

Our Lady of Grace



PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

2007 – 2008 School Year
Directory and Handbook

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Program Goals and Objectives

The staff of Our Lady of Grace School is committed to the education of the whole child. In keeping with this commitment, we strive to provide quality care and learning opportunities for children in an atmosphere where sound spiritual and moral values are evident. Specifically, the program emphasizes the following developments:

- *Spiritual Development:* The spiritual development of the child is of prime importance. Emphasis is placed upon the fact that the child is a creature of God, created in the image and likeness of God, with soul and body, destined for eternal happiness.
- *Cognitive Development:* Focuses on the child's abilities in recognizing and naming the world in which he or she lives.
- *Language Development:* Focuses on the child's abilities in the verbal and grammatical concepts of language, as well as the concept of memory and language productions.
- *Creative Development:* Focuses on the child's ability in the drawing and distinguishing of particular figures, features and shapes.
- *Social Development:* Focuses on the child's ability to recognize his or her own role and the responsibilities of that role in a social atmosphere.
- *Emotional Development:* Focuses on the child's self-perception and on the development of healthy emotional and self-confident qualities.

Parents' Committee

Our primary goal is to make your child feel happy and secure by providing care and learning opportunities in an atmosphere in which Christian values and love are evident. We always welcome your help and valuable input. Therefore, a Parents' Committee has been instituted to assist us with the upcoming activities and events throughout the school year and to promote more parental involvement. Flyers will be sent home with your child notifying you of scheduled Parents' Committee meetings along with being marked on the monthly classroom calendars.

As a parent you are automatically enrolled. Our children at Our Lady of Grace benefit from many great activities and events and some of these could not happen without the participation, suggestions and support of the parents.

Some of the great activities that we host at our school are:

- Tumblebus
- Music class
- Bookmobile comes every other week
- Stop think Take Five
- McGruff
- Movie Morning and more...

All of these activities have come out of suggestions from our parents meetings. New suggestions and ideas are always welcome.

In addition, to our yearly activities we host various fundraisers. Our Lady of Grace does not receive any state, city or dioceses funding. **The way we continue to improve our programs and keep the tuition low is by our fundraisers that we host throughout the year.** Such as our annual school raffle ticket sales, chocolate bars, box tops and various others. Our main fundraiser is our family dinner, which is a twofold event, to raise funds and to build community amongst the school and children. Preschool is the primary foundation towards education. By providing our children with a strong foundation together we can work towards closing the current gaps in education.

Any questions, please call or email committee members
parentscommittee@ourladyofgraceschool.net
Danette Ayars (327-3191) or Michelle Passaro (967-8849).

Website

Our website is always kept up to date and current. Lots of new information will be posted for you including school schedules, picture links, forms, the new handbook, classroom calendars, school closings & lots more.

<http://www.ourladyofgraceschool.net>

*Note: Personal student information, including birthdays and addresses, **will not** be posted to the website.*

Nut Allergies

A reminder that the following items can cause **severe allergic reactions**. There are a few children in our school with this condition.

Please take into consideration when bringing in *food for the class*, (home baked or store bought), products with the following ingredients:

- Peanuts
- Peanut Oil
- All Tree Nuts:
- Walnuts, Pecans, Cashews, Almonds, Macadamia Nuts, Brazil Nuts, Pignolia nuts, Almond Paste, Marzipan, pistachio's
- Snacks, Cereals or Ice Creams (with nuts)

Also note not to have these items present when you are cooking items to be brought to the school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Parent Contact Information

Please remember to keep your contact information with the school up-to-date. Make sure we have the most current information in case of an emergency or illness and we need to contact you. If your information has changed since you registered your child please use the forms below and submit it in the tuition box in the office.

Child's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Father: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Father: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

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Home Address: _____

Name of Mother: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Name of Father: _____

Employer: _____ Work Phone: _____

Work Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Home Phone: _____

2007 – 2008 Calendar of Events

September 4, 2007	First Day of School
September 19, 2007	School Pictures
September 26, 2007	Back to School Night
October 8, 2007	Columbus Day – School Closed
October 19, 2007	Tumble Bus Starts (8-weeks optional)
October 31, 2007	Halloween Party
November 12, 2007	Veterans Day – School Closed
November 21, 2007	Early Dismissal – 3:00 p.m.
November 22, 2007	Thanksgiving Day– School Closed
November 23, 2007	School Closed
December 16, 2007	Christmas Program & Raffle
December 21, 2007	Early Dismissal – 3:00 p.m.
December 24, 2007	Christmas Eve – School Closed
December 25, 2007	Christmas – School Closed
December 31, 2007	School Closed
January 1, 2007	New Years Day – School Closed
January 2 – 31, 2008	School Registration
February 2, 2008	Open House for Prospective students
February 14, 2008	Valentines Day Party
March 10, 2008	Progress Reports Issued
March 16, 2008	Family Dinner – Italian Center
March 20, 2008	Holy Thursday – 3:00 p.m. Dismissal
March 21, 2008	Good Friday - No School
May 15, 2008	Graduation Pictures
May 30, 2008	Feast of Sacred Heart – School Closed
June 20, 2008	Last day of Kindergarten
June 21, 2008	School Graduation 10:00 a.m. St. Basil's College School Family Picnic Cove Island Park
June 23, 2008	Summer Program begins
August 1, 2008	Vacation Begins