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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: This has probably been asked and answered already, but I wanted to know if and when there will be an open house or walk through for the students before the first day of school?

A: August 24 (Sunday) we will have an open house for students and parents to come through the building and get acquainted with the space. We would love to have that earlier but given the preparations I doubt we will be ready much before that date (if we are, we will let you know).

Q: I am very happy to see the weekly Q&A newsletters, but I am a little surprised that now that we are getting into the sport seasons, there is no school sport information. I am not seeing anything in the Q&A newsletters or the CARE News website about upcoming sporting events and/or coaches and other information. Can someone point me in the right direction; so that my family can make sure that we are not caught off guard when an event is suppose to happen?

A: This has been brought to the attention of the Boosters and we will work at ensuring their link on <http://www.olgcs.org/homeAthletics.htm> will be kept updated with the latest information.

Q: I like the idea of name tags. Will they be pin on, clip on, or around the neck? In the past we have had a problem with pin on tags leaving holes in clothes.

A: The name tags will be clip on.

Q: Your last update regarding buses mentioned that we should make sure to fill out a transportation request form. Is this something we have to do if we had a bus last year?

Q: How do we get the transportation forms from our school districts for the busing?

A: We have the various transportation forms in the office here at OLG. You can feel free to stop in and get one.

- If you live in the Cincinnati Public School district everyone needs to complete a transportation form. Their transportation department number is 363-0330.

- Mt. Healthy asks that you fill out a form to ensure proper contact information. They will send you a transportation card even if you have not submitted the transportation form but they will expect that you submit a completed one. Their transportation department number is 728-4986.

- If you live in the Northwest School district only parents wanting to have their child(ren) picked up or dropped off at an address other than their home residence will need to fill out a form. Their transportation department number is 825-4600.

Q: In response to your statement in the last Q&A regarding completing a transportation request form for bus service, I contacted Northwest School District transportation since I was unaware to which form you were referring. I was told a form only needs to be completed if a child needs to be picked up or dropped off somewhere other than his/her home (for example, day care provider). More importantly I was told I definitely will have bus service which is a tremendous relief! I think it would be of great service on your part to inform parents living in the Northwest School District they can call the Transportation office now and find out if they have bus service as opposed to waiting until a week before school starts to see if their child receives a bus card. A week before school starts is too late to scramble and find transportation if a bus card is not received.

A: Thanks for the feedback. We have noted phone numbers for transportation offices above. We have four districts feeding into OLG and each uses the transportation form differently (Northwest has the most relaxed policy of the districts providing us busing). We do use it at OLG to help with organization so we will continue to include it in the registration packets. The form, whether the district requires it or not, provides us a back up to ensure that the transportation offices of each district are aware of who is enrolled at OLG from their district.

Q: When will we be hearing about the school buses? Will there be door pick up or will we have to provide transportation to our local school property?

A: The busing card you will receive in the mail will note the drop off and pick up locations. Unless your home is somehow an outlier within the district they will pick your child(ren) up near home. If you are an outlier, they will inform you of the route that would be required to transport your son/daughter.

Q: The school directory page on the Archdiocese website

<http://www.valuesforalifetime.com/schoolDirectory.php> indicates that Assumption and Little Flower schools are closed but that St. Ann School has been renamed to Our Lady of Grace Catholic School. We were told that all 3 schools were closing and that Our Lady of Grace was a new school. Shouldn't the Archdiocese information indicate that all 3 schools closed and that Our Lady of Grace is a regional school?

A: I have spoken with the Archdiocese about this and they have updated their web pages regarding OLG and the covenant parishes. The wording represents all four schools having been closed and any links to the four schools will point to OLG. There will be an explanation of the covenant parishes noted on the OLG listings. The number of students attending OLG will continue to be inaccurate until the Archdiocese goes in to officially update enrollment. Our numbers will end up being between 700-725 (not the 336 students noted on the web).

Q: I saw on OLG's website that Tim Clifford is the new business manager. Will he continue to be St. Ann's business manager? Who will be the independent auditor for OLG's finances?

A: Yes, Tim Clifford is functioning as the point person for the business managers. That said, the business managers continue to collaborate on the finances of OLG. Besides this collaboration, we will be putting together a finance committee for OLG. This group will be a subcommittee of the Education Commission.

Q: Where do we go to get uniforms and what exactly do we need to get?

A: You can go to www.carenews.org and on the right menu bar you will find the uniform code and fitting / purchase information.

Q: Can we still get uniform fittings at Schoolbelles for the girls skirts?

A: Yes, you can go to either their Blue Ash (921-3417) or Western Hills (451-1888) stores. You will want to do this ASAP for the best chance of having plaid items by the first day of school.

Q: Does OLG have a school number for Lands End? I want to order school shirts from them and they have a school promotion program.

A: Yes, we do! It is 9001-2930-5. When you order online or through the catalogue let them know that number and OLG will get 3%.

Q: For Our Lady of Grace entrance hall?

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen, but ever present teacher in its classes.

He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

A: This statement is a common one and comes from the USCCB. We will have it posted at OLG. Thanks.

Hope to see you at our gatherings!

OLG Night at The Skatin' Place

August 20, 2008 Grades 5 - 8

August 21, 2008 Grades K - 4

Both events start at 6:30PM and end at 9:00PM

Admission Price \$3.50

Students must be accompanied by at least one parent.

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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) and the C.A.R.E. News email.

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