



## Our Lady of Grace Catholic School eLion's Tales - August 17, 2022

### Message from the Principal

August 17, 2022

Dear Our Lady of Grace School Families,

We are off and running! It was good to see all the students as well as to welcome many new colleagues to O.L.G. God's grace could be felt all around, and Our Blessed Mother's gentle smile was almost discernable!

Since you will probably be reading this early on Wednesday morning, I would like to encourage you to join us for our first Mass of the year if you are able to do so. We shall be celebrating a Mass of the Holy Spirit, as is the custom at the start of an academic year, and it will include a blessing of all our teachers and staff. This will happen today, August 17, at 9:30 a.m.

Please save the date for our very first all school celebrations. They will take place on the weekend of September 17 with a Mass celebrated at 5:00 p.m. by Bishop Barber. Our former pastor, Fr. Tom, will join Father Ray in welcoming our bishop to this important celebration of the 75th anniversary of the parish and school.

On Sunday, September 25, our families are encouraged to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass and then come onto the grounds for a celebration of our school and parish family. Food, games, and various student performances will be among the highlights of this important day. Let's continue to spread the positive and loving spirit that has already marked this academic year as we "return full force" to in person instruction and celebrations. Kudos to the hard-working committee for all that they have done to date. Please see the attached flier from Mrs. Jill Peters for more details on how to sign up to help. I am really hoping for as close to a hundred percent participation as we emerge from our Covid-induced isolation.

I would also like to remind you that Mrs. Hughes' fundraiser for our new handbell set is ready to be declared a success. \$75 will pay for one chime as well as some sheet music, a worthy investment since there is nothing quite like handbells to spruce up a liturgy. Please join me in this effort and come enjoy the results in a few months.

Have a wonderful week and weekend ahead.

In Our Lady's Name and Love,

Dr. McGowan, Principal

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### OLG School Board Minute Summary

We hope everyone had a restful summer with their families, and the children are coming back excited and rejuvenated for the upcoming school year. After the summer hiatus, the school board met at the beginning of August to review old and new business. We were pleased to formally welcome Mrs. McGowan as principal and Father Ray as our new pastor to the school board and look forward to many years of partnership. With graduations and moves, there have been some departures and additions to the school board, which will be formally announced soon.

Mrs. McGowan gave us her Principal's Report, and updated us on the new additions and changes to the staff. As for enrollment, the school is able to accommodate potential new students in some classrooms, so she encouraged the board and school to spread the word. We discussed potential upgrades for this upcoming year, from improvements to the classrooms and school's grounds, to enhancements to the OLG uniform apparel, to the potential use of electronic payments for fundraising and events.

The school board initiated talks of the upcoming accreditation. They will work hand in hand with the administration and staff to gather the necessary information and documentation to submit the comprehensive report.

We are especially looking forward to the 75th anniversary celebration next month. The 75th anniversary committee

will be looking for volunteers to make the event a success. In addition, there have been many requests to bring back the Fall Festival. Once the 75th anniversary weekend is complete, the parish and school will be looking for volunteers to help lead the charge.

Sending prayers and support to the teachers and students as they embark on this new year. We look forward to hearing of the milestones along the way.

## **Our Lady of Grace Catholic School 2022-2023 Calendar**

Please click [here](#) for the OLG School 2022-2023 Calendar

### **Looking Ahead**

#### **August:**

- Tuesday, August 23 -Back to School Night TK-5
- Wednesday, August 24- Back to School Night 6-8
- Friday, August 26 - Free Dress August Birthdays

OLG Family Fun Day

75th Anniversary



**CELEBRATING**  
75 Years!



**Sept**

**25th**

10AM - 3PM

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Bring your family to Mass and then join the OLG Community in celebrating 75 Years of Parish faith, community and love!

Each class will have a designated booth with a great theme. You won't want to miss the fun with your families and classmates! More information SOON!!

**FUN!**

- Food
- Games
- Entertainment
- And More!

**\$75 for 75 Years!**

Please join our \$75 for 75 Years campaign! Each family is being asked to donate \$75 to support the cost of the event. Please donate online at [www.olgcv.org/donate](http://www.olgcv.org/donate). Each School Family that donates will be registered in a raffle for a \$750 scholarship or a bike valued at \$300!!

**CONTACT US**

[75@olgschool.org](mailto:75@olgschool.org)

# Our Lady of Grace Catholic School



COME JOIN!  
OLG SCHOOL CHOIR  
4<sup>TH</sup> THRU 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

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**FIRST CHOIR REHEARSAL TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2022  
3:00 TO 4:00 P.M.**

**WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH (ENTER ON THE GATHERING AREA SIDE)**

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It's time to bring the choir back together to sing at school masses, other events throughout the school year, and an occasional 5:00 p.m. Saturday or 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Let's meet after school and SIIINGGGGG!!!

This year the choir will be limited to 20 members. At the first rehearsal, I will meet with each student, talk to them about their interest in choir, and have them sing a song for me (not in front of the whole group). I want this experience to be the best for all members. Each student, with his or her family, needs to be committed to make the Choir a great success. Choir members in Grade 5-8 earn 2 of their required service hours each trimester.

**Parents please sign:** I give permission for my child to participate in the School Choir. I understand that rehearsals will be on Tuesdays after school and my child is required to be at rehearsals and performances. Unless prior notification has been given, my child is allowed to miss one practice per trimester. My son/daughter must be picked up by 4:05 p.m. If I'm not at the church by 4:05 p.m., he/she will be taken to Kid Care.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

19920 Anita Ave. Castro Valley, CA 94546

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: CLAUDIA DOBBS AT [CDOBBS@CSDO.ORG](mailto:CDOBBS@CSDO.ORG)

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**Join OLG as we celebrate 75 Years of Grace with our Family Fun Day on Sunday, September 25th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM!**

Please use the [SignUpGenius](#) to sign up for the volunteer opportunities and email [75@olgschool.org](mailto:75@olgschool.org) with any questions.

SignUpGenius Link: [75th Anniversary Family Fun Day!](#)

Join OLG to celebrate 75 Years of Grace

# OLG FAMILY FUN DAY

# 75TH

## Anniversary Celebration

**Food!**

**25** SUN  
SEPT  
**10a-3p**

Sign up on the SignUpGenius to help make this event possible! We are looking for 4 hours from each family. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students can sign up too and receive up to 4 Service Hours!

**Games!**



75th Anniversary  
Family Fun Day  
SignUpGenius -  
Scan QR Code!

**Prizes!**

**Community!**

OUR LADY OF GRACE  
CHURCH



75th Anniversary  
1947 - 2022

3433 Somerset Avenue  
Castro Valley, CA

[www.olgcv.org/give](http://www.olgcv.org/give)  
[75@olgschool.org](mailto:75@olgschool.org)

The OLG School Community is **THRILLED** to organize this **Family Fun Day** in coordination with the Parish as a first step in bringing back the Fall Festival. Come out and show your support with your time, talent and treasure!

**Help us make a beautiful noise unto the Lord...**  
**...by sponsoring a handchime!**



**Our Lady of Grace Catholic School's junior high elective program is starting a handchime choir, but we need handchimes and music to get this going! For just \$75, you can sponsor one of the 25 handchimes in the above set and help pay for music. Thank you so much for your generous support!**

**Yes, I can contribute \_\_\_\_\_ toward the OLG School Handchime Choir!**

**Thank you again for your support!**

**Hello OLG CYO Families,**

After a two year hiatus, Fall CYO sports are returning! Fall Registration will soon open for Boys Basketball 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as Girls Volleyball 4<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades! Please Note: Space will be limited this Fall Season.\

**Key Dates:**

Friday, 8/19: Registration begins for all OLG School & Religious Education Students.  
Friday, 8/26: Registration begins for all children residing within OLG Parish boundary.  
Friday, 9/2: Last day to register  
- \$150.00 for basketball PLUS UNIFORM FEE, PRICE TBD - jersey and shorts  
- \$150.00 for volleyball, PLUS UNIFORM FEE, PRICE TBD - jersey top

To view Website and to register, go to: <https://www.olgcvcyo.com/>

**A Plea for Coaches:**

We need enthusiastic coaches, team parents and volunteers to help make sure that OLG CYO activities can return and thrive. Please consider registering to volunteer. It is a great way to complete your service hour requirement! Can be marked on your registration!

**Eligibility**

Children must meet ONE of the following eligibility requirements.

1. Current OLG Student
2. Current OLG Religious Education student (regularly attending OLG Religious Education classes)
3. Resides within OLG Parish boundary (Residence of child is residence of parent(s) or guardian(s) with legal custody of child and with whom child resides.).

Go to this webpage to confirm child resides within OLG Parish boundary: <https://oakdiocese.org/parish-boundaries>

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CASTRO VALLEY CYO Registration Welcome Back!

**Welcome Back Pricing! \$150** (Plus uniform fee)

**Registration opens Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM  
through Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for OLG School Students  
& OLG Religious Education Students ONLY**

All other students can register as of 8/26 (Must be in parish boundaries)

Registration closes on 9/2

Please note: Space will be limited this Fall Season

[www.olgcvcyo.com](http://www.olgcvcyo.com)

## Fall 2022 Sports

Girls Volleyball: Grades 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>  
Boys Basketball: Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

Want to coach? Email our ADs

[olggirlsad@gmail.com](mailto:olggirlsad@gmail.com) or [olgboysad@gmail.com](mailto:olgboysad@gmail.com)

Questions? email [olgcycv@gmail.com](mailto:olgcycv@gmail.com)

Our Lady of Grace Parish

3433 Somerset Avenue, Castro Valley, CA 94546

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**Siblings of Existing Students - New Student Applications Only**  
**Click the link below to apply.**

## [2022-2023 New Student Application](#)

To enter Kindergarten, a student must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2022. (Date of birth must be on or before September 1, 2017). To enter Transitional Kindergarten, a student must turn 5 between September 2, 2022 and March 2, 2023

Please Go to <https://www.olgschool.org/admissions>  
for Financial Assistance Information

### **Our Lady of Grace Parish**

Please click [here](#) for the Parish website where you can find contact information, the most recent church bulletin, current announcements, mass schedules, and much more!

### **Tech Support**

For tech issues and support please email [mtrgo@olgschool.org](mailto:mtrgo@olgschool.org).



### **Support OLG by shopping on Amazon Smile!**

Click [here](#) and choose Our Lady of Grace School  
Location: Castro Valley, CA

### **OLG School Social Media**

Please follow us on Instagram and Twitter and like us on Facebook. If you have any questions please feel free to email our Social Media Coordinator, Miss Dawson, [sdawson@cndo.org](mailto:sdawson@cndo.org)



**Instagram & Twitter: @olgcvschool**  
**Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/olgcvschool>**

OLG School's History and Legacy site can be found at [olgschoolconnect.org](http://olgschoolconnect.org). The Alumni-Private page can be accessed with the password: "specialis".

## **OLG Mission & Philosophy**

### **Mission Statement**

*Our Lady of Grace Catholic School serves a diverse community, models Christ through unity, truth, and love to create a balance of spiritual, academic, and social growth.*

### **Philosophy**

Dedicated to living Christ's message, Our Lady of Grace is a Catholic school made up of students, faculty, staff and families working together with love and respect. While recognizing parents as the primary educators of their children, our community works together to develop individuals who are prepared to think critically, imbued with a strong sense of self-worth, and filled with a Christ-like approach to others.

