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Grace Lutheran School
Oak Creek, WI
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September 10, 2021

Dear Families of Grace Lutheran,

With three weeks of the new school year under our belt we are off and running! Many exciting things are happening in the classrooms as the students review things from the past and learn new concepts for this year. This morning we took the opportunity to gather at our flag pole for prayer as we remembered the events of 9/11. We gave thanks for our first responders and military that protect us on a daily basis and prayed for those that lost loved ones on that day.

This Sunday we will celebrate Christian Education Sunday at Grace. The students will be singing at the 10:00 service for this celebration at church. Our PTLs is working on plans for the Walk for Grace which will take place in October! Watch for more information to come home next week about this event.

Unfortunately, we are still dealing with Covid in our lives. It's rare to turn on the news or scroll through a news feed without seeing it mentioned. Please continue to monitor your children for signs of illness and keep them home from school if they become sick. We always want our student here with us in person but also recognize the importance of maintaining a healthy body and reducing the spread of illnesses.

Grace Lutheran Church will be hosting the second annual Trunk or Treat event in the school parking lot on October 22. More details will be coming within the next few weeks!

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.

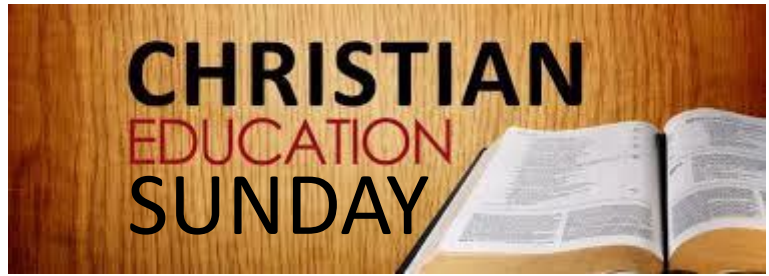
We invite you to join with us as we bring our requests for one another before God.

"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 next will include:

Bailey & Essa



September 12th at 9:00 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church

Please join us for Christian Education Sunday!

During this worship service we will be recognizing our Sunday School volunteers, the faculty, and the staff for their hard work and dedication.

We will also be recognizing Mrs. Mendez's 5 years, Mrs. Heinen's 10 years, and Mr. Gettelman's 15 years of service in the teaching ministry!



Red, White, and Blue was the theme today as all of our students and staff gathered around the flag pole, as we do each year, in remembrance of 9/11/01. Mr. Gettelman spoke briefly about what happened to our country 20 years ago that day. As a school body we then bowed our head in prayer remembering all of those individuals our country lost that day and thanking our Heavenly Father for his protection.

DON'T FORGET

Our students will be singing at our church service **THIS SUNDAY!** Church begins at 10:00 am so please have your student go up to the balcony as soon as they arrive at church. They will be dismissed to sit back with their parents after the song.

Our church is located at 3381 E. Puetz Road in Oak Creek.





Picture Day is
Monday, September 13th

Students can
DRESS THEIR BEST
or wear their school
uniform for the picture.

This is not a causal dress down day.

Send NO MONEY on picture day. You will
receive proofs and pricing information from
your child's session within a few weeks.

IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO BE



Please contact the **SCHOOL OFFICE** if your child will be absent from school. You can reach us by phone at 414-762-3655, email school@graceoakcreek.org, or send Mrs. Dena Guziewicz a message directly through FastDirect. 😊

It is important that anytime a student is absent, going to be tardy, or has to leave school early for an appointment that **this is communicated to the school office**. We will make sure that their teacher is informed.

We have pre-planned absence forms available in the school office that should be completed if you know in advance of an absence that will occur.

Our students are adapting to their school schedule and we enjoy having them back in our halls and classrooms. We also greatly appreciate your support in helping make Grace Lutheran School a safe environment for our students to learn and grow.

Please continue to monitor your children for symptoms of COVID-19 daily. With your help we can do our very best in helping contain the spread of the virus within our community and school.



Your student should stay home if you answer YES to any of the following questions:

- Have they taken any medication to reduce fever in the last 24 hours?
- Have they experienced vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
- Have they tested positive for COVID-19, with or without symptoms, and have not finished their quarantine per the health department?
- Have they experienced any of the following symptoms above their baseline: cough, shortness of breath, difficult breathing, or new loss of smell and/or taste?
- Do they have at least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, or rigors, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.



Fast Direct Communications is the online Student Information System that Grace Lutheran School utilizes.

- School communication between school administration & teachers to the parents
- Monitor school attendance
- Grade Book for students 1st grade through 8th grade

We understand that several of our teachers utilize other apps or ways to communicate with families of their students, however, it is important that you log into the system regularly to check your messages. The school office and principal only use Fast Direct for information they are sending home.

If you are in need of your user name and password, please contact Mrs. Dena in the school office during 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

<https://ssl.fastdir.com/graceoakcreek/>



Grace Lutheran School

September Events

2021 - UPDATED



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Summer Worship	30 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice	31	1 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice	2 Favorite Hat Day 6:30 PM Worship Service	3 NO SCHOOL	4
5 9:00 AM Summer Worship	6 NO SCHOOL	7 3:45 - 5:00 Volleyball practice	8 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice	9 3:45 - 5:00 Volleyball practice 6:30 PM Worship Service	10 Red, White & Blue Day	11
12 10:00 AM Divine Worship-Christian Education Sunday 11:30 AM Church Picnic STUDENTS SING at 10:00 am service	13 PICTURE DAY! 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice 6:30 VB Game @ Granville 6:30 PM Confirmation Meeting w/Pastor Taggatz	14 3:45 - 5:00 Volleyball practice	15 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice	16 3:45 - 5:00 Volleyball practice 6:30 PM Worship Service	17 Favorite Sports Team Day	18 9:00 AM Adult Membership Class
19 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Worship 11:30 AM Voter's Meeting	20 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice 6:30 VB Game @ Zion	21 4:00 PM Milwaukee Lutheran High Meet	22	23 6:30 PM Worship Service Hales Corners VB Tournament	24 Panther or Blue & White Day Hales Corners VB Tournament 4:15 PM Grace Lutheran Home Meet	25 Hales Corners VB Tournament
26 8:00 AM Divine Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School/Bible Study 10:30 AM Divine Worship	27 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice (Optional for 1st - 4th)	28 3:45 - 5:00 Volleyball practice	29 3:35 - 4:30 Cross Country Practice (Optional for 1st - 4th)	30 3:45 - 4:30 Volleyball practice @ School 6:30 PM Worship Service	1	2

Church News

6th – 8th Grade Parents

Pastor Taggatz is holding a meeting on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary to discuss Confirmation and what the expectations are. If you cannot attend, please contact him to make other arrangements.

Ladies Bible Study

Our Ladies Bible Study will be starting up again on September 15 at 9:30 am. They meet every Wednesday at the church.

Adult Membership Classes

A new adult membership class will be available on Saturday, September 18th from 9 am to 1:30 pm at the church. If you are interested in learning or reviewing the foundation of the Christian faith, please attend! Attendance at the class leads to membership at Grace Lutheran Church if you are interested in that progression.

Voter's Meeting

The next voter's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 19th after the 10:30 am worship service. Members of Grace Lutheran Church are encouraged to attend, as it is important for the ministries here at Grace. Topics of this meeting will include a Pastor update, Church Board updates, and voting in new members to the congregation.

Come Worship With Us

**On Sunday, September 19th we
will begin our Fall Worship
Schedule.**



Thursday 6:30 pm

Sunday Morning 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEINGS
SEPTEMBER 19TH**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
Sunday School is from 9:15 to 10:15 am**

**Adult Bible Study will be in the church entrance
and all of our youth will meet in the church
sanctuary.**

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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



Pastor
Principal
Admin. Asst.
Librarian
4K
4K Teacher Aide
5K
5K Teacher Aide
1st Grade
1st & 2nd Aide
2nd Grade
3rd & 4th Grade
5th & 6th Homeroom
7th & 8th Homeroom

Computer
Band
Athletic Director
Music Program

Rev. John M. Taggatz
Mr. Steve Gettelman
Mrs. Dena Guzewicz
Mrs. Suzie Mirenda
Mrs. Amy Pankow
Mrs. Krystal Halbrooks
Mrs. Jennifer Mendez
Mrs. Nicole Tindall
Mrs. Roxanne Taggatz
Mrs. Melissa Gamroth
Mr. Anthony Hengst
Mrs. Rita Heinen
Mrs. Lisa Hengst
Miss Ariel Wald

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Mr. Ken Wiele
Mrs. Rita Heinen
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