



**Our Lady of Grace**  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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# Grace Gazette

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**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

### Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

-May Crowning Mass at 9:00

### Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

-QAR Team visits OLGCA

### Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

-Last Home and School Meeting at 6:00, Library

### Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

-Spring Musical, 1:00 and 6:00

### Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

-Last Mass for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

### Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

-No School Mass today

### Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

-Last Day of School

-Final Mass at 9:00

-Early Dismissal at 11:30

## MASS SCHEDULES

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, COLONA

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30am, & 7:30pm

### ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, EAST MOLINE

Saturday: 4:00 pm      Sunday: 10:00 am

### OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, SILVIS

Saturday: 5:30 pm      Sunday: 8:00 am

### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RAPIDS CITY

Saturday: 5:00 pm      Sunday: 9:30 am

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HAMPTON

Sunday: 8:00 am

## EXTEND CARE

There will be no Extend Care the last day of school, May 25<sup>th</sup>. School will be dismissed at 11:30 am and students need to be picked up at that time.

## SUMMER HOURS

Summer office hours for the month of June will be 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, Monday-Thursday, or by appointment. The office will be closed the month of July. The answering machine will be checked on a regular basis.

## OUT OF UNIFORM CHARITY

In April, we raised \$1035.00 for Jump Rope for Heart.

In May, the charity of the month will be for the American Red Cross as they reach out to the several communities in desperate need after the many tornadoes that have struck our nation this year so far.

## FINANCIAL AID

Anyone that applied for financial aid should have received a note from the diocese regarding Lancaster Scholarships. Financial aid decisions from the school have not been finalized. These decisions will be made in the first week or two of May. Letters will be mailed to the families shortly following these decisions.

## END OF SCHOOL REMINDER

Please note that no child will receive his/her report card and no 8<sup>th</sup> grader will receive his/her diploma until all fees are paid in full. The fees include tuition, lunch, Extend Care, library books and overdue charges, and any uniforms not turned in through our sports program.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

We will be hosting our Second Annual "Swing into School" back to school Golf Tournament on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in sponsoring a hole, volunteering or playing please contact Julia or Andy Neece at 309-797-3316.

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## HOME & SCHOOL MEETING

The next & last Home & School meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the school library.

The school would like to thank Mindy Van Hoe for her service to the school as the president of Home and School for the past 3 years. Your leadership was greatly appreciated!

Congratulations to Mary Ann Tyler-Johnson. She has agreed to be the president of Home and School for the 2012-2013 school year!

## FINE ARTS MUSICAL

The date for the show is Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, with performances at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. Preschool-4<sup>th</sup> grade will be doing a spring song review and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be performing the Broadway musical, *Godspell Junior*.

## ADVANC-ED VISIT

The Our Lady of Grace faculty and staff have been working very hard to prepare for an evaluation of the strengths of our program through a national organization called Advanc-Ed. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, a team of educational professionals will spend the day with us evaluating each part of our school system based on seven standards. They will also be talking to focus groups of students, faculty, parents, and other stakeholders. At the end of the day, the team will explain to the faculty how the school rated on each of the seven standards and what we can do to improve. This is a very exciting process and it will help us to stay focused on always providing the best educational environment for your students.

## SURVEY RESPONSES

Attached to the Grace Gazette are the results of the most recent surveys we administered through the school. Thank you for participating in the very valuable assessment of our programs. We use the results of the survey to continue to improve what we offer our students and their families. Your input is invaluable to this process.

## CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR

Mrs. Hulke has chosen to resign at the end of this school year. We thank her for her service and wish her well in her next endeavors.

I am also happy to announce that our current preschool teacher, Mrs. Mikyla James, will be taking the third grade position for next year. She is excited about this new opportunity and has already been working closely with Mrs. Hulke and Mrs. Comeaux so that this will be a smooth and successful transition for everyone. Congratulations, Mrs. James!

## ALLEMAN SPORTS CAMPS

Alleman High School summer **SPORTS CAMP** information is now available on their website ([www.allemanhighschool.org](http://www.allemanhighschool.org)). This includes athletics, cheerleading, dance, band, choir and drama. On the website select "Athletics" then click on "Sports Camps." You can access/print camp information along with registration & medical forms. If you have any questions, you can contact the Athletic Office at 786-8742 or 786-7793.

## TUITION CREDIT

How would you like to earn \$300 towards next year's tuition? We will credit your account \$300 for every family you recruit for the next school year. (Your credit will post after the new family attends school on their first day).

## FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS

This year we will be having a school-wide Field Day on May 23. In order for this event to be successful we need several parent volunteers. If you would like to help, contact Ms. Hanne as soon as possible at [rhanne@olgca.org](mailto:rhanne@olgca.org) or the office, 755-9771.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEBSITE

The IL QC Catholic Schools website is now live. It features the 4 catholic schools in our area. The website is: [www.faithineverystudent.org](http://www.faithineverystudent.org).

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