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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: When will school be starting?

A: We will begin school on Tuesday, 8/26.

Q: What time will school be starting and what time will it be ending?

A: School begins at 8:00AM and ends at 3:00PM.

Q: When will we find out our children's class schedule and who their teachers are going to be?

A: We will post schedules at school (in the windows near the blue awning) on Monday 8/18.

Q: OLG summer office hours are listed as between 9 and 3pm. Since both of us work it is very difficult to get to school between those hours and we need to pick up our packet. Now that school is getting closer to starting are the hours extended?

A: There are people in the building now until at least 4:30PM. If you call we may be able to accommodate a later time (especially on Mondays).

Q: Where are the packets that were distributed last week?

A: While we intended to bring them back to school, the pastors have requested that they stay in the parishes and be put out again this weekend for parishioners to pick up. We will send any uncollected packets home the first day of school.

Q: Thank you for publishing the handbook for review, but I noticed a few errors, i.e., the wrong zip code on front cover, as well as some capitalization, spelling and grammar errors. Can these be corrected?

A: Thank you for voicing your concern. To remedy the situation we are correcting the errors in the handbook and posting the corrected version to the website. We are also going to pull the handbooks we have in packets that have not yet been picked up and replace those as well.

Q: My CPS bus card says that my child will leave school at 2:45PM. I thought we had a 3:00PM dismissal?



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A: Thanks for this information. I contacted CPS and they let me know that the confusion was in their communication with Peterman. CPS is clarifying our start time with the bus company but you will not get a new bus card in the mail until about two weeks after school begins.

Q: Our bus card noted that our pick up time was 7:48 AM. I don't think our kids will be to school on time!

A: During the first few days (and actually the first two weeks) the bus companies and districts will be revising their routes according to their actual arrival and departure times. We will be flexible at school as we work with the districts and bus companies.

Q: Two years ago, we moved out from the Little Flower district, but continued to attend LF, and received bus service. I have heard that since we are "outliers" that we will probably not get bus service. There are quite a few "outliers" out this way. I know the bus situation is difficult, but if you have any influence, we would greatly appreciate it.

A: We should begin to hear over the next week about bus routing. If you are in Northwest's district you will most likely be okay. Typically "outliers" refer to people who live out on the fringes of the district. It is not necessarily determined by proximity to the school.

Q: I live in the Cincinnati school district. Will I have bus service? Or whom shall I call to find out?

A: CPS has sent us busing information (although we have not yet received it in the mail). You will receive a bus card within the next week and a half. We will probably know before you so feel free to call school and we can check.

Q: On the supply list, several of the grades are required to purchase a Recorder. I discovered that Target sells them in the toy department, and they look to be similar to what we've used in the past at school. Is it OK to purchase at Target? Price was under \$3.00.

A: At this point I would like to ask that we purchase the recorder through school simply because we are in the process of hiring our music teacher and I do not have them to ask.

Q: What happens if the girl's jumpers that I ordered are not received in time for the first day of school?

A: They can wear the uniform shorts to school until the jumper comes in.

Q: At Assumption the uniform was pretty close to what we have at OLG. I have quite a few items that my children have outgrown and still fall within the uniform policy of OLG. (both boys and girls navy pants and boys polo type shirts) Is there a way to maybe sell or get these items to other families that need them?

A: A uniform resale is a great idea. I don't know when and where this would happen this year but if someone is interested in coordinating it they may want to get in touch with the PTO.

Q: As I was reviewing the Student Handbook that we received at church today, I noticed a section under Dress Code of items not permitted. Item 10 states hair styles that cover the collar of the shirt (in the back) are not permitted. I am hoping that this rule applies to only the boys. Could you please clarify?

A: Yes, for the boys. Sorry about the confusion.

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.

NOTE: If you missed any of the C.A.R.E. News weekly Q&A emails, you can always access them at <http://www.carenews.org/QandA.htm>

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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