or Cheeseburger	-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.

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>. You may order daily until 8:00 a.m. 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: 347-2231
Preschool: 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.

Financial Aid Information

Applications for financial aid are available online at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>

A \$35 fee will be charged by FACTS when the application is filed

Questions?

Call Patty Becker in the Parish Office, 513.922.2056.

Catholic Education Foundation/Archdiocese of Cincinnati

The Catholic Education Foundation funded by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati offers tuition assistance grants. All K-8 grade grants funded by the CEF will be awarded based upon the assessed financial need of our families, performed by a third-party company which will examine a family's income and suggest a level of need. Application is made through FACTS. All schools have been linked to the account of the Archdiocese.

Your application will automatically be reviewed by the Archdiocese as long as your completed application is submitted by the deadline. Deadline date to be announced soon.

Typically at the end of Catholic Schools Week.

Grant Amount: The grant amount is determined on the number of eligible applications received yearly. The maximum awarded for the 22/23 school year for Visitation was \$1,200 per student.

Annual Applications: These grants must be applied for annually, and will be awarded without distinguishing between families based upon religion.

OLV Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available to qualifying families for the **2023-2024** school year with documented history of monetary support and participation in the life of the parish. In order to receive Financial Aid a family **MUST** apply through FACTS. A family will not be considered or awarded aid if an application with FACTS has not been filed or is incomplete.

If a financial crisis occurs during the course of a school year, parents will have an opportunity to request financial assistance by contacting the Business Manager and completing the application process.

The parish cannot meet all the requests for financial aid, but attempts to assist as many families as possible with the resources available.

Reminder: Families applying for aid from OLV need to submit 2021 Tax Returns and W-2's

A financial aid award will not be made until this information is provided. There are no exceptions to this requirement.

Families receiving financial assistance are required to be an active parishioner and volunteer at least 20 hours per year. Those not receiving financial assistance are requested to volunteer at least six hours per year.

Who is considered a participating parishioner? It is important to remind our school families that to be considered a ***participating parishioner***, eligible to apply for and possibly receive financial aid and receive the parishioner rate for tuition, a parishioner must:

- participate in the faith life of the Parish by regular attendance at Mass
- participate in the community life of the Parish by volunteering time and talents in ministries and organizations as able
- financially support the Parish on a regular, ongoing basis in addition to tuition

Catholic School Supporters May Be Eligible for an Ohio Tax Credit!



The State of Ohio has passed a bill that allows a tax credit for qualified donations to a certified Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly).

See section 5747.73 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO).

In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, the CEF-SGO will provide scholarships (based on financial need) to students in grades K-12 in the Catholic schools of our Archdiocese.

Your donation can be designated to benefit a specific school(s).

Gifts that are not designated to a particular school will be available to families with the greatest need across our Archdiocese.

Consult with your tax advisor to determine:

(1) your eligibility for the state tax credit, (2) its value to you, and (3) the details of your gift.



PLEASE NOTE: According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer would need to make their own \$750 contribution to claim the maximum of \$1,500. Separate acknowledgement letters will be provided for documentation of your gifts.

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO

To make your gift online



Questions? Want to learn more?

CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO
Or email SGO@CatholicAOC.org.

Donate By Mail

Use the Form on Back and mail to:

Catholic Education Foundation – SGO
100 E. Eighth St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202





CATHOLIC
Education Foundation
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

DONOR

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

CONTRIBUTION

Please allocate my gift:

To the Greatest Need \$ _____

To the school(s) of my choice. The school's name and city are:

• _____ \$ _____

• _____ \$ _____

Please do not share my name with the school(s) that I selected.

Total Gift \$ _____

GIFT INFORMATION

Your check can be made payable to **CEF-SGO** and mailed with this form to:

Catholic Education Foundation - SGO

100 East Eighth Street

Cincinnati, OH 45202

QUESTIONS?

The Stewardship Department for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is providing donation processing services for the Catholic Education Foundation. If you have questions about your donation, please contact the Stewardship Department at Stewardship@CatholicAOC.org or (513) 263.3345.

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 2023-2024 Tuition Assistance Grants



The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will once again be able to offer over \$2 million in tuition assistance grants for the 2023-2024 school year.

Families of elementary students (K-8) May apply for needs-based assistance between now and February 3, 2023.

Please visit www.CatholicBestChoice.org for more details and instructions on how to apply.



CATHOLIC
Education Foundation
The Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Cub Scout PACK 238

Snowball Fight!

Cub Scout families are invited to join
us for the December pack event

DECEMBER 16, 2022

6:00 – 8:00PM

OLV OLD GYM

PLEASE BRING:

Your homemade cardboard shield

NEW, packaged socks for donation to St. Leo's Parish

A salty or sweet snack to share

For questions, call Kate Raterman (513-225-6481)
or Jayne Lake (513-593-4465).

Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

The Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship was created in memory of the lives of Justin and Rita Weber, founding members of Our Lady of the Visitation Parish and one of the first couples to be married by Father Leonard Vonderbrink, the Parish's first Pastor. Justin and Rita raised ten children, all of whom attended Our Lady of the Visitation School. After grade school the children all attended Catholic high schools. Justin and Rita volunteered many hours of their time to numerous parish and school organizations while raising their family. They raised their family with Christian values and made the necessary sacrifices to assure their children had the benefit of a Catholic education. It is in recognition of these sacrifices that the family of Justin & Rita has established a scholarship to financially assist a Visitation student who desires to continue his or her Catholic education at a local parochial high school.



Justin and Rita Weber

Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

Application

Award Will Be Given: To one 8th grade student of Our Lady of Visitation School enrolling at a parochial high school in the Cincinnati area.

Deadline: Applications must be submitted by January 20th, 2023.

Criteria: The applicant must graduate from Our Lady of Visitation in spring of 2023 and attend a parochial high school in the Cincinnati area in the fall of 2023. He or she will need to have a grade average for the 7th and 8th grade years of C+ or better. There will be one \$1500 scholarship awarded and credited to the winner's tuition for the 9th grade and sent directly to his/her high school. Completed applications shall be submitted to the OLV school office. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. As part of the application, applicants shall create and submit a 2 to 3 paragraph essay. The topic of the essay is "**Describe how your practice of the Catholic Faith has been strengthened and influenced by your family**". Applicants may share an experience, tradition, situation or anything that has involved both their family and their faith. It is important that the essay be neat, legible and checked for both grammar and spelling. If the applicant would want to type or print the essay on a separate sheet of paper, that is acceptable. Please place your completed application (unstapled and your name only on the first page) in an envelope clearly marked with "Justin and Rita Weber Family Scholarship Application" and submit it to the school office by January 20th, 2023.

Applicant's name:

Applicant's Homeroom Teacher:

Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

Application

Grades attended at a Catholic School: _____

High school attending next year: _____

List recent activities you have participated in that you would like us to know about:

Describe your plans for the future:

Justin & Rita Weber Family Scholarship

Application

In a 2-3 paragraph essay, "Describe how your practice of the Catholic Faith has been strengthened and influenced by your family". You may use the form below or type or print the essay on a separate sheet of paper.

SERVICE PROJECT

Basketball, Volleyball and Wrestling

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SHAMPOO

CONDITIONER

MOUTHWASH

LOTION

TOOTHBRUSHES

MANWICH

CEREAL (8oz-12oz BOXES)

BABY WIPES

SIZE 5-6 DIAPERS

