

Good afternoon, families!

I hope everyone is enjoying the last couple weeks of summer!

This past Sunday was the Solemnity of the Assumption, and what a wonderful Sunday it is for our parish and school! We celebrate Mary's unity with God in Heaven, both body and soul. It is such a beautiful message to look to Mary for God's plans for us. On the Feast of the Assumption, we are reminded, quite powerfully, that God desires communion with us, having been touched by His Son's saving grace! As we mark this solemnity, let us remind ourselves that we, too, shall be with Mary in company of our Savior! Let us continue to seek the intercession of Mary, our Mother, both in our own lives and in the lives of the students at Our Lady of Grace!

And now for some reminders and pieces of information:

The first day of classes for students in 1st-8th grade is **Tuesday, August 31**. The preschool and kindergarten students have their first day of school on **Tuesday, September 7**. I look forward to meeting the students!

Parents of middle school students please plan to attend a mandatory back-to-school night on Tuesday, August 31st at 7:00 pm.

I would like to offer a welcome to all of our new families. Thank you for choosing Our Lady of Grace! As a reminder, please register for an account on FACTS to manage your tuition account. Those accounts can be registered [here](#).

I am excited to announce that we are partnering with Northeastern Music Programs again to offer instrumental music lessons to interested students who are enrolled in grades 3-8. If you'd like to learn more about the program or to sign your child up, visit this [link](#).

Students will return to school in their normal uniforms. The Swap Shop was already open for a couple weeks. If you were unaware or unable to make it, please contact the school to schedule a time to visit the Swap Shop. The Swap Shop offers gently used uniforms to our families at no cost.

Our Lady of Grace is partnering with Yay Lunch! for lunch services this year. Yay Lunch! curates a menu in partnership with five local vendors. Instructions for ordering can be found in the attached document. As Yay Lunch! prepares their menu, they will begin accepting orders on September 16th and the first delivery date will be September 20th.

Fall Sport sign ups for CYO are wrapping up. Registration is open for soccer and cross country, as well. If your daughters are considering soccer please register them as soon as possible. The girls' teams need a few more participants to round out their teams; and as a reminder, cross country is open for grades K-8!

CYO is excited to open registration for Varsity Girls (7th-8th Grade) Volleyball. This is a new offering for the local CYO Region and look forward to your registration. Participation in the region is dependent on if enough girls can register.

Please consider volunteering for CYO. It is a wonderful way to support the parish.

On that note, if any parent is interested and able to volunteer as a lunchroom monitor, please reach out to the school office at 215.757.5287. Lunch monitors assist with the operations of lunch and would be at school from 12:00-1:15.

Thanks in advance to any parent who considers giving their time to volunteering!

I know everyone is expecting information regarding our COVID plan. In light of Dr. Damsker's recent guidance released on August 17th, I am revisiting the COVID Health and Safety Plan. The situation is fluid and changing frequently. Please be patient during this process and know that information is forthcoming.

I ask for your continued prayers.

Go Gators!

In Christ,
Mr. Harper

Subject: Announcement: New Lunch Program Coming This Fall



Dear Our Lady of Grace School families,

We're excited to introduce [Yay Lunch](#) as our lunch partner for this upcoming academic year! Like us, Yay Lunch believes that better food leads to better learning.

The Meals

Yay Lunch works with our local restaurant community to source hot lunches, carefully curating weekly menus that are the perfect combination of nutritious and delicious for our students. Meals are:

- Made fresh everyday using simple, real ingredients
- Low on processed sugar
- Always nut-free and shellfish-free
- Gluten-free, egg-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian options are available

The Service

[Yay Lunch](#) provides a secure, fast, and easy way for parents to order, prepay, and manage their kids' weekly hot lunch menu online.

- Lunches will be delivered to Our Lady of Grace School on **Monday through Friday**.
- All lunches are individually packaged, labeled, and delivered directly to the school.
- Parents may order weekly or set your menu ahead of time for upcoming weeks of service
- Lunches start at \$4.99. Pricing based on restaurant, size, and any extras or options.
- All lunches come with a fruit or a side.
- Yay Lunch has implemented comprehensive [COVID-safe measures](#) to ensure continued lunch safety
- Click [HERE](#) for parent FAQs.

Mark Your Calendars

- Orders will be accepted starting **September 16, 2021**.
- First date of lunch delivery will be **September 20, 2021**.

What's Next?

While orders cannot be placed just yet, feel free to explore and learn more about Yay Lunch.

- Visit [yaylunch.com](#) (bookmark this page!) and create an account. Get a head start and add your children as "Lunchers". We'll let you know when you can place your orders!
- Follow Yay Lunch on [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#) for updates
- Email info@yaylunch.com to see how you can get involved! The Yay Lunch team is always looking for local support.

We're looking forward to a great year with you at Our Lady of Grace School. Please email Yay Lunch directly at info@yaylunch.com if you have any questions regarding this year's school lunch program.