



## Our Lady of Good Counsel School

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**This Week at OLGC**  
**October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Happy Birthday to Father John Cosgrove! Thank you for your presence in OLGC School/Parish and your timely faith focused guidance every morning with your Salesian priests and brothers team.

### **October 31<sup>st</sup> - All Hallows Eve Events (Spirit and Dress-up Day).**

Tomorrow 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. If students "forget" please bring in an item when you come for your 3 Way Conference time on Friday. We will accept candy donations for the Agape Street Ministries on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Halloween refers to All Hallow Eve in preparation for All Saints Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Lady Of Good Counsel (St. Mary) and all holy men and women pray for us!

We will hold a short costume grade gallery walk in our OLGC School auditorium once students are settled in their classrooms around 8:55 a.m. in our OLGC School Auditorium.

Our Grade Seven Leadership Team has organized colouring contests and a haunted house event for all students during the day in addition to individual classroom activities.

### **OLGC Hot Lunch 2024**

Thank you to our volunteers that made today Boston Pizza Hot Lunch a success. Our next Hot Lunch will be White Spot on November 14<sup>th</sup>. All orders are due by November 6<sup>th</sup> 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 November 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:r.paulin29@gmail.com), Mrs. Robles at [angelaz.robles17@gmail.com](mailto:angelaz.robles17@gmail.com) or Mrs. Chow at [nie\\_kuan82@yahoo.com](mailto:nie_kuan82@yahoo.com) if you have issues with ordering.

### **Three Way Conferences – November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our Three-Way Conference times are set for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Yes you must bring your child to the Three Way Conference so teacher, parent and child are represented.

Please note that November 1<sup>st</sup> will be a non-instructional day as interviews with all families will be held thought the day.

### **OLGC School Scholastic Book Fair 2024- November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our Annual Fall Book Fair will officially take place on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am-6:30 pm to coincide with the Three Way Conferences set for the same day. We will also be open on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> until 3:30 p.m.

We will be offering a great selection of books for all ages, reading interests and levels for children and families. The fundraising goal of our Fair is to enhance our classroom and school libraries. Our theme this year will be Celebrating Saints. There will be colouring and decorating contests.

Parent Volunteers are always welcome! Hours will be given: setting up, decorating, greeting and assisting shoppers, and cashier table (on October 30<sup>th</sup> – Nov 1<sup>st</sup>); and taking down the Fair (Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>) from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested please call the school at 604-581-3154 .

During the Book Sale on November 1<sup>st</sup> we will have Holy Family store selling merchandise as well.

### **Christmas Concert Front Row- \$5.00**

We are selling spots on our raffle board for our OLGC Christmas Concert Front Row. Bring in your \$5.00 starting this Friday to win the best seats in the house. We will draw this coveted prize during the Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Principal for the Day – Spirit Week 2025**

You can purchase a \$5 square that will give your child the chance to be the Principal of OLGC for the day during Spirit Week starting this Friday. The winner will join Mr. Wright and a friend of their choice for lunch on this day.

### **All Saints Day- November 1<sup>st</sup>**

As we have Three Way Conferences this Day our regular All Saints Mass will not be led by the school this year but you are welcomed to attend the regular scheduled 9:00 a.m. Mass with your family on this day.

### **All Souls Day-November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We remember our dead and all souls. Eternal rest, grant unto them , O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithfully departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### **I Can Read Canadian-November 6<sup>th</sup>**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate I Can Read Canadian Day. On this day students are encouraged to wear Canadian gear or read and white. Mark Smith, Canadian author will share his stories with our students on this day.

Mr. Mark Smith's books are available through all booksellers. If anyone wishes to purchase a book ahead of time and bring it along, he will be happy to inscribe it when he arrives. If parents want to know more, info and reviews of his books they can be found on his website:

[www.marksmithbooks.com](http://www.marksmithbooks.com).

Mark Smith's books:

[The Weird Sisters: A Coop, Some Goop, and a Sandwich](#) -- April 15, 2024!

[The Weird Sisters: A Robin, A Ribbon, and a Lawn Mower](#)

[The Weird Sisters: A Note, A Goat, and a Casserole](#)

[The Deepest Dig](#)

[Caravaggio: Signed in Blood](#)

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[Tradewind Books https://www.amazon.com/author/markdavidsmith](https://www.amazon.com/author/markdavidsmith)

### **Remembrance Mass- November 7<sup>th</sup>**

We will hold a special Remembrance Mass November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in our OLGC Parish Church. All students will receive a poppy and are asked to donate money (\$1 or \$2) to the Royal Canadian Legion. We ask that students wear a poppy as a symbol of their respect for those who have given their life in wars throughout the world. It also reminds us of the many innocent people who continue to die or are seriously injured in conflicts today. We encourage all students who have special uniforms like Scouts and Guides to wear them on this day. We ask that all students continue to pray for peace in our country and our world.

## **Fall Sports Assembly – November 7<sup>th</sup>**

We will hold our fall sports assembly Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. in the DBYC.

## **Lap-A-Thon iPad Draw**

During our afternoon events planned for next Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we will draw for the winner of the iPad donated by Columbia Business Systems for our Lap-A-Thon as well as the free Santa Breakfast and a gift card from White Spot.

## **Teachers vs. Gr.7 Students Volleyball Game-November 7<sup>th</sup>**

On Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> our OLG Staff will play in a friendly game of volleyball against the Grade 7's after our fall sports assembly. We are looking forward to our great OLG School Spirit being displayed by all students at the game.

## **Professional Development Day – November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup> – No School**

## **Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup> No School**

## **Photo Retakes- November 12<sup>th</sup>**

For those wanting photo retake or for those that missed our first sitting please be advised that photo retakes will be on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **FundScrip is Back!-Due November 21<sup>st</sup>**

Hi OLG families! The holiday season is coming up, and we've got the perfect solution for all your gift-giving needs-our **FundScrip Fundraiser!** Whether you're planning ahead for Christmas, grabbing a little something for friends, or even treating yourself (you deserve it!), gift cards are always a win. No cap. 😊

### **Why Buy Gift Cards?**

Perfect for last-minute gifts (because we've all been there)

Use them for everyday shopping at your favorite spots

Give back-they make awesome donations to local charities!

A great way to support our school with every purchase

Get ahead of the holiday rush and stock up on gift cards now. It's a simple stress-free way to check off your list, and you'll be supporting our school in the process.

Win-Win! 🎉

Please click [here](#) for the order form. Or find the form on our [olgcschol.ca](#) website under the Parent Portal tab and then the Fundraising tab. Please send in all orders by

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**. Thank you for your support-we couldn't do this without YOU!

## **Neufeld Farms Fundraiser 2024**

Our annual Neufeld Farms Holiday ordering link will be available next week. Keep a look out for it to help support our Fundraising efforts this year.

Menu options include Appetizers, Gourmet Entrees, and Desserts. There are Gluten Free choices as well! Your order will not only save you a trip to the grocery store ahead of the holidays but also help OLG's fundraising initiatives!

Your order will be available for pick up on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:30 pm.

Thank you for your support!

## **Quick Picks 2024**

This year's Quick Picks are ready for our Intermediate (Grades 4-7) students. Mrs. Quickert's Google Classroom assigns a skill to each student each week. This skill aims to be a "just right challenge". It is optional, but if students work on the skill (Smart Score of 80) or master the skill (Smart Score of 100), they will receive 1 or 2 entries respectively into a prize draw each week. Additionally, sometimes students will be taken out of class to work on skills. When they are, they will receive a bonus entry to that week's draw. Please encourage your child to participate in this

opportunity to push their learning to the next level. If you have any questions, please email [mrs.quickert@olgc-school.ca](mailto:mrs.quickert@olgc-school.ca).

## Extra-curricular Sports

Our fall extra-curricular are nearing the end. Good luck to the Grade 6 girls volleyball team who play Corpus Christi in the play offs today. Also good luck to the Grade 5 girls who will play next week in the second round of the play-offs. Thank you to Mr. Lavapie and Mr. Campos for leading the teams this year, as well as Miss Ramirez and Mrs. Bourpoulas. Go Knights Go! Thank you for your support.

Soccer team player should begin returning their soccer jerseys to their coaches. Thank you.

## Sun Run 2025

The OLGc Sun Run Team is back to participate in the 2025 Vancouver Sun Run on Sunday April 27, 2025! To enter your child as a participant in our Sun Run Team, please visit the website: <https://www.vancouver.sunrun.com/oasis-youth-team-challenge/>

Our Team Name is: OLGc Knights                      Team Access Code: AKRKBH

The cost to enter the Sun Run is as follows:

- Youth (18 and below) – **Oct 1 to 31: \$25.00 (plus tax and fees)**
  - Nov 1 to Feb 7 2025: \$30.00 (plus tax and fees)
  - Feb 8 to Mar 14: \$40.00 (plus tax and fees)
- Adult (19 and above) – Oct 1 to 31: \$40.00 (plus tax and fees)
  - Nov 1 to Feb 7 2024: \$45.00 (plus tax and fees)
  - Feb 8 to Mar 14: \$50.00 (plus tax and fees)

**Please note that March 14 is the last day to enter our Sun Run Team**

We will start training on Wednesday mornings in the DBYC at 8:00 AM. For more details, please contact Mrs. Kirk at [mrs.kirk@olgc-school.ca](mailto:mrs.kirk@olgc-school.ca)

## 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.

## Student Pick up/Drop Off

Thank you for adhering to our OLGc 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 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.

## **Uniforms**

If you need new or a replacement place orders at [www.topmarks.ca](http://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 OLGC 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ81uzUoKxoAVwA1BmFH-mK6NsvMACgDN1u5_r2xOD3U19kw/viewform)

If you are having issues please contact the school's office.

## **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:**

Our next work party will be Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeJ81uzUoKxoAVwA1BmFH-mK6NsvMACgDN1u5_r2xOD3U19kw/viewform)

## **OLGC School Christmas Concert-December 18<sup>th</sup> – Tech/Sound Assistance**

We are beginning preparations for our school' Christmas Concert set for December 18<sup>th</sup> and will be in need of those who have skills to assist us in tech/sound/video as needed and required. If you are able to assist and have the skills to do so please contact the school's office.

## **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: Kyrie (1), Althea (1), Leo (1), Charles (2), Marcus (2), Sharla (2), Emilee, David (4), Aliya (4), Mary (4), Elise (4), Alyssa (4), Ariane (5), Owen (5), Malachi (5), Lexi (5), (7), Carson (7), Christina (7), Nadine (7).

## **Community News:**

Congratulations to the Holy Cross Senior Girls Volleyball Team, and our OLCG School Alumni players that won the CISVA Volleyball Championships last Thursday.

## **School Communicable Disease Guidelines**

Please be reminded of the following guidelines for schools:

- If you are sick stay home until you are able to participate in regular activities
- Hand wash regularly
- Practice good respiratory etiquette
- Keep vaccines up to date
- Wearing a mask is a personal decision
- OLCG School will follow its infection control practices and care plans for medically complex students
- Ventilation: use air purifiers are used in our classrooms
- OLCG School is regularly cleaned daily and clean visibly dirty surfaces.

## **Important dates:**

- October 31<sup>st</sup> -Halloween (All Hallows Eve)- Class Gallery Walk
- November 1<sup>st</sup> -3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences –**No School**  
**Non Instructional Day**
- November 1<sup>st</sup> -All Saints Day & 3 Way Conferences
- November 6<sup>th</sup> -I Can Read Canadian Day
- November 7<sup>th</sup> -Remembrance Day Mass/Assembly/St V Teacher V Ball
- November 8<sup>th</sup> -Assessment & Admin Pro-D – No School
- November 11<sup>th</sup> -Remembrance Day
- November 12<sup>th</sup> -Photo Retakes
- November 16<sup>th</sup> -Work Party #2
- November 16<sup>th</sup> -Grade 7 Spirit Day
- November 21<sup>st</sup> -Fundscript orders due
- November 22<sup>nd</sup> -CISVA Networking Day – Pro-D – No School
- November 29<sup>th</sup> -Term One CSL Learning Update
- December 18<sup>th</sup> -OLGC Christmas Concert