

Lourdes Letter

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Lunch Schedule:

K-4: eat 11:24-11:44,
recess 11:44-12:04

5-8: recess 11:24-11:44,
eat 11:44-12:04

Dear OLOL Families,

As you know we had an Accreditation Team visit our school last week. Being accredited is extremely important to us and GRACE. It shows that we are following best practices and meeting the high standards that the Diocese has for us. The process started 2 years ago as the staff began looking at our school. We are accredited through the Wisconsin Religious and Independent School Accreditation (WRISA). WRISA has 4 domains and 75 benchmarks that we need to be evaluated on. We rate ourselves as advanced, proficient, needs improvement, or insufficient for each benchmark. We then need to provide artifacts that show why we rated ourselves the way we did.

The visiting accreditation team then spends 2-3 days looking at our artifacts and visiting our school to validate how we scored ourselves. These accreditation teams are made up of principals and teachers from around the state. The visits are extremely important to me as I can hear from outsiders what they think of our school during the exit interviews following the visit. The exit interview last week was a powerful and positive experience for me. Here are just a sample of what the team members said:

“I saw full-engaged students in meaningful learning activities every time I walked in a classroom.”

“The language programs here are the best I have seen anywhere.”

“I wish my school had your MAPS results.”

“Your website is awesome.”

“Detailed-minded and extremely efficient administrative assistant.”

“I love your music teacher and band. Sounded like a high school band.”

“Spirituality permeates from every classroom and corner of this school.”

“Wow, what a school!”

And this one is my favorite:

“If people had just a small inkling of what is happening at your school, you should be having a line of people trying to get in. The people of your community have no idea what they are missing.”

I wish all of you a happy Thanksgiving week-end. My Thanksgiving message is to place the gift of gratitude in your heart. We spend so much time, energy, and focus on our “pain points”. Those “pain points” are softened when we think about the “joyful points”. Every OLOL family and staff members have numerous things to be thankful for. This week-end should be spent reflecting on those and sharing them with others.

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted to take them with gratitude” - Gilbert Chesterton

The Lourdes Way
Jeffrey Young

Up Coming Dates:

Thur./Fri. Nov 22 & 23:
No school

Wed. Nov 28: Mass -3

Fri. Nov 30: Elementary
Release at 2:40

Popcorn

Thur. Dec 13: OLOL
Christmas Concert 6:30

**Discipline with Purpose
Winners**

Congratulations!

Austin Borys Nana Asiamah
Noah Hock Caroline Johnson
Tristan Rosek Miranda Jaecks
Anthony Nolle Charlie Ward

Thank you!



Mark your calendars!

Our Lady Of Lourdes School's
gently used shoe service
project/fundraiser. (boots, sandals,
tennis shoes, dress shoes, flip flops,
dance shoes, cleats, kids, men's, women's, etc.)



Our school will earn .40 cents per lb. Each family will receive a bag to fill
with 25 pairs of gently used shoes. Please tie the laced shoes together and
rubber band the shoes without laces. There will be a shoe collection box at
school.

When: December 3, 2018 - Feb 1, 2019

Shoes will go to under privileged countries as part of
our Catholic Schools Week service project. Thank you!

Questions: amyblevins@icloud.com



**Lunch/Playground
Volunteer Schedule**

Thur. Nov 22: No
School

Fri. Nov 23: No School

Mon. Nov 26: Elizabeth
Charles/Tami Linssen

Tues. Nov 27: Courtney
Janssen/Katie VerBoort

Wed. Nov 28: Moira
Kraft/Shawn Johnson

Please be at school from
11:20 until 12:15.

Thank you.

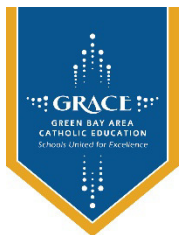
Parents!



The little bit of snow and cold weather we had last week
reminds us that it is time to inform you on what we do in the event of a
closing due to weather. OLOL follows the West DePere School District for all
school closings. Please look for WDP on your TV and apps. I will also alert
you through the Remind app and e-mail. Please contact the school office if
you need more information about the Remind app and how to sign-up.

Mission Statement

Our Lady of Lourdes, an educational ministry of the Roman Catholic Church,
promotes the development of lifelong learners and Christian leaders with a
strong tradition of faith, service, and academic excellence.



GRACE Employment Opportunities

Food Service Manager

St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking a Food Service Manager to oversee school-site food service operations. This position is a 5 day per week school year position (approximately 25 hours per week /42 weeks per year). Prior food service experience is preferred.

Applicants must complete a background check and VIRTUS training through the Green Bay Catholic Diocese.

Interested candidates please send resume to jhurley@gracesystem.org.

Teacher's Aide

Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for energetic individual to serve as an Early Childhood aide. This position is a 5 day per week school year position (approximately 15 hours per week /40 weeks per year). Work hours would be from 8:15-11:15 Monday-Friday.

The ideal candidate would possess the following skills:

- Love for children
- Ability to multi-task
- Collaborate with early childhood teacher
- Complete assigned tasks

Applicants must complete a background check and VIRTUS training through the Green Bay Catholic Diocese.

Interested candidates please send resume to jyoung@gracesystem.org.

Singers and musicians needed for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Mass

Singers from preschool age through great grandparents are welcome. No previous experience needed. Rehearsals are in the school music room on Monday nights 5:30 to 7:00 on November 26, December 3, 10, and 17, and Saturday, December 15 after the 4:30 Mass. We will have a quick bowl of soup and practice until 6:45. Music begins at 3:00 on Christmas Eve. You must participate in a minimum of three practices in order to sing for this Mass. To access the school music room, enter through the single door on the south side of the building, the music room is downstairs. To RSVP and for more information contact Miss Susan at proverbs3110@new.rr.com or 265-5210.

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Lourdes Letter Submissions

If you have an event or information that you would like published in the newsletter, please send it to Cindy Smits at csmits@gracesystem.org by Monday at 3:00 to be published in the following Wednesday Lourdes Letter.

We're on the Web! Be sure to check the School Calendar for upcoming dates

<http://www.lourdesdepere.org/school/>