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Grace Gazette

The mission of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy is to foster, within a disciplined Catholic environment, excellence in education, development of faith and morals, and service to the community.

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UPCOMING DATES

Monday, January 7th

-School resumes

Friday, January 11th

-End of Quarter

Saturday, January 12th

-Alleman Placement Test

Tuesday, January 15th

-Empower Scholarship sign up begins

Friday, January 18th

-11:30 Dismissal, Teacher In-Service

Monday, January 21st

-No School-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wednesday, January 16th

-Girl Scouts, 6-7 pm

Thursday, January 17th

-Report Cards go home

-Home & School, 6:00 pm

MASS

We would like to invite everyone to attend Mass with our school family on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.

HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

Our next Home and School Association meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17th, at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.

ACRE TESTING

During January, the 5th and 8th grade students will be taking the Religion Assessment test given throughout the diocese called the ACRE test. This test measures each students understanding of his/her faith.

GRACE MAGIC RAFFLE

Each family is being asked to sell three \$100 raffle tickets for a chance to win \$10,000. This is our major fund raiser for the year, and we need every family to participate in some way.

OUT OF UNIFORM CHARITY

In December, we raised \$272.86 for the the Secular Franciscan Order from Lawrence, Kansas, to purchase gifts for Native American families on reservations.

In January, we will be collecting money for St. Mary's Food Pantry at Warren Tower. This is run by Our Lady of Guadalupe.

FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOPS

It is time to start filling out financial aid paperwork for next year. Anyone that will have a student in grades K-8th grade needs to fill out the paperwork. **Even if you received financial aid this year, it is not guaranteed you will receive it next year. You must re-apply each year to qualify.**

We will be holding financial aid workshops for anyone that needs help filling out the paperwork. Please contact the office to schedule your appointment. **You must have your 2018 taxes and \$30 to make an appointment.**

EMPOWER ILLINOIS

Please remember the application is a two-part process. Part one will be available on **January 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.** on empowerillinois.org. Part one is a brief reservation form which will timestamp applications. Part two of the application will be available on **January 18, 2019** on your new portal, known as **empowerXchange**, and will require household and income documents. Families are encouraged to complete part two before **January 28, 2019**. Visit our website (empowerillinois.org/students/how-do-i-apply) for more information on the 2019-2020 scholarship application.

THE OASIS

The Oasis is located in the former St. Mary School building. They take donations much like Goodwill does. (They do not accept mattresses of any kind or baby furniture.) Items are available to whoever needs them **free of cost**. They accept donations Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm. Please consider donating to them the next time you clean out the toy box or your closets!

GRACE GALA

We are now seeking donations of live and silent auction items to support the Grace Gala! Donations may be dropped off in the school office. This event benefits the students of Our Lady of Grace. Join us for a silent auction, live auction, raffles, food and fun!

Event tickets for the event are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased after Masses or in the school office. The cost is \$35 per person. The cost of admission includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, entrance to a live and silent auction, and fellowship.

WINTER APPAREL

Just a reminder that all students need to come dressed for the weather. Students should wear winter coats, hats and mittens. Tops with hoods will not be permitted in class unless it is a dress down day. Students are allowed to wear red, navy & gray sweatshirts in the classroom.

Also, students should wear boots or bring a spare pair of shoes if snow is on the sidewalks.

YEARBOOK

We are in need of pictures for the yearbook. Please send pictures on a disc marked "Yearbook" to the office or email them to: office@olgca.org. If you send a disc, please put your name on the envelope so they can be returned to you. We need these pictures as soon as possible. Thanks!