



Our Lady of Good Counsel School
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This Week at OLG
September 13th, 2017

Dear Parents,

Meet the Teacher night is tonight. The evening will begin with a back to school BBQ between 5-6 p.m. This will be followed by a **mandatory parent** meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. teachers will conduct a meeting in their classrooms as to class expectations etc. Parents with children in Grade 2,4,7 should make sure they attend classroom meetings due to Sacramental and Gr. 4 Big House information. As well, you are encouraged to bring in your collected OLG Lap-a-Thon pledge monies at this meeting.

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We will continue to run our e-newsletter again this school year. If you are a new family to OLG School or a family that is having difficulty receiving the newsletter please email newsletter@olgcschool.ca. By subscribing, you will be added to our school's email list and you will receive all school announcements and weekly newsletters while assisting us in reducing paper use and costs. If this is not successful please contact the office so your e-mail can be added manually. If you do not receive a copy of our e-newsletter, see the PDF copy on the school's website at olgcschool.ca If you do not have computer access please advise the school office for a paper copy.

Mrs. Quickert will be at the Grade 7 table during sign in to collect new family information and for those who have had difficulties.

Twitter - @OLGCSurrey

Thanks to the efforts of Mrs.Pallitti OLG School is now on Twitter. Please rely on our olgcschool.ca website and newsletter for consistent weekly information updates. Tweet away!

Uniforms

Please read the policy regarding uniforms located in our OLG Student Planner, which includes information regarding accessories and hair coloring. All students **MUST** comply with school policies. Students are required to be in **full uniform** (sweaters and shoes) for each and every Friday Mass. Please read the uniform policy for more information.

Uniform Ordering Sept 18th & 19th - 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
-2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Student Pick up/Drop Off

For the students' safety, the yellow line marks the drop off zone. When entering from 140th Street, a "Drop-Off Zone" is provided near the fence marked "NO STOPPING DURING SCHOOL HOURS." It is very important that parents move ahead to the church stairs or as far as possible before letting their child out. Please do not park in this zone or block the emergency entrances. Cars are **not** permitted to the right of the yellow line or on the grounds. Please follow the lines and arrows in a ONE-WAY DIRECTION. Parents are to park in the designated areas near the church and the Don Bosco Youth Centre, or in the 139th Street parking lot if they wish to park first and assist their children to enter the school grounds. The parking supervisor is clearly identified as he/she is wearing a fluorescent vest. Please remember that we are all here to protect our children, so please follow the directions from the parking supervisors as politely as possible so as not to make their important job any more stressful. Thank you for your cooperation!

Students should not be left on the playground before 8:15 a.m. or after 3:15 p.m. as there is no supervision. Students left before and beyond these times may be sent to the OLGC Before and After School program and be charged the daily drop in fee. Please consult your school policy manual located in the front pages of the student planners. Please ensure that you have made arrangements prior to coming to school for your child to be promptly picked up! If there is an emergency, please call the office.

2017 Lap-A-Thon

We will hold our one and only Annual Fundraiser, the OLGC Lap-a-Thon October 6th. Remember to collect pledges and send them into your classroom teacher ASAP. The prize this year is an iPad mini thanks to a donation from Columbia Business Systems. If you are interested in volunteering – working on your 30 hours - in the backfield, handing out treats to students, and assisting with the supervision of students during the Lap-a-Thon, please contact the office.

We will be collecting PLEDGE SHEETS with donations at our Meet the Teacher Night tonight. As always, your attendance is required at this meeting. This year, families submitting completed pledge sheets with their \$200 or more pledges at the Meet the Teacher Night, will be entered into a draw to have their 30 parent participation hours WAIVED for the upcoming school year.

OLGC Preschool

Our OLGC Preschool has a few spots available. If you have questions about the Preschool please contact Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

OLGC Out of School Care- Expanded Program and Space

We can accommodate up to 50 students in our OLGC Out of School Care. We currently have 32 registered. If you need the care call Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

Supervision Duty Days

Please remember it is of vital importance for our children's safety that supervision is covered. As you know it is your responsibility to complete your supervision days. **If for any reason you are unable to cover your days you must find someone who will cover your schedule.** Please **do not phone the school office to get coverage**-it is your responsibility to contact a replacement.

At the Meet the Teacher Meeting you will be notified of your duty days for the coming year. You will also receive a list of substitute parents willing to do your duty days for a fee of \$30.00 per day.

Parent Supervision Responsibilities

Please carefully review the requirements of Parent A and B in front of your child's OLGC Student Planner. Please note you are requested, for the safety of our students, to arrive 5 minutes prior to all start times.

Visitor Tags

For the safety of our students and staff, all visitors and parents are required to report to the secretary's office where a "Visitor" tag will be issued. Parents are NOT to go to their child's classroom during instructional times. **Supplies and lunches should not need to be left at the office.** Please encourage your children to bring all needed items to school daily.

Parent Participation

Just a reminder that parents are responsible for keeping an account of the number of hours worked. In your registration package, there was a "Parent Work Program Tracking Sheet". This sheet is to be taken with you whenever you are doing hours. You are to have a coordinator/supervisor sign your sheet right away. Contact the office if you need new sheet. It is important to note that parents complete their own work hours. Nobody else can do your work hours unless approval is given by the PEC. Also, 30 is the minimum. Many parents do much more, and we thank you all so much for your commitment to our children and OLGC School.

Absentees

It is very important that you call the school by 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent or late. This will save us calling you to check if your child is home. Upon returning to school, your child **must** bring a note to the classroom teacher explaining the reason for the absence and stating the day(s) absent. This information is required for our annual attendance audit that determines our government funding for the year.

Change in Information

It is critical that you inform the school office immediately if you have moved, changed your home or work number, or have a new emergency contact. A child may become ill and need to go home during the day. If our files are not updated, it can be upsetting for your child if we can't reach you. Please call our school secretary if you have made any changes to your information over the summer.

Extra-curricular Sports

Teachers are preparing for the fall extra-curricular sporting activities that are offered at OLG. Practices for Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Soccer and Cross Country will commence next week. Students in Grade 4-7 can participate. Permission and information letters will be going home this week. Have a great season to all of our student athletes.

Terry Fox Run

We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 28th. Each child is asked to "bring in a toonie for Terry". Mr. Egitto will hold an assembly for the students the day before to inform and educate them on the life and mission of Terry Fox. Help find the cure!

Work Party:

Our first work party will be Saturday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact the school if you plan to attend. For our new families, the work party consists of doing maintenance tasks around the school and offers parents an opportunity to work on your 30 hours work commitment.

Important dates:

- September 13th -Meet the Teacher Night – 5 p.m. start
- September 23rd -Work Party #1
- September 28th -Terry Fox Run
- October 6th -OLG Lap-A-Thon - 12:15 p.m. Dismissal
- October 9th - Thanksgiving (NO SCHOOL)