



Panther Newsletter

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

December 4, 2020

Parents of Grace,

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

- Our Weekly Prayer List
- Church News
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- Cold Weather Notice
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- Muffins With Mom Selfies
- Scrip Information , Order Form, and Help Wanted Notice
- December Events Calendar
- Staff List

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.

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.

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:

Steven & Camden

Our prayers for the upcoming week are for:

Jude & Eleanor



Power Point Team

Pastor Taggatz is looking for a few people that would be interested in helping create and run the Power Points for worship service. Please contact him directly if you are available to help.

Greeting Card Ministry

This ministry consists of volunteers mailing cards and notes of encouragement to people in nursing facilities, those who are homebound, or those that cannot attend church regularly. It is a kind reminder that they are in our thoughts and prayers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please take a card that is provided from the table in the narthex and personalize with your message.

Private Communion Service

We would like to encourage those that have not been attending worship services due to COVID-19 to come and partake in a private communion. This service will be available once a month, starting on Monday, December 7th from 10 am to Noon. We have eight 15 minute slots available. Social distancing and thorough cleaning will occur between each visit. Please contact Sarah Anderson in the church office to schedule your slot. If the date does not work for you, please contact Pastor Taggatz to schedule an appointment. You can reach him directly at 715-467-1231.

2021 Alter Flowers

The sign up sheet for the 2021 alter flowers is now posted on the white board in the church narthex. You can place your order directly with Parkway Floral or bring in your own arrangement. Flowers should be delivered by Thursday morning.



Holiday Worship Service Schedule

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.



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.



Christmas Cheer Care Packages

Our students are looking to spread some Christmas Cheer this year. They will be making Christmas cards and assisting in packing small care packages to give to people who might need a little extra cheer this Christmas season! These packages will be delivered to some shut in members of Grace Lutheran , as well as residents of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and retirement homes.

We could use your help! We are looking for donations of specific items to pack in our care packages. Below is a list of these items:

- Word search books, crossword puzzle books, or other activity books of this style
- Small tabletop Christmas decorations
- Puzzles (preferably with larger pieces)
- Packaged Christmas candy
- Small devotion books
- Monetary donation to purchase any of the items above

Donations are needed in the school office by Tuesday, December 15th.

Thank you for your help!

THEY'RE BACK!

Just like last year, each student will make an ornament and they can be purchased for \$3.00. All proceeds will be going to support our missionary, Rachel Meyer, who is serving in Uganda.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we will be having a virtual program this year. But, don't worry! You can still purchase your child's ornament! Just complete the information below and return to the school office with payment by Wednesday, December 16th.

Parent Name _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Total Ornaments Purchased: _____

Cost per Ornament x \$3.00

Total Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

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.



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.

Casual Day

Please note that when we have a “themed” casual day your student(s) must be in that “theme” or school dress code.

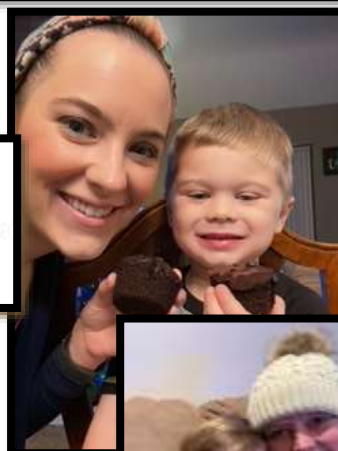
For example – if we have a Panther Spirit Wear themed casual day your student(s) should have some type of Grace Lutheran School spirit wear on. This is not the same as wearing blue and white day.

Please make sure your child is following the theme for that day.

We have a lot of fun days coming up for the holidays! Check our school events calendar for more information.







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>

HELP WANTED! Grace Lutheran Church is looking for a Scrip Coordinator to oversee the Scrip program. It will require only a minimal amount of work. This volunteer must be a member of Grace Lutheran Church.

GRACE LUTHERAN SCRIP ORDER FORM

Your Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

2021-2022 TUITION CREDIT:

Family to receive credit:

ECC _____
 Grace _____
 HS _____
 Sponsor a Student _____

_____ Will pick up after church service

Date: _____

_____ Will pick up at school

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

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

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

TRAVEL	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
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, Cambia Suites, Clarion	3%	\$50		
		\$100		
Delta Airlines	4%	\$250		
		\$1,000		
Hilton	2%	\$100		
		\$500		
Hotels.com	8%	\$100		
		\$250		
Princess Cruise Lines	6%	\$100		
		\$500		
Royal Caribbean International	13%	\$100		
		\$500		
Southwest Airlines	4%	\$250		

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

RESTAURANTS & FOOD	%	\$	NUMBER	NET
Applebees	8%	\$25		
		\$50		
Arbys	8%	\$10		
Auntie Anne's/Moe's SW Grill/Schlotzsky's	8%	\$25		
Boston Market	12%	\$10		
Bravo	12%	\$25		
Brueggers Bagels	7%	\$10		
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10		
		\$25		
Burger King	4%	\$10		
California Pizza	8%	\$25		
Caribou Coffee	8%	\$10		
Carraba's/Outback/Bonefish Grill	8%	\$25		
		\$50		
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25		
Chili's/Maggiano'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		
Culvers	5%	\$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		
IHOP	8%	\$25		
Krispy Kreme	8%	\$10		
Little Caesar's	8%	\$20		
Longhorn Steakhouse/Olive Garden	8%	\$25/100		
		\$50		
Maggiano's/Chili's	11%	\$25		
		\$50		
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		
Ruby Tuesdays	8%	\$25		
Starbucks Coffee Co.	7%	\$10/25/50		
Subway	8%	\$10/50		
Taco Bell	5%	\$10/25		
Texas Roadhouse	8%	\$25/100		
Total Wine & More	7%	\$25/100		
T.G.I. 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/american girl.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		
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		
DSW	8%	\$25		
Dunham's Sports	8%	\$25		
Express	10%	\$25		
Fanatics	7%	\$10		
Finish Line	10%	\$25		
Footlocker	8%	\$25		
Forever21	5%	\$10		
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		
Home Depot-no prmt 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	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		
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		
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		
Shutterfly.com	9%	\$25		
Staples	5%	\$25		
		\$100		
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		
Visa Gift Card (no activation fee)	1.25%	\$50		
		\$100		
		\$250		
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		
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

11/29/20

December

2020 Events

Grace Lutheran School
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Divine Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Divine Worship 10:30 am	7	8	9 Wear Christmas Program Attire for Recording Day	10 Advent Worship 6:30pm	11 Pajama Day	12
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)	17 Ugly Sweater Day Advent Worship 6:30pm	18 Christmas themed hat or head gear, or Christmas Mask Day	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	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	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	31 NO SCHOOL New Year's Eve Worship 4:00pm	Jan 1	Jan 2

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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