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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: I still haven't heard for sure about the bus schedule and school starts in 12 days. I live in the Northwest school district. You stated in your last letter that if you live in the Northwest school district you should receive bussing. Every time I call and ask they say they are working on it and told me they didn't think I would have a bus. How can I find out for sure?

A: Please send an e-mail with your name and address to dcytraus@olgcs.org if you have not received word regarding your busing.

Q: According to the handbook the students cannot be dropped off until 7:45am. However in the April 9th newsletter it was stated that the gym would open up at 7:30am for early arrivals and the teachers would take the students at 7:45am. There have been some people who have adjusted work schedules based on what was stated on April 9th. Which one is correct?

A: We are going to be prepared to accept students not enrolled in Before School Care at 7:30AM. As we have stated, it is impossible for us to make plans and determinations about how we manage this situation until we actually see what we have. We need people to drop off their children as close to 7:45-7:55AM as possible.

Q: Where is drop off for latch key in the morning? Do we need to sign our children in? I believe latch key is in the gym? The info I received said pick up is in the latch key office where is that? Also, are snacks available for sale at latch key? Do we need to send cash for that or is that included in the latch key bill?

A: Drop-off for Before and After School Care will happen at the breezeway between the gym and the church. You will enter those doors and turn to the left. At the hallway turn right. The BASC office will be on your right. You will need to sign your child in and out. There will be a light snack provided to the students.

Q: I believe we were to receive additional info concerning latchkey. When will that arrive?

A: If you are available on Sunday night, please stop in and see Kathy Smock to discuss any questions that you have. She will be in the office noted above.

Q: Is it still possible to sign up for after school care?

A: Yes. However, we will NOT be signing students up on the first day of school. Our Director's attention needs to be on the flow of her program so you need to sign up prior to Tuesday. Feel free to drop by the school office to pick up the paperwork.

Q: It may still be quite hot at the beginning of the school year. Are the students permitted to bring a water bottle?

A: Yes, we have discussed this as a faculty and while I believe this to be a classroom management issue and therefore under the purview of the teacher, everyone seemed to be in agreement that hydrating our students was an essential during the hot weather.

Q: On the first day of school will parents be permitted to accompany their children to their classrooms?

A: While we really understand your desire to do this, if everyone does it we will not have a spot in the lot. Please come Sunday night to the open house anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 to familiarize your child(ren) with the building. That said, if you absolutely can't overcome the urge to accompany your child into school you will need to park over in the rectory lot (to your right as you enter the campus). We will direct traffic to other parking locations as they become apparent to us. We will be posting an updated traffic flow on www.olgcs.org.

Q: I read in the packets that for lunch we will buy tickets. If you are planning to buy lunch the first week, how do you get your tickets? I am assuming that milk is a cash item? Are there other beverages like juice and /or water also available at lunch?

A: Send your child's money to school in an envelope marked "Lunch Money". Make sure your child's name and room number are noted as well as the number of lunches to be purchased (5, 10 or 20). The tickets will be delivered to your child's teacher prior to lunch. Milk is a cash item for packers. Juice and water are also available.

Q: Can you please list the prices of the supplies that need to be purchased at school? I'm referring to the Bible, School planner and the specific folder/notebook for the older grades. Do the kids have a time frame of when these need to be purchased?

A: The Bible is \$25.00. The planner is free. The 8 pocket folders are \$3.50.

Q: What part of the property will be used as the playground?

A: The lower lot.

Q: The handbook says that during recess periods students will be supervised by at least two faculty or staff members. If students have recess in their homeroom due to inclement weather, how will they be supervised? I have heard that some of the grades are separated by hallways and the walls of the classrooms create a barrier to adequate supervision also.

A: I can assure you that we will provide proper supervision of your child(ren) during in door recess. The grades that will be at recess together are close enough in proximity that we will be able to provide the needed supervision. There will be additional people available to assist with this.

Q: In the handbook it says you can have cell phones but they have to be turned off. Last year my son told me the kids in the class were texting during school and texting during tests. Will something be done to prevent this?

A: We will take their cell phones from them and you (their parent or guardian) are the only one we will return it to. We will not return it to your child with your permission, we need to hand it to you.

Hope to see you at our gatherings!

OLG Night at The Skatin' Place

August 21, 2008 Grades K - 4

Event starts 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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