# **GRACE:NEWS**

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# Lourdes 200

**P**rincipal Jeff Young and Father Jim Baraniak O. Praem are thrilled to announce that Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School has successfully achieved "Lourdes 200", its enrollment goal of 200 students for the 2022-2023 school year. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of the Our Lady of Lourdes parish community.

Father Jim Baraniak's leadership has brought a renewed sense of energy and enthusiasm to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. Our Lady of Lourdes Parish continues to enjoy an influx of new parishioners and Father Jim's passion for education and his commitment to the Catholic faith have inspired many families to choose Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School for their children's education.

Principal Mr. Jeff Young maintains a calm and composed demeanor that has been invaluable in helping to create a positive and welcoming atmosphere to the students and faculty of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. When challenges arise, Mr. Young approaches them with a level head and a solutions-oriented mindset. From adapting new educational technologies to navigating the challenges of the pandemic, Mr. Young has consistently demonstrated the ability to make thoughtful and strategic decisions that have helped Our Lady of Lourdes thrive.

A key factor in the success of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School is the strong partnerships that have been established with parents and the community. These partnerships have helped to create a collaborative, positive, and supportive learning environment for students.

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, the education of the whole child is a top priority. In addition to providing a strong academic foundation, the school also places a strong emphasis on the spiritual and moral development of its students. The faith of its students is an integral part of the

educational experience where students are able to grow in their understanding and love of God.

The school's incredible teachers are another major contributor to its success. They are dedicated professionals who are committed to helping students achieve their full potential. Their expertise and passion for teaching is evident in the excellent academics offered at the school. In addition to its talented faculty, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School recently participated in the CatholicLink Leadership Academy. This experience helped to set goals and strategic initiatives together as a school community.

The "Lourdes 200" accomplishment would not have been possible without the support of the broader Our Lady of Lourdes community. GRACE and Our Lady of Lourdes leadership are grateful to the dedicated staff, parents, and parish members for their support and look forward to continued growth ahead.

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# **President Welcome**

### Greetings GRACE Families and Friends,

I pray that spring brings a sense of renewal and peace as we all look forward to the beauty of God's creation in budding trees, blooming flowers and green grass!

Our GRACE school communities are special. They are places where we come together to celebrate our faith and to support one another in our quest for learning and growth. The sense of community that can be found in our GRACE schools is truly beautiful, and it sets our schools apart from others- both public and private!

Each of our GRACE schools enjoys a robust and thriving Site Advisory Council (SAC) composed of parents, teachers, and staff who work together to support the school. The SAC serves as an important body to support the mission of each GRACE school and inherently our vibrant school system. The purpose of the SAC is two-fold:

- 1. Serve as a fundraising entity to meet Third Source Fundraising (TSF) goals annually to help maintain low tuition.
- 2. Work with school leadership, parish(es) and system leadership, to help promote collegiality and a sense of community throughout the school and our system.

SAC meetings are usually held monthly and parents are welcome to attend. Often the SAC develops strategic committees that help to drive initiatives that contribute to the overall goals and objectives of the school. Examples include a Spirituality Committee, Auction Committee, Marketing Committee and Athletic Liaison.

Each SAC is a vitally important part of our stakeholder community. Members of each SAC are held in high esteem since this is a formal leadership role for the school. Many times the school principal will lean on this team to discuss issues related to the education and wellbeing of our students. It is common for the principal to discuss student social events, school uniforms and strategic vision of the school with this body of parents and parish members. Feedback from the SAC is integral in shaping the direction of our schools and ensures that the needs of our students are being met as views are constructively shared and explored with the principal.

Sincere appreciation to those of you who have and/or are serving on a SAC. Please know that your passion and dedication to our students and schools is clearly recognized through the immense efforts and hours contributed in your role. I often feel that our SAC members deserve a special place in heaven for their commitment. They are selfless and giving individuals that truly wish for the best in each school. They are confidants to our principals and have the pulse on the needs of our school community to assist all to be engaged. Again, thank you to each and every volunteer that makes up our SAC teams. Your involvement is a critical aspect of why we are successful.

As we look to the future horizon for our SACs, next year we will





embark together on renewing the SAC bylaws GRACE-wide. We will utilize a small group of individuals to review the nine individual

bylaws and develop common language and a template that can be used GRACE-wide to create consistency and clarity to the mission of our local SACs. We will also review the overall site SCRIP, fundraising and volunteer service hour requirements for parents to create additional consistency and understanding across GRACE. These aspects of our SAC committees also impact our overall enrollment contracts, so a unified process is necessary to strengthen this going forward.

It is vital to embrace our network of vibrant parents and professionals as it allows us to work together towards a common goal- the success of our students. By coming together and sharing our expertise and experiences, we can create a stronger, more supportive learning environment for our students.

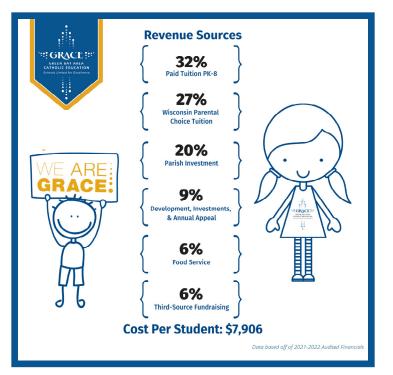
As Catholics, we believe that we are all called to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. By being involved in the life of our school, you can help to create a sense of belonging and purpose that is so important for our students. You will have the opportunity to form meaningful relationships with other parents, teachers, and staff and to be a part of something truly special- a community of believers working together to nurture the next generation.

I encourage you to consider joining your school's SAC. Your participation and input can make a real difference in the lives of our students and help to ensure that our school is a place where every child can thrive and also grow in holiness!

In Christ,

Winberly Desotcel

Kimberly A. Desotell President, GRACE





### CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Headmaster: Patrick McKeown 920-617-9542 www.sjpclassicalschoolgreenbay.org/ chesterton-academy

### FATHER ALLOUEZ CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Kay Franz 920-432-5223 (Elementary) 920-336-3230 (Middle) www.fatherallouezschool.org

#### HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mrs. Kari Peterson 920-468-0625 www.holycrossfamily.org

#### **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Principal: Mr. Jere Kubuske 920-494-1931 www.holyfamilygreenbay.com

### **NOTRE DAME OF DE PERE**

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### OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Principal: Mrs. Crystal Blahnik 920-468-5026 www.saintbernardgb.com

### ST. JOHN PAUL II CLASSICAL SCHOOL

Headmaster: Mr. Alex Wolf 920-617-9542 www.sjpclassicalschoolgreenbay.org

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL Principal: Ms. Dana Vance 920-434-3822 www.sjbhschool.org

### ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Dr. Jamie Froh Tyrrell 920-432-8242 www.stmoregb.com

# **Exploring Childcare Options**



**H** appy children cared for by loving caregivers have settled into the GRACE Little Saints Childcare Program hosted at Holy Family Catholic School. This program opened in August 2021 and now welcomes children of GRACE teachers, staff and our Catholic community from ages six weeks to three years old. The program consists of three classrooms featuring a faith-based early childhood curriculum full of music, books, playtime, snacks, and devoted, attentive teachers.

Developed under GRACE President Kimberly Desotell's vision to recruit and maintain top talent within GRACE by

providing an affordable, loving, and trustworthy childcare option for the families of GRACE staff, the program has grown well into its second year. Currently there are three rooms – an infant room, toddler room, and childcare classroom. The program offers a developmentally-appropriate curriculum that strives to enhance social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and faith growth in young children.

Parents and guardians are welcome to take a tour and meet with the Little Saints Childcare manager, Tami VanGruensven. Ms. VanGruensven shares, "I look forward to getting to know the children and their families at Little Saints. It is so rewarding to watch them learn and grow. Please feel free to contact me about anything. I can be reached through email at tvangruensven@gracesystem.org or by phone at (920) 272-3123."

Current families will have a future-intent sign up, with some babies already booked into next fall. Children are accepted at any time during the year if there is available room. "We want their experiences at Little Saints to be remembered and cherished," concludes Ms. VanGruensven.

# **Holy Family Catholic School**

D uring this past advent season, the countdown to Christmas at Holy Family Catholic School has become a giving event. The students from grades pre-K through eighth grade, their families, and school staff have been working together on a reverse advent calendar project to stock the shelves at Green Bay's Hope Center Pantry.

Each day, from November 28 through December 16, rather than getting a little something, participants donated an item based on a giving list. Pantry items on the list include cereal, soup, pasta, crackers and more.



Principal Jere Kubuske has reported that students have been excited to add food supplies to the tables each day. He said, "I've been very pleasantly surprised by how much we have. The whole table is completely filled, stacked up four feet tall [with] some overflow on each side."

This effort, headed by teachers Courtney Wedan and Lynn Francois, is just one of Holy Family's many service projects. Each project is a part of the educational experience and school culture at the school. Mr. Kubuske adds, "Throughout the year, we have [many] things going on. We are very service-minded and experience driven."

For more information about Holy Family Catholic School, visit their website at holyfamilygreenbay.com.

# **GRACE Golden Apple Teacher**



We are thrilled to announce that Amanda Boeke, a beloved Kindergarten teacher at St. Bernard Catholic School, a part of the Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) system, has been named a finalist for the prestigious Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching are awarded by the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce annually to educators who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their students, families, and the education community. Mrs. Boeke will advance to the final awards ceremony in April where award winners will be recognized.

GRACE President, Mrs. Kim Desotell stated, "Mrs. Boeke is an inspirational, loving and caring GRACE teacher. We are proud of her important contributions and the example of excellence she sets for others in the field of education."

Mrs. Boeke has been a dedicated educator for eight years and has made a lasting impact on the lives of her students. She creates a warm and welcoming environment in her classroom, fostering a love of learning and encouraging each student to reach their full potential. Her peers and families describe her as kind, patient, and endlessly encouraging, making her students feel safe and valued in her classroom.

Mrs. Crystal Blahnik, Principal of St. Bernard Catholic School states: "It is a joy to see such a dedicated teacher be recognized in this very special way. Mrs. Boeke started her teaching career with us eight years ago and she is now a leader among her peers and highly

respected among the school community. She most recently completed her MA in English Language Learning. This was something she pursued for her kids, so that she could help them be as successful as possible. "

Mrs. Boeke goes above and beyond to connect with her families and the larger school community, creating a strong sense of partnership and collaboration. She has a remarkable ability to connect with each student, understand their individual needs, and support their growth and development. Her colleagues and families rave about her unwavering commitment to her students, her exceptional work ethic, and her genuine love for teaching.

This recognition is a testament to Mrs. Boeke's exceptional dedication and hard work, and a shining example of the incredible impact that one dedicated teacher can have on the lives of their students. We are proud to have Mrs. Boeke as a member of the GRACE community and look forward to celebrating her achievements in the coming months.

St. Bernard Catholic School is a preschool through 8th grade school that is part of the GRACE System and that believes in an innovative, faith-based education with equal access to student services. This approach allows St. Bernard Catholic School to provide an academically sound, compelling, and faith-filled environment for all of its students. With St. Bernard of Clairvaux as their guide, they stand in the motto: Peace, Pray, Learn. More information can be found at saintbernardgb.com

For media inquiries, contact Madeline Janssen, GRACE Director of Marketing & Communications at 920-499-7330 x 1014 or at communications@gracesystem.org.









# **GRACE Nominees For 2023 Golden Apple Awards**

**G** RACE is proud to present our school system educators who have been nominated for the Greater Green Bay Chamber's 2023 Golden Apple Awards. GRACE is blessed with amazing teachers, and these nominees represent the excellence in faith-based education that occurs daily in our schools. Nominees include educators from all our GRACE schools this year, including Father Allouez Catholic School, Holy Cross Catholic School, Holy Family Catholic School, Notre Dame of De Pere, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, St. Bernard Catholic School, St. John Paul II Classical School, St. John the Baptist Catholic School, and St. Thomas More Catholic School. The 2023 Golden Apple Awards program is scheduled to be held April 19, 2023. Here are the GRACE nominees, listed in alphabetical order according to last name:



Father Allouez Catholic School: Amy Benzshawel, James Block, Allyson Ellis, Jeanne Ihlenfeldt, Sarah Johanski, Patricia Nennig, April Neuville, Tina Sabin, Samantha Skifton, Annie Stewart, Brenda Touchinski, Ashley VandenBush, Caity Zedler

Holy Cross Catholic School: Michelle Anderson, Jessica DeGroot, Tim Kozlovsky, Jamie Sheehy, Jodi Sullivan, Tara Wildenberg

Holy Family Catholic School: Traci Belongia, Lynn Francois, Amy Glantz, Sister Elena Gonzales, Shawna Halbach, Lisa Krcma, Bailey Schultz, Jordan Thill, Courtney Wedan

Notre Dame of De Pere: Jacky Cramer, Carrie Korinek, Elise Stone

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School:** Hannah Aschenbrenner, Julie Basten, Beth Christensen, Ashley Cwiklewski, Lourain Eggart, Caitlin Enright, Lynn Fink, Sarah Sharkey, Sally Thompson

St. Bernard Catholic School: Amanda Boeke, Molly Bongel, Julie Lamm, Terri Larson

St. John Paul II Classical School: Emily Baumann, Jennifer Budde, Brenda Devroy, Gary Guevara, Brianna McGann, Tyler Storey

St. John the Baptist School: Kristin Barnhart, Alex Geise, Julie Schmitz, Lisa Turbett, Abbie Withbroe

# 2023-2024 Tuition

The GRACE Finance Committee and the GRACE Board of Trustees have approved the GRACE 2023-2024 tuition rates. Tuition rates can be found at gracesystem.org/admissions/tuitionsand-fees Next year's tuition includes a few creative incentives aimed to help maintain affordable tuition for all families.

These incentives include:

- Active Parishioner Incentive -\$2000 per student
- Sibling Incentive \$200 per student, Fifth+ Student FREE
- New Family Referral Incentive -\$200 per family

All of our resources are focused on improving our ability to achieve our common mission of "building academic excellence and life skills while growing in our Catholic faith." We continue to be focused on enrollment growth in each of our nine schools. This growth helps to maintain our financial stability and offers additional compensation that can be funneled into increased teacher and staff compensation; a priority from our GRACE Strategic Plan.



Our GRACE community members are our greatest ambassadors. Existing GRACE families are eligible for a \$200 tuition discount for each New Family referred that enrolls in a GRACE school.

More information can be found at gracesystem.org/admissions/family-referral/



# **GRACE 2023-24 Tuition**

Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) provides the best in Catholic education to the Greater Green Bay Area, aiming to provide academic excellence and help students grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our tuition rate represents less than 75% of the actual cost of education; the remaining amount is covered by the generous support of our parishes and strategic financial development. GRACE works with families to find a way to make Catholic education accessible and affordable, no matter their income. There are many ways that tuition can be managed and reduced.

# **Standard Tuition Rates**

K - 5	\$5,475
6 - 8	\$5,595
9 - 11	\$8,225

# K-11 Tuition Incentives

ACTIVE PARISHIONER INCENTIVE	
SIBLING INCENTIVE	
NEW FAMILY REFERRAL INCENTIVE	

\$2,000 PER STUDENT

\$200 PER STUDENT, FIFTH+ STUDENT FREE

\$200 PER FAMILY

Help support GRACE's growth and refer a new family. Submit the New Family Referral Form, and if the referral results in enrollment, the referring family will receive the tuition incentive.

# 3- and 4-Year-Old Preschool\*

HALF DAYS FULL DAYS

2 days	3 days	5 days
\$1,855	\$2,780	\$4,635
\$2,420	\$3,625	\$6,045

\*Ineligible for Sibling and Active Parishioner Incentives and GRACE Financial Aid. Eligible for new family referral incentive.





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# Tuition Assistance

GRACE FINANCIAL AID	Apply through TADS after enrolling a child. Application deadline for first consideration May 1, 2023.	
WISCONSIN TAX DEDUCTION	Parents are eligible for a deduction up to \$4,000 per child in grades K-8 and \$10,000 per child in grades 9-12.	
WISCONSIN PARENTAL CHOICE PROGRAM	Receive free tuition if you meet the state's income and residency requirements by completing the required state application between February 1-April 21, 2023.	
PARISH ASSISTANCE	Many of our parishes work with GRACE to make additional funds available to assist qualifying families.	
SCRIP TUITION	Utilize Scrip programs at participating schools for tuition credit.	
EARLY ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE	Receive the incentive rates by registering early: \$50 – January 29-February 5, 2023 \$100 – February 6-28, 2023 \$125 – beginning March 1, 2023	

# Activity and Technology Fees

	Activity	Technology	Total
PRESCHOOL	\$55	\$25	\$80
K - 5	\$60	\$35	\$95
6 - 8	\$110	\$45	\$155

# **Payment Options**

• Payment in Full

Credit Card

Monthly Payments
Auto withdrawal, Cash, Check or



### **TUITION QUESTIONS?**

Contact GRACE 920-499-7330 ext. 1013 graceoffice@gracesystem.org



# Wisconsin Parental Choice Program 2023-2024

A pplication edates for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program (WPCP) are February 1 through April 20, 2023. All students currently supported by the WPCP (also known as the School Voucher Program or Choice) must reapply to remain eligible. New families also must apply and may do so during the same application period. Late applications will not be accepted.

All families, both current and new, must also enroll in their GRACE school online via the TADS enrollment system.

### ELIGIBILITY

- To qualify for the program in the 2023-2024 school year, a student must have a family income equal or less than 220% of the federal poverty level income limits. Additional details are available at gracesystem.org/admissions/wisconsin-parental-choice.
- If a family meets the eligibility requirements including established income qualifications, the following may apply:
  - Any new incoming student entering kindergarten through seventh grade
  - Currently enrolled GRACE students entering kindergarten or first grade
  - New or currently enrolled GRACE students who will be entering into the 4-year old preschool program who meet eligibility requirements may apply.

A student qualifies for the WPCP based on their residency and family income. For more information, please contact Edgar Zaragoza, GRACE Outreach Administrator, at 920-499-7330, ext. 1017, or ezaragoza@gracesystem.org. Schools participating in the WPCP are required to post the State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction School Report Cards and the Educational Options for Wisconsin students on their websites. You may access the Choice Accountability Report on each school website in addition to the GRACE website at gracesystem.org/admissions/wisconsin-parental-choice

# School Choice -Parent Testimonials

"Our three children will have a brighter future because of the education they are receiving through the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program".

"We are happy our children are attending an amazing Catholic School".

"It feels great being able to choose the school I wanted for your children".

# Bill Micksch Farewell

**G**RACE wishes Bill Micksch, GRACE Board of Trustee Chair farewell as he steps down from this leadership role on July 1, 2023, after 10 years of service. Stay tuned for more to follow regarding his successor in the coming months, but we wish to celebrate Bill as we prepare for this leadership transition.

Thank you and Godspeed, Bill.

# Open Enrollment Starts February 1

# You have a choice in your child's schooling.

Sign up for the Wisconsin Parental Choice Program and you may be able to send your child to the participating private or religious school of your choice tuition free.

### Don't wait until it's too late!

Open Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is February 1-April 20, 2023 for the **Wisconsin Parental Choice Program**. Visit **schoolchoicewi.org** to learn about this statewide private school voucher program and to see if you qualify. Plus, read FAQs and find step-by-step instructions to help you:

- Find a School
- Submit an Application
- Enroll in the Program

### Hurry! Open Enrollment ends April 20, 2023



Learn more at **schoolchoicewi.org** (414) 319-9160 | También en español (414) 255-2834

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# **News from GRACE Technology Services**

O ur GRACE Technology Services team has been busy during the 2022-2023 school year. We have been implementing new teacher equipment to help support learning within the classroom. The new laptops and display boards allow for teacher mobility and student engagement with Wi-Fi connectivity and interactive touchscreen technology. The Integration Team has been involved in several system-wide trainings to ensure our teachers are comfortable with the equipment and software they use on a daily basis to support learning.

In collaboration with the GRACE Curriculum Team, we have begun the process of reviewing our technology standards to help develop a consistent, collaborative and integrative curriculum. As we work through this process over the next two years, we are providing our teachers with lesson ideas to begin building commonality in the areas of Digital Citizenship, Keyboarding and Google Tools. Grant monies have been obtained to help provide the necessary tools for this endeavor.

A technology security audit was conducted in the summer. The Infrastructure Team has been diligently working to make improvements to our network based on the results to ensure we are providing the best security for all our employees and students.

We are also in the process of reviewing our GRACE Digital Learning Plan to create new goals for the next five years. This process helps us to celebrate our success and identify our areas of continued improvement.

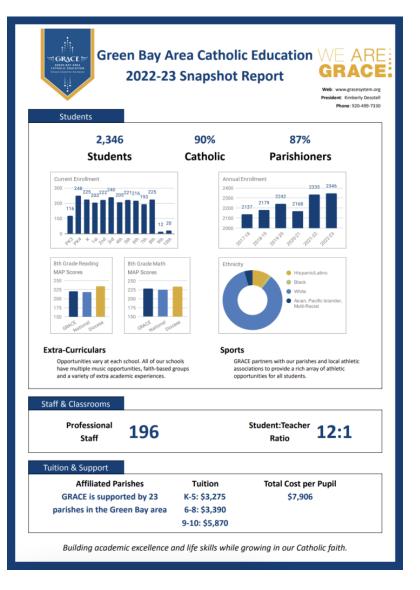
# 2022-2023 Snapshot Report

The GRACE school system has posted 2022-2023 Snapshot Reports on the GRACE schools' websites (under the Resources tabs). These Snapshot Reports feature a variety of annual information, including student demographics, eighthgrade MAP scores for math and reading, extracurricular and sports listings, and numbers relating to staffing, and more. We encourage you to take a look. Here is the overall GRACE Snapshot Report, which can be found at gracesystem.org/about-us/snapshot-report/.

# Homeschool Liaisons + Ongoing Outreach

**S**t. Thomas More Catholic School (STM) on the east side of Green Bay has become one of the few private schools in the Green Bay area offering a bilingual program. The school's philosophy is to educate children in every aspect of their development: spiritually, academically, culturally, and to mentor them to thrive in the desire to serve those in need. As a multicultural school, St. Thomas More cultivates a strong bilingual, and bicultural environment, where both Spanish and English are used, taught and valued.

As a part of the STM mission, Alejandra Beals serves as the school's family liaison; an important role that is crucial to facilitate the communication of what is happening in the classroom to the students' households. Mrs. Beals' goal as a liaison is to invite parents to be part of their student's education by giving them the tools to succeed in their children's academic goals. She navigates with them to have better knowledge of the



procedures, protocols, and school expectations that are an important part of the school and GRACE system.

St. Thomas More is always looking for the best way to support families in whichever method is most comfortable for them. St. Thomas More uses technology that creates interaction more efficiently between parents, teachers, and staff. Without language barriers, parents and guardians are given the tools they need to help their students succeed.

St. Thomas More integrates and values Hispanic culture. The school believes that living the traditions will make a richer society and future generations will embrace the diversity of our community.

The goal of St. Thomas More is to have students that choose to continue their education wherever they feel God is calling them to go and to create a better future for themselves, and for our society. St. Thomas More exists to teach and guide them to serve others just like Jesus is leading us to live our lives.

To learn more about St. Thomas More, visit their website, stmoregb.com, or call the office at (920) 432-8242.

### **Around GRACE Schools**



<u>Father Allouez Catholic School</u> The little buck-a-roos are ready for the Hilltop Hoedown to begin! That was some HOEDOWN, thanks in the words of our FACS Auction Chairs, "to the incredible contributions from our school, our parishes, students, parents, community businesses and leaders. Countless volunteer hours by so many busy parents have gone into making this fundraiser wildly successful," --- and FUN, might we add!!! Kudos to leading the charge, Jennelle and Kara, and to your truly amazing HOEDOWN TEAM!



<u>Chesterton Academy of St. John Paul II Classical School</u> The construction of the drama stage at Chesterton Academy has officially begun! Please pray that the process goes smoothly and that the workers will stay safe.



<u>St. Bernard Catholic School</u> We had over 60 students in grades 5-8 participate in the National Scripps Spelling Bee today!

Jenny, a sixth grader, was the ultimate winner. Congratulations to her and all of today's participants! #stbernardgb #wearegracegb



<u>Notre Dame of De Pere</u> Our AquaRaiders are preparing for their upcoming Sea Perch Competition. This group built an underwater robot to solve the issue of cleaning garbage off the ocean floor!



<u>Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School</u> Books are so good for children and adults!

A book may bring a child comfort, confidence and happiness. If a child is too young to read, the time together when reading a story is making memories. Based on the type of book you/they read, it will feed their imagination and may even result in a good night's sleep. Our Lady of Lourdes School library wishes to THANK everyone who purchased a book during our Book Fair held during Catholic Schools Week. In partnership with parishioners, Carol & Bob Augustian and Catholic Financial

Life, a \$\$ match was provided for sales up to \$500. These monies will allow our school librarian, Mrs. Sally Brys, an opportunity to purchase MORE books for the school library.

Our second graders are grateful to Catholic Financial Life for their ongoing support of our school.

#Books #Read #YourFavorite #AllAges #Library #LourdesWay #WeAreGRACEgb



<u>St. John Paul II Classical School</u> The SJPII preschoolers recently collected food for the poor and presented the collection to Fr. Juan Zárate at St. Philip the Apostle Parish.



<u>Holy Cross Catholic School</u> We witness saints in the making every day: Today we celebrate and honor those who have gone before us.



### <u>Holy Family</u> Catholic School

<u>Catnotic School</u> Did you hear the buzz in third grade? Ms. Julie from the Brown County Beekeepers Association visited Sister Elena's class on Monday. She presented the facts of bee life, passed around frames that held honeycombs,

and explained the three castes of honey bees: drones, queens, and workers. Honey sticks and bee erasers wrapped up the sweet presentation! #WeAreGraceGB #hfscomets #gofortheGOLD



<u>St. Thomas More Catholic School</u> St. Thomas More Leadership Group organized a diaper drive to benefit the Alexandrina Center in Green Bay. We collected 1,300 diapers! We want to thank parents and friends for your generous donations!



Saints say "yes" to God. Wishing you all a blessed All Saints' Day! St. John the Baptist, Pray for Us!

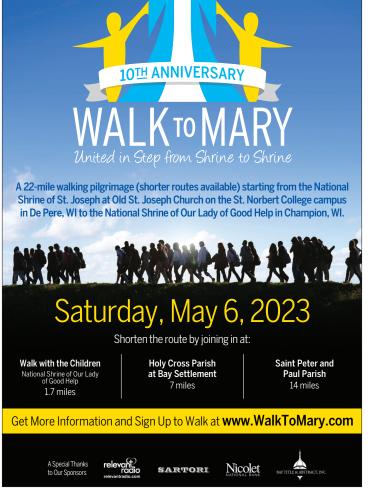


# **Eighth Grade Tuition Policy**

The efforts of families to stay current with tuition payments as agreed upon via the L TADS tuition payment plan are greatly appreciated. Review of eighth grade tuition, fees and lunch accounts is completed each January of the eighth grade year. In the case of accounts that are not up to date for families with eighth grade students, students will not be eligible to participate in eighth grade trips, parties and graduation events. The only exception is the eighth grade retreat as long as the retreat fee (if required) is paid. Families are encouraged to contact the GRACE Finance office at any time with questions or to address payment plans and arrangements.

# **Tuition Tax Credit**

Tisconsin law established a tax deduction for private school tuition, and again, tuition tax credit information is available for the 2022 calendar year online via TADS. The TADS Household Paid Tuition Tax Report provides a breakdown of payments made for the specified household's tuition account during the tax year. When you are gathering your information for 2022 tax preparation, go online to your TADS account and select Billing. Select the hyperlink titled Household Paid Tuition Tax Report | enter 2022 into the Tax Year field and submit. If you have questions or require assistance, please call TADS Family Support at 800-477-8237.



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**Key Dates** 

April 17 - May 5, 2023 - Spring Map Testing

- May 8 May 12, 2023 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12, 2023 Early Dismissal, Teacher Work Day -Weather Make-Up Day if Needed
- May 29, 2023 No School, Memorial Day

June 2, 2023 - Early Dismissal, Last Day of School

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