



WEEKLY NEWS

December 12, 2025

IN OUR PRAYERS - Each week we will pray for some of our students every morning. This week we prayed for Selena, Everly and Jackson S. Next week we will be praying for Bear, Victoria, and Jacob. Please keep our students in your prayers as well for this school year.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS - Our Christmas programs are THIS evening at the school campus in the gym. 4K - 2nd grade will begin at 6 pm, with doors opening at 5:45 pm. The 3rd - 7th grade program will begin at 7:15, with doors opening at the end of the first program. Tickets were sent home with the oldest student in your household earlier this week. Students should dress their best for this program.

CLASSROOM WISH LIST - A little elf told us that a few of our teachers have an Amazon Wish List for their classrooms. If anyone wants to take a peek...you can find them on our school website. www.graceoakcreek.org/school

IS YOUR STUDENT SICK?? - Our school health policy requires that students be **fever-free without the use of medication for at least 24 hours** before returning to school. Students who have experienced vomiting or diarrhea—whether at home or while at school and sent home—must also remain home until they have been symptom-free for **24 hours without medication**. Please do not medicate your child in order to send them to school if they are running a fever or still experiencing symptoms. In the past, widespread illness has led to school closures, and our goal is to prevent this by keeping our entire school community as healthy as possible. We truly appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines, as they play an essential role in limiting the spread of illness and protecting our students and staff.

COLD WEATHER - Please note that students will continue to go outside for recess when the temperature is **10°F or higher**. To ensure everyone stays warm and safe, students should come to school dressed appropriately for winter weather. This includes coats, hats, boots, and snow pants as needed. **Waterproof gloves or mittens are highly recommended** for snow play. Regular gloves can become wet quickly, which makes it difficult for students to stay warm and comfortable outdoors. Please make sure you label your student's name in their items. Thank you for helping your child be prepared to enjoy recess safely during the winter months!

SCHOOL CLOSING NOTICE - If school is closed due to weather, or any other unforeseen circumstance, families will be notified via email. We will also list it with WISN12, TMJ4, CBS58, and FOX6 as GRACE LUTHERAN - OAK CREEK. We are automatically closed if Oak Creek - Franklin School District is closed. There has been times in which we close and OCFSD has not since we have students and staff that travel from all over the greater Milwaukee area, Waukesha, Racine, and other counties where weather may be different than in Oak Creek.

2026 - 2027 ENROLLMENT - Mark your calendar for January 19th! We will open our enrollment this day for the 2026-2027 school year to our returning families. You can register your current student, and also any incoming siblings to guarantee their seat for the upcoming school year. We will open enrollment to new families on February 1st. Choice applications will also open February 1st as well. Choice families are required to complete their application and submit all required documentation by the end of the application period. Appointments will be available in February for assistance to the process.

UPCOMING CASUAL DAYS or IMPORTANT EVENTS:

- Monday, December 15 - Blizzard Day (wear white)
- Tuesday, December 16 - Cand Cane Day (wear red & white)
- Wednesday, December 17 - Grinch Green and Whoville Hair Day
- Thursday, December 18 - Chapel Shirt Day
- Friday, December 19 - Christmas PJ Day
- Monday, December 22 - January 2 - NO SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS BREAK



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