

Academy of Our Lady of Grace

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Dear Parents,

December is just about to get started at The Academy of Our Lady of Grace School! Tomorrow we are looking forward to welcoming you into our Christmas-themed Winter Wonderland hallways and classrooms. Be sure to take a tour of the wonderful rooms. Stop by the office and vote for your favorite classroom. Only one classroom will be crowned our champion! I also invite you to register for the 2024-2025 school year and receive the early bird special registration fee at a discounted rate. Pre-K2 will only open up for siblings tomorrow and applications must be filled out in person. Please help spread the word about our fantastic school with the outside community. We will begin to register non-AOLG students in January.

Every year, AOLG donates to an organization called, "Give Kids the World." All ticket sales from the Christmas Pageant benefit children with critical illnesses and their families providing them with a weeklong, cost-free vacation. I am grateful not only for this donation from our generous families but for all the donations since September. Together we are making a big difference not only in our local community, but throughout the U.S. as well. I believe teaching our children at a young age to be people of service will benefit them in the future. Our students have shown remarkable resilience, creativity, and kindness. I commend our dedicated teachers and you as parents for your unwavering commitment in providing and supporting this nurturing learning environment.

The second session of the Map Growth Standardized Testing window will open up beginning January 16th and continue through February 9th. All students in grades second through eighth will be required to take the assessment. Please avoid making appointments or any travel arrangements during this time period.

Attendance, arriving to school on time and ready to learn, matters! We kindly ask that you make a great effort to have your children arrive on time and ready to learn. Fostering these good habits will prepare your children for a successful future. We try our very best to host a variety of after-school classes that support your child's interest. I challenge you to have your child try something new. This year students in $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ can audition for our school play, "Aladdin Jr". We encourage all students in these grades to audition next week.

Soon we will be kicking off our biggest fundraiser of the year: Casino Night! Be sure to ask one of our SCC members how to get involved. Our air-conditioning project is not yet complete. The bottom floor still needs to be finished. Please help us reach our fundraising goal to assist us with completing the air-conditioning project.

Our Eighth graders will soon find out which high schools they have been accepted into. It has been a pleasure watching them grow and mature. This big step calls for our school community to pray and support them as they make their decisions on which high school they will choose.

This holiday season is a time for reflection, appreciation, and joy. May it bring you moments of warmth and connection with your loved ones. I am looking forward to a new year filled with continued growth, curiosity, and success.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!

Mrs. D'Amico