



Our Lady of Grace Preschool's mission is to provide an academically rich, caring environment in which we can educate the whole child in the context of the Catholic faith.

Our Lady of Grace Preschool Newsletter October 17, 2021

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." [Revelations 1:8](#)

Mask Status for the Upcoming Week

Baltimore County's transmission rate is Orange-Substantial. **Masking is mandatory** this week at our school. Thank you for your partnership and vigilance to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community.

Flu Shot Clinic at OLG

No appointment needed for flu shots at OLG's Grace Hall on Wednesday, October 27, 3-6pm.

Trunk or Treat

Join us for [Trunk or Treat](#) on Friday, October 29th. The parking spaces are filled! However, you're welcome to come and walk with your student and enjoy the costumes.

Virtual Farmyard Field Trip

During the week of October 18th OLGP students will enjoy a virtual field trip with the Farmyard. The Farmyard will drop off a pumpkin for each child to "pick" at our school. They will also provide a pumpkin for each classroom to explore. The Farmyard will provide a book and a craft for each teacher to implement with her class. They will also speak to the class via zoom to show them the animals that they have on the farm! Please complete the field trip permission

slip and provide the \$10 activity fee for your child. The activity fee may be paid by check or added to FACTS. Please let Sally know if you would like it to be added to your FACTS account.

[PreK2 Farmyard Permission Slip](#)

[PreK3 and PreK4 Permission Slip](#)

Message to Families

We are asking for the support and partnership of our parents and caregivers. We need you to actively monitor the health of your children and **all** household members, as well as anyone your child has had contact with. PLEASE do not expose members of the school community to a child who has been exposed to someone who is positive or is being tested for COVID, or who is exhibiting COVID-19, RSV, or Influenza symptoms. You have a critical role to play in preventing exposure and community spread by keeping your child home when sick or if they have been in contact with a family member or someone else who is currently sick. **If your child is home sick PLEASE notify school of the symptoms, their onset and any other pertinent information.** We must continue to remain vigilant and disciplined to maintain the progress that has been made to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other RSV infections. Our ability to continue providing in-person instruction to your children depends on your cooperation. Thank you for your support and partnership!

OLGP Virtual Christmas Bazaar

We need your help! We are asking you to prayerfully consider sponsoring our event by **donating an item or gift card** to our Virtual Silent Auction. We very much appreciate your consideration. Please complete the [donation form](#) and/or share with local businesses/individuals you may know who might be interested in donating. If you would like to donate please contact Sally Lake slake@ourladygrace.org or 410-329-6956

If you know a business that would help promote the event please ask Sally for a flyer or print one [here](#).

Your contribution makes a significant and meaningful impact on the preschool education of our children. Every contribution makes a difference in your world and in ours. Please consider giving today!

OLGP's Virtual Christmas Bazaar will be available from Friday November 26 - Friday December 3rd at www.32auctions.com/olgp2021 . All proceeds from the auction will benefit OLGP.

Help Wanted

Preschool Instructional Assistant: Part -time (22.5 hours/week).

- IA assists teachers in coordinating a classroom of active children.
- Performs a variety of activities that ensures the health and safety of the group.
- Reports to the teacher and the director.
- Assist the classroom teacher in performance of duties, including (but not limited to) attendance, collecting permission slips, executing daily activities with children, implementing lesson plans, bathroom breaks, transitioning the class to the playground, cleaning the classroom, disinfecting toys and materials, supervision of students, and individual, small and large group instruction.
- Provide direct support to children who need additional help.
- Assists in toilet training and diapering, as needed.
- Cleans and organizes the classroom every day.

Requirements

- 90 Hour MSDE Preschool Certified or AA degree in ECED
- Knowledge of growth process of children, activities that stimulate children and safety issues
- Skills in patience, positive reinforcement, communication and time management
- Ability to prioritize work, organize environment, react quickly and appropriately
- Must be supportive of Catholic education and Our Lady of Grace pre-school.

We currently have 2 Long-Term Substitutes filling in until the positions are filled. Ms. Marianne is helping in PreK2 and Ms. Debbie is helping in PreK3.

Emergency Form Updates

Please ensure that we have updated information in case of an emergency! Returning student's families should have received an email a few weeks ago with a scanned copy of the emergency form we have on file along with a request to review, update and return. If you prefer to fill in a new form or can't locate the email the link to a blank form is [here](#).

Food Allergies

If planning to send a classroom treat please be aware that in PreK3 there is a coconut and dairy allergy. In PreK4 there is a peanut and egg allergy. Please do not send any nut products to the PreK4 classroom. There are no food allergies in PreK2.

If your child has a food allergy , please send in a safe alternate "treat" for birthdays and celebrations.

Resources

[Balto. Co. Flu Shot Clinics](#)

[Child Tax Credit](#) website

[OLGP 2021-2022 School Year Calendar](#) for importing to Google Calendar

[OLGP Website Calendar](#)- for importing to iCalendar







[OLGP Parent/Guardian Handbook](#)

[MSDE P-12 School and Child Care Covid-19 Guidance](#)

[Teaching Catholic Kids](#) is an online resource that supports Catholic parents, teachers and catechists in their mission of educating young people in the Catholic faith.

[Maryland Messenger](#) Support for Families with Young Learners

Two Weeks At A Glance

17	18 Virtual Farmyard Field Trip 	19 Art Class w/ Ms. Jackie	20 STEM Enrichment	21 	22 Music Together 	23
24	25 	26 Art Class w/Ms. Jackie	27 Faculty Retreat OLGP Closed Flu Shot Clinic at OLG 3-6pm	28 	29 11:00-12:30 Trunk or Treat Half Day 12:30 dismissal for all students 	30

Thank you OLGP families for all that you do to keep our community safe and healthy!!!!