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This Week at OLGC October 1st, 2024

In October, as we journey through our yearly theme of Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming Our Faith we focus on the Sacrament of Marriage. Please share your marriage story with your children to support what we are doing at school.

As well in October we pay particular attention to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Our students will be making rosaries in preparation for our Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 23rd at 1: 00 p.m. in our school's auditorium. Our Grade 2 and 7 classes will lead our Living Rosary. We will begin our Rosary Club on Monday October 7th.

Cross Country 2024-October 2nd

Tomorrow qualifying runners will compete in the CISVA Cross Country Championships at Swangard Stadium in Burnaby. Many thanks to our coaches for helping to prepare the team for this competition. Go Knights Go!

For those spectators attending please ensure you only park in legally designated spots. We have 34 schools participating so parking will be limited. The City of Burnaby has informed us that violators will be towed.

OLGC Don Bosco Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Tournament

On Friday, October 4th OLGC will host its annual Don Bosco Volleyball Tournament for participating Grade 7 Girls. During the tournament the Grade 7 parents are running a concession and hope you will support their efforts in raising money for the Grade 7 Farewell.

World Teacher's Day-October 5th

Each year, Teachers' Day is celebrated with a different theme. This year's World Teachers' Day theme is "Valuing teachers' voices: towards a new social contract for education.

Thank you to our OLGC School staff for being the Christian models that help to mold our student's minds, hearts and souls into future Catholic Christian leaders. We plan to celebrate our OLGC staff October 7th for their love of teaching and learning on this day. Please encourage your children to thank their classroom teachers for all they do. Thank you teachers for all you do!

OLGC Choir 2024-2025

We will begin our OLGC Choir on Monday, October 7th with those interested in our Intermediate (Grade 4-7) and on Thursday, October 10th for our Primary (Grades 1 to 3).

Special thanks to Mr. Pehkonen and Mrs. Garcia for continuing to offer our choir program that keeps the soul strong at OLGC Best in BC! Choir members are reminded to arrive for 8:10 a.m. on their specified day; Intermediate Choir on Monday a.m. and Primary Choir on Thursday a.m. Permission forms will be sent out shortly.

2024 OLGC Lap-A-Thon- Pledges and Money Due

All donations were to be sent into school by today, October 1st for our Lap-A-Thon on October 11th. Thank you for your support. For those that have misplaced their letter and pledge forms please use the following links to access:

<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/LapAThon2024-1.pdf>

<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/LapAThon-PledgeForm.pdf>

You may also visit the Fundraising page for more info and to download the pledge form as well:
<https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/fundraising/>

OLGC Food Bank Food Drive-October 11th

On Friday, October 11th we encourage all students to bring in a non-perishable food item that OLGC School can collect and donate to our local food bank. Please plan to participate. Thank you for those that gave on the feast of St. Vincent De Paul last Friday.

OLGC Learning Update/Interim Reports-October 11th

Your children will be bringing home their start of school Learning Update/Interim Reports Friday, October 11th. This update reflects student EFFORT and ATTITUDE and their early progress in Christian Education, Mathematics and English Language Arts curricular areas of learning. If you have any comments or questions please contact your child's teacher regarding this Learning Update.

This Friday we will be sending home our Three-Way Conference request times for Friday, November 1st. Please return the form sent out this Friday no later than October 15th. Please note that November 1st will be a non-instructional day as interviews with all families will be held throughout the day.

Funtastic Friday- October 11th

Brother Rob wants all to know the first Funtastic Friday will be October 11th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Contact the parish office if you plan to attend.

Extra-curricular Sports

Our fall extra-curricular sporting activities are running smoothly. Volleyball and Soccer games with local schools have begun. Thank you for your support.

OLGC Hot Lunch 2024

Our first Hot Lunch will be Edo Japan, October 16th. All orders are due by October 8th at 11:59 p.m. No late orders will be accepted by the Munchalunch system. Please sign in and order using the following link to register and order: <https://munchalunch.com/login>

We will be in need a minimum of one volunteer per class on October 16th. Volunteers should arrive at 11:15 a.m. to sort the orders and deliver to each classroom and assist as needed in the classroom. You will be given 2 hours for helping out. Please call the school's office if you are willing and able to assist. Please call the school's office at 604-581-3154 if you can help out. Please contact Mrs. Paulin at r.paulin29@gmail.com or Mrs. Yelle at mrs.yelle@olgc-school.ca if you are experiencing issues with ordering.

Seismic Siren Test/Shake Out 2023

On October 23rd the CISVA Seismic Siren system will be tested. Students should be prepared to hear a very loud siren and react appropriately. This drill has OLGC participating in the Great Shake Out across the province as well with millions of people worldwide who will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold.

Professional Development Day – October 25th

OLGC will participate in the Provincial Professional Development Day Friday, October 25th. There will be no school on this day.

October 31st - All Hallows Eve Events (Spirit and Dress-up Day).

On October 31st students will be allowed to come to school in costume or fall colours. We ask that students dress-up as their favorite saint, fairy tale, cartoon, movie, sports or other **non-violent or non-scary** characters. Parents are asked not to send students with any toy weapons or send in costumes which are offensive to others. Students may be asked to remove parts of their costumes for safety or if they offend or scare other students. We ask that all students bring in a food donation to support our efforts for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Surrey Food Bank.

We will accept candy donations for the Agape Street Ministries on November 1st.

We will hold a short costume grade gallery walk in our OLG School auditorium once students are settled in their classrooms. You are welcome to attend.

Communicating Student Learning (Report Cards)-

Our OLG School reporting period will undergo a slight change this year with 3 Way Conferences occurring on November 1st. **November 1st will be a non-instructional day** as interviews with all families will be held throughout the day. A full written Communicating Student Learning Update will be sent home with your child(ren) November 29th.

Student Pick up/Drop Off

Thank you for adhering to our OLG School drop-off and pick up protocols. See the student planner for more details. Please be aware of moving vehicles in our parking lots and please slow down when driving on the church and school property. Students may not arrive prior to 8:15 a.m. as parent supervisors are not available to supervise prior to this time. Our morning bell rings at 8:45 a.m. to start our day and our Salesian priests' morning message. Please have your child here at school for this time. Pick up is at 2:50 p.m. and prompt pick up is required unless your child is involved in our extra-curricular sports.

Student Supervision

Students must not be left on the school campus 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 OLG 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.

Uniforms

If you need new or a replacement place orders at www.topmarks.ca. See further package details on our olgcschool.ca website at <https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/uniforms/>
Or use this link:
<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/OLGC-UniformOrderForm2024-2025.pdf>

Supervision Duty Days

Parents are required fulfil their school commitment by showing up to supervise on their assigned days. Please ensure you are here to do so on your assigned day. Thank you.

Visitors & Visitors 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.**

2024-25 Google Form for Work Hours

Thank you for continuing to support our school with your time and talents. Please submit your work hours via the OLG Work Google forms on-line within 7 days of completing the work or task assigned to be valid using our school's Google Forms reporting tool. If hours are not submitted during the **7 day** time period they will be forfeited. Also please note that Work hours submission through Google Forms will now be submitted one activity and one approver at a time. Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ81uzUoKxoAVwA1BmFH-mK6NsvMACgDN1u5_r2xOD3U19kw/viewform

Absentees

It is very important that you call the **school office** by 8:30 a.m. if your child will be absent or late. Please refrain from contacting the classroom teacher of absenteeism. 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.

OLGC Preschool

We currently have 26 Preschoolers registered. Preschool is for 3 and 4 year olds. If you have questions about the Preschool and would like to register please contact Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225. We still have some spaces available but plan to fill the cohorts by this week.

OLGC Out of School Care

We currently have 33 students registered for this program. We will be using the OLGC School Auditorium for students in Grade 3 to 7 and our OLGC Preschool building for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1 at this point. If you need the care call Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

Work Party:

Thank you to those who participated in last Saturday's work party. Our next work party will be this Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact the school if you plan to attend. If you want to assist Brian, our Maintenance worker throughout the week contact him at 778-863-1874 to schedule. Please be reminded to submit your work party hours within 7 days on completing the work done using the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ81uzUoKxoAVwA1BmFH-mK6NsvMACgDN1u5_r2xOD3U19kw/viewform

OLGC Knights in Action

For those students doing acts of kindness we at the school like to recognize the efforts of those who do good throughout the year. If you notice a kind act please feel free to communicate this to staff so they may be recognized. This week's Knights in Action are: James (5), Marianna (6), Christina (7), Erianna (7), Naethan (7), and Josh (7).

Important dates:

- October 2nd -CISVA Cross Country Championships
- October 4th -Gr.7 Girls Volleyball DB Tournament
- October 5th -World Teacher's Day –Thanks OLGC Staff!
- October 11th -Food Bank Food Drive
- October 11th -OLGC Lap-A-Thon - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- October 11th -Initial Learning Update – Interim Reports
- October 14th -Thanksgiving Day- No School
- October 16th -Hot Lunch #1
- October 23rd -Seismic Siren test – 11:00 a.m.
- October 23rd -Living Rosary – 1:00 p.m.
- October 25th -Provincial Pro-D – No School
- October 31st -Halloween (All Hallows Eve)- Class Gallery Walk
- November 1st -3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences –**Non Instructional Day**