



Our Lady of Grace Catholic School



Week 20

The mission of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School is to provide an academically superior education in a secure environment focused on Catholic identity for creating educated, spiritual leaders for the future.

A Message from the Principal:

Dear OLG Families,

We are now entering Week 20 of school, and we appreciate your continued partnership as we move through this important time in the semester.

Academic Updates

Students will be participating in NWEA testing during this time. These assessments allow us to measure student growth and better understand their academic progress so we can continue to support their learning in the classroom. Please help your child do their best by ensuring they get a good night's rest and arrive at school on time. We look forward to sharing the results with you soon.

Report cards have been released, and we encourage families to review them together. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress or goals, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

School Schedule Reminder

There will be no school on Monday, January 19, due to a holiday. We hope you and your family enjoy a relaxing three-day weekend.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. There are so many great things happening at OLG, and together we are creating an atmosphere filled with joy, learning, and faith each and every day.

With gratitude,
Ms. Valdez, Principal



Monday, January 12

- Faculty Meeting

Tuesday: January 13

- NWEA Begins:
 - LA/Reading- 3rd-5th
- OLG School Advisory Meeting- 6:30pm

Wednesday: January 14

- NWEA:
 - Language Arts: 2nd
 - Fluency: Kinder-1st
- 2nd grade Meet the Teacher- 5pm

Thursday: January 15

- NWEA:
 - Science: 3rd-5th

Friday: January 16

- 8:30am- Mass
- NWEA:
 - Reading- 2nd

Monday: January 19

- **Holiday- No School**



Applications open Feb. 4th!

Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA)
Reminder: Applications for the Texas Education Freedom Accounts (TEFA) program will be opening soon. These education savings accounts may provide families with additional options to support their child's education.

We encourage families to view the short informational videos available here for more details:

<https://www.youtube.com/@SACatholicSchools>

Counselor's Corner

with Ms. Mani

I'm excited to start the new year with guidance class back in session! A new year brings fresh energy and new opportunities to learn, grow, and set positive goals. I'm looking forward to reconnecting and starting the year strong together.

Tuesdays-Wednesdays from 8:00 am-3:30 pm
Thursdays from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm.

NWEA Schedule

Winter Testing

January

***UPDATED**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12	13 <u>Language Arts</u> 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	14 <u>Language Arts</u> 2 nd <u>Fluency</u> Kinder, 1 st	15 <u>Science</u> 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	16 <u>Reading</u> 2 nd
19 <u>Holiday - No School</u>	20 <u>Reading</u> 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	21 <u>Math</u> 1 st , 2 nd	22 <u>Math</u> 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	23

Student of the Week!

Shelby Richter

We are proud to recognize Shelby as our Student of the Week! Shelby shows absolute kindness and respect to everyone she meets and is a wonderful role model for her classmates. She works very hard, follows all directions, and always shows a desire to learn new things. Shelby consistently demonstrates respect for her teachers and takes pride in doing her best each day. We are so proud of her positive attitude and dedication to learning!



GIRL SCOUT TROOP

Informational Meeting

January 20th
 4:30 PM
 The Big Hall

For Girls in Kindergarten through 3rd Grade ONLY

— Come learn all about Girl Scouts! —

- Girl Scout activities & badges
- Meetings, events & adventures
- How to get started

This Girl Scout troop is proudly sponsored by *Ms. Mani*

Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.

We can't wait to meet our future Girl Scouts!

ROBOTICS CLUB

Join us for fun, hands-on robotics experience where students will build, explore, and learn.

Thursdays **3:45 - 4:30 PM**

1st & 2nd Grade Students

Pre-K4 through Kinder opportunities coming soon!

BEST EDUCATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

- Current Families - Auto enrollment will open 1/26/2026. Be on the look out for an email from FACTS/RenWeb.
- Siblings of a current OLG student will have priority enrollment between February 2 and February 6, 2026.
- February 9, 2026 Enrollment opens up to new and prospective families.

WHAT SETS US APART

- ✓ Superior Education
- ✓ Secure and Safe Environment
- ✓ Christ Centered School Community
- ✓ Small Class Sizes
- ✓ All Religions Welcome



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Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Proudly Presents

CASINO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

Atascosa County Show Barn Pleasanton, Texas

Doors Open 5:00pm	Steak Dinner 5:30pm	Casino Gaming 6:00pm	Live Auction 9:30pm
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Individual Tickets - \$100
VIP Tables Starting at \$1,000
Sponsorships Available

Casino Style Gaming | Prizes | Baffles
Silent Auction | Live Auction

To purchase tickets contact
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21+ Event



CASINO NIGHT

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

VIP Sponsorship Opportunities

ACE SPONSOR | \$3,500
VIP Table for 6 | Private Blackjack or Poker Table
1 Reserved Parking Spot | \$5,000 in Gaming Chips/Seat
Exclusive Thank You Gift | Logo on Game Table Display
Social Media Recognition | Recognition on Event Signage
Recognition in OLGCS Yearbook

PRINCE SPONSOR | \$2,500
VIP Table for 6 | 1 Reserved Parking Spot
\$3,000 in Gaming Chips/Seat | Exclusive Thank You Gift
Logo on Game Table Display | Social Media Recognition
Recognition on Event Signage | Recognition in OLGCS Yearbook

QUEEN SPONSOR | \$1,500
VIP Table for 6 | \$2,000 in Gaming Chips/Seat
Social Media Recognition | Recognition on Event Signage
Recognition in OLGCS Yearbook

Sponsorship Opportunities

Excuse Sponsor \$150 (Logo on Event Signage, Recognition in Yearbook, Logo on Program)
Margarita Sponsor \$100 (Logo on Event Signage, Recognition in Yearbook, Logo on Program)
Margarita Cup Sponsor \$100 (Logo on Event Signage, Recognition in Yearbook, Logo on Program)

Game Table Sponsor \$200 (Logo on Game Table, Logo on Event Signage, Recognition on Event Signage, Logo on Program)
Leverage Sponsor \$250 (Logo on Leverage Table, Social Media Recognition)

Event Tickets

Reserve Table \$1,000
\$1,000 in Gaming Chips/Seat
Recognition on Event Signage

Individual Tickets \$100
General Admission | \$1,000 in Gaming Chips

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Leaderboard

Congratulations!

Who has answered the most questions correctly?



Wyatt Teixeira



Chloe Cook



Aleksander Otto



FEB 4TH 2026
Applications open

MID MARCH 2026
Expected Application Close Date

A GUIDE TO TEFA FOR FAMILIES



Senate Bill 2 established TEFA to help families access funds for approved educational expenses starting in 2026–27. With final rules released on November 25, 2025, families now have clarity on how the program will work.

ELIGIBILITY

Any Texas resident **eligible for public school (PK–12)** may apply.

This includes:

- Children entering PK3–PK4 who meet Texas eligibility
- Students currently in public, private, or homeschool settings
- Students with TEFA qualifying disabilities

There is no income limit to apply, but awards are offered based on State priority groups.

PRIORITY GROUPS

BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

1	≤500%+ Children with disabilities	2	≤200% ≥500%
3	200% – 500%	4	(20% cap of total awards) <i>*Public School students may have priority in this group</i>

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	200% of FPG Yearly Income	500% of FPG Yearly Income
2	\$42,300	\$105,750
3	\$53,300	\$133,250
4	\$64,300	\$160,750
5	\$75,300	\$188,250
6	\$83,920	\$215,750
7	\$108,300	\$270,750

ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

Tuition/ Fees	Books/ Materials	Tutoring	Therapies	Meals	Assessments	Technology	Transportation
Participating Private Schools			Therapies not covered by government or private insurance.	Provided at school for a fee		10% Cap	Commercial Only
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

*All purchases must be through the TEFA portal from approved providers.

\$10,800*

Award per student (85% of public funding).

Additional funding may be awarded based on a student's IEP for disabilities - up to \$30,000.

*TEA currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2026.

PARENT:

As defined by Education Code, §29.351(5), a resident of this state who is a natural or adoptive parent, managing or possessory conservator, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of a child.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

Families must:

- Use funds only for approved expenses
- Not withdraw cash or request reimbursement
- Keep receipts
- Ensure annual testing (Grades 3–12)
- Report public school enrollment
- Follow all TEFA rules

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Choose **ONE** item from each column

1

Proof of Residency

- Lease, mortgage, or utility bill
- Texas ID/driver's license
- Voter registration
- Government agency letter
- Notarized affidavit

2

Proof of Citizenship

- Birth certificate
- U.S. passport
- Naturalization certificate
- DHS documents

3

Proof of Income

- IRS transcript (if available)
- Most recent tax return (2024)
- Texas Workforce Commission income data

WHAT IF FUNDS RUN OUT?

If funds run out, eligible students go on a state waitlist.

If more funds become available, awards may be offered mid-year, prorated, and begin the month after approval.

WHAT'S NEXT?

When applications open on the Texas Comptroller Website, you will apply and select one approved school. Upon completion, eligibility will be determined. Awarding is expected to go out mid-April. If your child is selected, you'll receive instructions to accept the award in the TEFA portal. Your child's TEFA account is then created so you can choose approved schools, providers, and services.



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A GUIDE TO TEFA

PRE-K, Siblings & Students with Disabilities



PRIORITY GROUP #1

BASED ON THE FPL (FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL)

≤ 500% +

Children with qualifying disabilities

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	2021* of FPL Yearly Income	500% of FPL Yearly Income
2	\$14,300	\$71,500
3	\$19,300	\$96,500
4	\$24,300	\$121,500
5	\$29,300	\$146,500
6	\$34,300	\$171,500
7	\$39,300	\$196,500

**\$10,800* -
\$30,000**

Award per student
(85% of public funding).
Additional IEP-based funding for
disabilities—
up to \$30,000 total.

*2021 currently estimates this amount to be \$10,800, and the final amount will be released in January 2022.

PRE-K ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

PK ages 3–5 qualify if they meet Texas public PK eligibility criteria

(emergent bilingual, economically disadvantaged, homeless, military, foster, child of district employee, or Star of Texas).

TEFA QUALIFYING DISABILITIES EXPLAINED

A student with special needs (Tier 1) is defined as a child age 21 or younger with a disability listed in Texas Education Code §29.003 that requires special services to be adequately or safely educated in a public school. Eligible conditions include visual or auditory impairment, physical disability, intellectual or developmental disability, emotional disturbance, learning disability, autism, speech disability, or traumatic brain injury.

SIBLING PRIORITY

Siblings as defined by Education Code, §29.351(9), are: A brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, half-sister, or a foster brother or sister who is a dependent of the participating parent and has been placed with the participating parent by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree, or other order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

One of the following documents is needed to prove a child with disabilities:

- A letter verifying the child's eligibility to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), or
- A written diagnosis from a licensed physician verifying one of the listed disabilities, or
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) issued by a Texas public school district or open-enrollment charter school.

IMPORTANT:

A licensed professional evaluation can place your child in the top priority group, but the state can only calculate additional disability-based funding if your child has an IEP.

Families without an IEP will still be reviewed in the disability priority group but may receive the standard ESA funding amount.



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