



Panther Newsletter

Grace Lutheran School
Oak Creek, WI
www.graceoakcreek.org

November 20, 2020

Parents of Grace,

We have completed twelve weeks of in-person school! During a normal year, that would seem insignificant but in the midst of a pandemic, it is truly a blessing! As we head into the week of Thanksgiving, this is certainly something for which we should give thanks. Many schools have not been this fortunate. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank our families for being vigilant and taking precautions when a student is ill. Without a doubt, it is a joint effort on many fronts to keep our doors open with students at school. The next six to eight weeks will be a critical time for continued vigilance as we enter and go through the holiday season. For many of us, things will be drastically different this year. We may not be having the large gatherings we have had in the past or we may not travel like we are used to or perhaps we will visit with family and friends on a virtual platform. Whatever your situation holds, our prayer is for health and safety for all of our families at Grace. It will be especially important as we return to school after our Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks to watch for any signs of illness. If anything starts to present as an illness in your child, please keep them home from school to make sure that it is nothing major. As you have heard me say before, I would much rather see you error on the side of caution rather than have a situation come up where we have to close part or all of the school due to a Covid outbreak.

Although we have had pleasant weather this Fall, we do live in Wisconsin which means it will start to get colder soon. Please make sure that the students have the proper attire for the colder temperatures and eventual snow. Colder weather also means that those picking up students will be bundling up more. Please remember to have your sign with the student's last name to present at dismissal time. With wearing coats, caps and masks it can sometimes be difficult to identify who is here. If you have lost or need additional signs, please contact Dena in the school office for them.

Blessings,

Mr. Gettelman



LET US PRAY

Each week our teachers lift up two or three of our students in their personal prayers and staff devotions. We will announce the names of these students during our Monday announcements and include them in our school prayers as well. We also invite members of our congregation to keep these families in their prayers throughout the week.

We invite you to join with us as we bring our requests for one another before God.

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as ransom for many.”

Matthew 20:28

Our prayers for this past week will were for:

Claire & David

Our prayers for the upcoming week are for:

Alex & Hadassah

In this edition of the Panther Newsletter, you will find information on the following items:

- Our Weekly Prayer List
- Holiday Worship Schedule
- Baby Mendez has arrived!
- Cold Weather Notice
- Holiday Treasures Virtual Shop
- Muffins with Mom
- ECC Fundraiser – Christmas Wreaths
- Chapel Newsletter
- Scrip Information & Order Form
- November Events Calendar
- December Events Calendar
- School Board Meeting Date
- Staff List

If you have any questions on information found in the Panther Newsletter, please contact Mrs. Dena in the school office. Her office hours are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm when school is in session.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Eve Service with Communion
Wednesday, 11/25 at 6:30 pm

Advent Midweek Services
Thursdays 12/3, 12/10, and 12/17 at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve Service
Thursday, 12/24 at 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Christmas Day Service
Friday, 12/25 at 9:30 am

New Year's Eve Service
Thursday, 12/31 at 4:00 pm

The special theme for Advent Midweek and Christmas services is "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." We hope you will join us in worship.

Welcome Baby Mendez

MAXIMUM MARK MENDEZ

NOVEMBER 2ND 12:58 AM

6 LBS. 3 OZ.

19 INCHES LONG





COLD WEATHER IS COMING!

**Please remember that our students GO OUTSIDE
for recess year round.**

Per our school handbook coats are required for students unless the temperature is 55 degrees or above.

With colder weather approaching, please keep in mind that little fingers and ears do get cold. We strongly suggest that gloves or mittens, hats and a warm coat is worn. Even on cool fall days this is not a bad idea.

**SNOW PANTS AND BOOTS SHOULD BE MARKED
WITH YOUR STUDENT'S!**

When planning for winter days, please remember that 4K – 4th grade should have snow pants and winter boots. Even with the smallest amount of snow, we want our kids to be warm and dry. If a student does not have snow pants or boots they will still be required to go outside, however, they will not be allowed to play in the snow.

Grace does have an area dedicated to snow pants and boots if you would like to keep them at the school for the season.



YOU AND YOUR CHILD ARE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE IN OUR SCHOOL'S VIRTUAL
HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP!

Our shop opens 11/23/20 and runs thru 12/4/20. This exciting program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends while raising money for Grace Lutheran PTLs programs. Gifts are moderately priced, with most under \$5 and a few special items between \$5 - \$12.

Parents can fund a student wallet ahead of time, or enter a credit card for secure online payment. All orders will be sent directly to your home via UPS. They are guaranteed to arrive by Christmas.

Visit our the kid friendly website at <https://3654550.holidaytreasures.com> to start your virtual holiday gift shop experience.

Please contact Fun Events Customer Service directly with any questions at (800) 242-5655.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 2nd

Due to a scheduling conflict, Muffins with Mom is now moved to December 2nd! Please make sure you mark your calendar! Muffins will be sent home on Tuesday, December 1st with your student(s).

Don't forget to take a picture of you and your students eating the muffins that morning and email them to Mrs. Dena at school@graceoakcreek.org!

The link for you to join us for chapel that morning will also be sent out prior to the event via Fast Direct.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Order today- December 18th

Colors:

All red

All gold

Red and gold mix
or custom!



Christmas Wreath Order Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Wreath Color:

_____ All red-\$25

_____ All gold-\$25

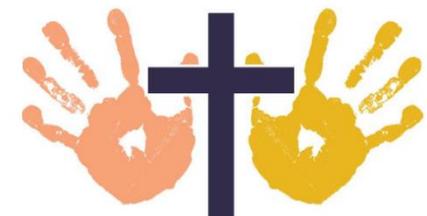
_____ Mix red and gold-\$25

_____ Custom colors-\$35 _____

Total: _____

Cash or Check

Please make check payable to Grace ECC.



Grace Early Childhood Center

Orders can be turned into the school office.

This year we are working to better help and support many different people and groups with our chapel offerings. Our goal is to raise \$1,200.

Chapel Newsletter Quarter 2

We are well on our way to reaching our goal for this year! With your help, we have raised \$45134 during the first quarter in of support for Rachel Meyer and her missions in Uganda. Amazing job, Panthers! Thank you!

Chapel Offerings: Journeys Lutheran

This quarter, our offerings are supporting Journeys Lutheran (formerly Lutheran Special Schools & Educational Services). Journeys Lutheran has a Christ centered mission to work with children who have unique challenges, maxamizing their spiritual, academic, social, and physical potential. Please keep them in your prayers!



DID YOU KNOW???

Our scrip program here at Grace is an amazing program that helps families save time and money with every purchase!

Here's how:

- Helps families spend within their budget by purchasing cards for items you use every week! If you buy food and gas, you can use scrip and hold tight to your spending limit!
- Save time traveling to stores to purchase gift cards for friends and family. With scrip, you have a one stop shopping experience from the comfort of your home!
- Each purchase earns a percentage back that you can apply to several different balances within Grace. You can apply this credit toward your ECC bill, Wrap Around Care, tuition payments, or choose to donate it to our Sponsor a Student program.

With hundreds of retailers you are even able to purchase cards if you are planning a vacation! Many hotels, airlines, rental car companies, and even Disney participate in the program.

Orders dropped off on Monday morning in the school office will be processed and filled by Friday of that same week!

We have order forms available in the office with a complete list of retailers. Or visit their website below to see a complete list.

<https://www.shopwithscrip.com/shopwithscrip-retailers>

GRACE LUTHERAN SCRIP ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

_____ Will pick up after church service

Date: _____

_____ Will pick up at school

_____ Send home in oldest child's backpack - name/grade _____

2021-2022 TUITION CREDIT:	ECC _____
Family to receive credit:	Grace _____
	HS _____
	Sponsor a Student _____

GROCERY STORES	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
GFS Marketplace	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Pick-N-Save	4%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Piggly Wiggly	3%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Sendiks	4%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Sentry	3%	\$10		
		\$50		
Woodman's	5%	\$50		
		\$100		

ENTERTAINMENT	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
AMC Theaters	8%	\$25		
Barnes & Noble Books/B. Dalton	8%	\$10		
		\$25		
		\$100		
GameStop	3%	\$25		
iTunes	5%	\$15		
		\$25		
Marcus Theaters	8%	\$25		
		\$100		

TRAVEL	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
Avis Car Rental	8%	\$50		
Budget Car Rental	8%	\$50		
Best Western Int'l.	12%	\$25		
		\$100		
Carnival Cruise Lines(800#only)	8%	\$100		
		\$500		
Choice hotels(Comfort ,Quality,Sleep, Inns,Comfort,MainStay,Cambria Suites Delta Airlines	3%	\$50		
		\$100		
	4%	\$250		
		\$1,000		
Grand Geneva Resort	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Hilton	2%	\$100		
		\$500		
Hotels.com	6%	\$100		
		\$250		
Omni Hotels & Resorts	8%	\$100		
Pfister Hotel	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Princess Cruise Lines	6%	\$100		
		\$500		
Royal Caribbean International	13%	\$100		
		\$500		
Ritz-Carlton	8%	\$50		
Southwest Airlines	4%	\$250		

GAS	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
BP	1.5%	\$50		
		\$100		
	3%	\$250		
Exxon/Mobil	1%	\$50		
Kwik Trip	4%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Marathon	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Pilot Flying J	2%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shell Card	1.5%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Speedway	4%	\$25		
		\$100		

RESTAURANTS & FOOD	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
Applebees	8%	\$25		
		\$50		
Arbys	8%	\$10		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Bravo	12%	\$25		
Brueggers Bagels	7%	\$10		
Buca di Beppo	8%	\$25		
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10		
		\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
California Pizza	8%	\$25		
Caribou Coffee	6%	\$10		
Carraba's/Outback/Bonefish Grill	8%	\$25		
		\$50		
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25		
Chili's/Maggiqano's	11%	\$25		
		\$50		
Chipotle Mexican Grill	10%	\$10/25		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10		
Claim Jumper	9%	\$25/100		
Cold Stone Creamery	11%	\$10		
Cousins Subs	9%	\$10		
Cracker Barrel	8%	\$10		
		\$25		
Dairy Queen	3%	\$10		
Denny's	7%	\$10		
Domino's Pizza	8%	\$10		
		\$25		
Dunkin' Donuts	3%	\$10		
		\$25		
Einstein Bros. Bagels	10%	\$10		
Fanny May Candies	25%	\$10		
Fazoli's	7%	\$25		
Golden Corral	9%	\$25		
Great Harvest Bread Co.	6%	\$10		
Hardee's	5%	\$10		
Honeybaked Ham	12%	\$25		
Houlihan's	8%	\$25		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Krispy Kreme	8%	\$10		
Little Caesar's	8%	\$20		
Longhorn Steakhouse/Olive Garden	8%	\$25/100		
Maggiqano's/Chili's	11%	\$25		
		\$50		
Miller Time Pub	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Milwaukee Chophouse	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Noodles & Company	8%	\$10		
Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse	8%	\$25/100		
Omaha Steaks	11%	\$25		
Outback Steaks/Bonefish/Carraba's	8%	\$25		
		\$50		
Panera Bread	8%	\$10/25/50		
Papa John's	8%	\$10		
Papa Murphy's	8%	\$10		
Pizza Hut	8%	\$10		
Pizza Ranch	8%	\$25		
P.F. Chang's	8%	\$25/100		
Potbelly Sandwich Works	8%	\$10		
Qdoba	7%	\$25		
Rainforest Cafe/Landry's	9%	\$25/100		
Red Lobster	8%	\$25		
Red Robin	8%	\$25		
restaurant.com	50%	\$20		
Rock Bottom	6%	\$25		
Ruby Tuesdays	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee Co.	7%	\$10/25/50		
Subway	6%	\$10/50		
Taco Bell	5%	\$10/25		
Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25/100		
Total Wine & More	7%	\$25/100		
TGI Fridays	9%	\$25		
Uno Pizzeria & Grill	12%	\$25		
Wendy's	6.5%	\$10		

RETAIL STORES	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
1-800-Flowers	12%	\$50		
Ace Hardware	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
Adidas	13%	\$25		
Advance Auto Parts	7%	\$25		
		\$100		
Aeropostale	10%	\$25		
Amazon.com	2.25%	\$25		
		\$100		
American Eagle	10%	\$25		
American Girl/americangirl.com	9%	\$25		
		\$100		
Auto Zone	8%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shops	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Bath & Bodyworks	12%	\$10		
		\$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond/Buy Buy Baby	7%	\$25		
		\$100		
Best Buy	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
		\$250		
Buckle/Buckle.com	8%	\$25		
Build a Bear Workshop	8%	\$25		
Burlington Coat Factory	8%	\$25		
Buy Buy Baby/Bed Bath & Beyond	7%	\$25		
		\$100		
Cabela's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Carter's/Oshkosh	10%	\$25		
Catherine's/Lane Bryant	8%	\$25		
The Children's Place	12%	\$25		
Claire's	9%	\$10		
Columbia Sportswear	12%	\$50		
Crate & Barrel	8%	\$25/100		
CVS Pharmacy	6%	\$25		
		\$100		
Dick's Sporting Goods/Golf Galaxy	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Disney Gift Card	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
		\$1,000		
Dress Barn	8%	\$25		
DSW	8%	\$25		
Dunham's Sports	8%	\$25		
Express	10%	\$25		
Fanatics	7%	\$10		
Finish Line	10%	\$25		
Footlocker	8%	\$25		
Forever21	5%	\$10		
GNC	8%	\$25		
Golf Galaxy/Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Great Clips	8%	\$25		
Groupon.com	7%	\$25		
Guitar Center	4%	\$25		
Gymboree	13%	\$25		
Hallmark	4%	\$25		
Harley Davidson	3%	\$50		
Home Depot-no pmnt on acct	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
		\$500		
		\$1,000		
Homegoods/Marshalls/T J Maxx	7%	\$25/100		
J.C.Penney	5%	\$25		
- no payment on account		\$100		
Jiffy Lube	8%	\$30		
JoAnn Fabrics	6%	\$25		
Journeys	10%	\$25		

RETAIL STORES	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
Kohl's Dept	5%	\$10		
-may pay on account		\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Lands' End	15%	\$25		
Lane Bryant/Catherine's	8%	\$25		
LL Bean	16%	\$25		
		\$100		
Lowe's	4%	\$25		
		\$100		
		\$500		
		\$1,000		
Macy's	10%	\$25		
		\$100		
Marshall's/Homegoods/T J Maxx	7%	\$25/100		
Meijer	3%	\$25		
		\$50		
		\$100		
Menard's	3%	\$25		
-no payment on account		\$100		
		\$500		
Men's Warehouse	8%	\$25		
Michael's	4%	\$25		
Mills Fleet Farm	3.5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Modell's Sporting Goods	8%	\$25		
Nike/NikeStore.com	12%	\$25		
Nordstrom	6%	\$25		
		\$100		
Office Max/Office Depot	5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Old Navy/The Gap/Banana Republic	14%	\$25/100		
Oriental Trading	9%	\$25		
OshKosh	10%	\$25		
Overstock.com	8%	\$25		
PetSmart	5%	\$25		
Requis Salons	8%	\$25		
REI/REI.com/REI-OUTLET.com	8%	\$25		
Ross Dress for Less	8%	\$25		
Shoe Carnival	5%	\$25		
Shopko	3%	\$25		
		\$100		
Shutterfly.com	9%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Stein Mart/steinmart.com	7%	\$25		
Supercuts	8%	\$25		
Talbot's	13%	\$25		
Target (max. 4 cds./transaction)	2.5%	\$25		
-no payment on account		\$50		
		\$100		
		\$250		
T J Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods	7%	\$25		
		\$100		
Under Armour	11%	\$25		
Walgreens	5%	\$25		
		\$100		
Wal-Mart	2.5%	\$25		
good at Sam's Club, and online at both		\$50		
		\$100		
		\$250/500		
Wayfair	6%	\$100		
Wet Seal	5%	\$25		
Williams Sonoma/Pottery Barn	8%	\$25		
		\$100		
Cascading Card File	25%	\$3		

Payment Method (Check One Below)
 Cash Check (No. _____)

Make checks payable to: Grace Lutheran

GRAND TOTAL OF ALL ORDERS \$

Questions? Donna Dotson 762-0183

7/1/20

November

2020 Events

Grace Lutheran School
8537 S. Pennsylvania Avenue
Oak Creek, WI 53154

414.762.3655

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Favorite Sweatshirt Day Divine Worship 6:30pm	6 No School	7
8 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	9	10	11	12 Divine Worship 6:30pm	13 Backward Shirt Day	14
15 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	16	17 Culver's Dining Out	18	19 Divine Worship 6:30pm	20 Panther Spirit Wear Day	21
22 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	23	24 Brown & Orange Day	25 No School Thanksgiving Church Service with Communion 6:30pm	26 No School 	27 No School	28
29 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	30					

December

2020 Events

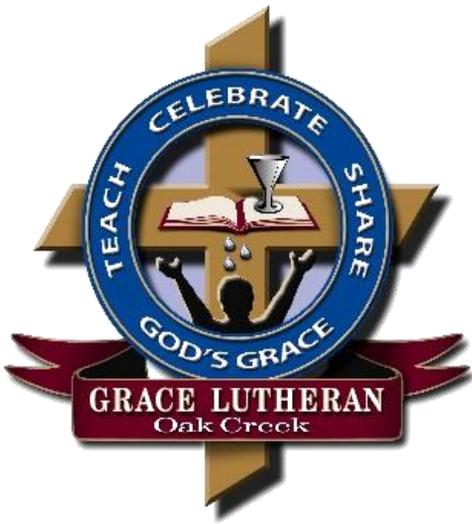
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13 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	14 Red Shirt Day	15 Green Shirt Day	16 Favorite Christmas Apparel Day (can be pjs)	Advent Worship 6:30pm 17	Pajama Day 18	19
20 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	Ugly Sweater Day Advent Worship 6:30pm 24	Christmas themed hat or head gear, or Christmas Mask Day 25	26
27 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 & 5:30 pm 31	NO SCHOOL Christmas Morning Worship 9:30am	
				New Year's Eve Worship 4:00pm		



The State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction requires Grace Lutheran School to have two meetings per school year at which members of the governing body of the school will be present and at which all pupils, parents and/or guardians of all pupils applying to attend the school or attending the school may meet and communicate with Board members.



This year the dates are the following:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Wednesday, May 5, 2021

This will be held from 6:30 – 7:00 pm at church.

All students and parents or guardians are invited to attend.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

We are a Christ-centered school
preparing children for life
both academically and spiritually.



Pastor	Rev. John M. Taggatz
Principal	Mr. Steve Gettelman
Admin. Asst.	Mrs. Dena Guziewicz
Librarian	Mrs. Suzie Mirenda
4K	Mrs. Amy Pankow
4K Teacher Aide	Mrs. Krystal Halbrooks
5K	Mrs. Jennifer Mendez
5K Teacher Aide	Mrs. Nicole Tindall
1 st & 2 nd Grade	Mrs. Roxanne Taggatz
1 st & 2 nd Aide	Mrs. Melissa Gamroth
3 rd & 4 th Grade	Mrs. Rita Heinen
5 th & 6 th Homeroom	Mrs. Lisa Hengst
7 th & 8 th Homeroom	Miss Ariel Wald
Computer	Ms. Ariel Wald
Band	Mr. Ken Wiele
Athletic Director	Mrs. Rita Heinen
Music Program	Mrs. Lisa Hengst

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