



# C.A.R.E. News

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## **Our Lady of Grace Catholic School**

*this week's Q&A's*

Mr. Mike Johnson, principal of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School, continues his efforts to prepare Our Lady of Grace to open this coming fall. Once again, Mr. Johnson also takes time to answer questions you have posted on the C.A.R.E. News web site.

**Q:** Why is OLG accepting vouchers? Are they held to the same conduct standards? What percent of kids are on vouchers?

**A:** OLG accepts private students who will not only enhance and make better our school community but will also find it personally rewarding and challenging. Some of our private students do qualify for EdChoice Scholarships. We have met with each new student, and their parents, in grades 3-8 ("new students" being those students not in a covenant parish school last year).

All new students to OLG will be held to the same high standards affirmed by each of our covenant parish schools. Private students account for about 12% of the OLG population. The only distinctions we make in our enrollment is "private" (students who are from families not registered in one of the covenant parishes) and "parishioner".

The covenant parishes support OLG as the school serves not only parishioners but also the greater community. Education is a ministry of the Church and our acceptance of this ministry calls us to serve well our parishioners while at the same time providing the greater community access to a high quality, values based educational environment.

**Q:** Do we know who the music teacher will be at OLG?

**A:** We have been involved in interviews for the Music teacher. The candidates have been great and we told them we would be extending an offer next Monday.

**Q:** Will there be a paper or something to tell you all the kids' names in the school so our kids can know their names?

**A:** Yes, we will be producing a family handbook for all those families interested in being included and all students will be wearing name tags. Getting to know each other will be a fun and important part of our initial work together. [ see Movie Night & Social Night below ]

**Q:** Last year, our school was enrolled in Target Stores Take Charge of Education and the school received benefit from this. Is OLG also going to enroll in this program? Those who are currently enrolled have received or will receive a letter that states we need to select a new school.

**A:** We are working to establish the list of the various programs right now. The Target program will be included and we will put forth a plan with regards to these funding opportunities. The new number for people to have the Target rewards to go to OLG is 148593.

**Q:** First of all I'd like to say that I love the new OLG website. It's looking great so far! My question is about kindergarten assessments. We were told that we would be contacted to schedule a time for our daughter to

come into school over the summer for an assessment. We haven't heard from anyone yet. Is this still in the plans? And if so when will these assessments be scheduled?

A: Yes, these assessments will be occurring and we have them scheduled but our not announcing them yet has everything to do with waiting to get a better idea of whether or not we will have our Kindergarten classrooms to work in or not. Ideally we are in our rooms doing the assessments as this affords us more material to work with. We will be announcing dates within the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience!

Q: Why blue instead of khaki pants?

A: The Education Commission and the Uniform Committee chose to consider uniform selection in light of the total image of the school. Our school colors being light blue and dark blue guided them in the selection of the plaid for jumpers and skirts as well as in the selection of dark blue pants for the boys. Both the girls and boys have the option of wearing our school colors in their uniform (the girls through the plaid and the boys through the pant color and the option of wearing the light blue shirt). Both our school colors and uniforms are a source of pride and we wish to support this pride through consistent use of the colors.

Q: We did not get our plaid uniform items prior to July 4, what should we do?

A: We have been told that uniform orders placed prior to July 4 will be delivered prior to the beginning of the school year. After July 4 that guarantee is not there. Order as soon as you can so that there is a greater likelihood of having them by the first day of school.

Q: Can you please post the supply list on the web page?

A: Yes, we will get the supply list on the CARE News web site in the next couple of days.

*Hope to see you ...*

#### Movie Night

July 17, 2008 - Assumption Parish Center - Grades K through 3

Doors open at 5:30 / Movie starts at 6:00

Pick up dinner at your favorite drive thru and settle in for a great movie!!

Students should come dressed in their pjs!!!

Bring a pillow and/or sleeping bag if you like!!

Students must be accompanied by at least one parent!

Contact: Cassie Smith 607-1113, [casslynn@zoomtown.com](mailto:casslynn@zoomtown.com)

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#### Social Night

July 18, 2008 - Little Flower Parish Center - Open to students in grades 7 and 8

8:30PM 11:00PM

Get ready for a night of socializing with your classmates.

We are asking for the boys to bring one 2 liter of pop and the girls to bring a bag of snacks to share.

Students must be accompanied by at least one parent!

Contact: Sharon Kauffman 522-8180, [jnskau@fuse.net](mailto:jnskau@fuse.net)

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*Mr. Johnson will continue to keep parents & parishioners updated throughout the summer using the C.A.R.E. News web site ([www.carenews.org](http://www.carenews.org)) and the C.A.R.E. News email.*

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