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This Week at OLGC
November 27th, 2024

Dear Parents,

We celebrated the Feast of Christ the King this past Sunday and now we prepare to celebrate the season of Advent starting this weekend. Our students will participate in weekly Advent Prayer services in our OLGC School Auditorium and we will continue to live out our yearly theme of Celebrating our Faith with focus on Advent and Christmas in this month of December. Our first Advent Prayer Service will focus on **Hope**.

Our Advent Prayer services are as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 3rd -Grade 7 & 2
- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 10th -Grade 5 & 1
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 19th -Grade 6 & K -Christmas Pajama Day

Students are encouraged to help “Fill the Crib” and bring in food items for the Surrey Food Bank on Advent Prayer service days listed above in December.

IXL Quick Picks 2024

Mrs. Quikert Quick Pick winner is Cole (7) Congratulations! Make sure you do your quick pick each week to be entered into the draw. Grades 4-7 can sign into Google Classroom to find their selected skill of the week.

Casual Day for Covenant House – November 28th

OLGC School will be participating in the Casual Day for Covenant House tomorrow. On this day students will not be required to wear their school uniform if they pay \$3.00 otherwise they should come to school in their uniform. This is a very worthwhile Youth Outreach program for our Vancouver Youth. Please plan to participate.

School Confessions Grade 3-7 November 28th

In preparation for Advent and in celebrating our faith with the focus on Confession our student will be able to go to confession tomorrow. Please assist them with an examination of conscience and practice what needs to be said during confession.

First Reconciliation- November 29th

This Friday following our School Mass our Grade Two class will be making their First Reconciliation. Special thanks to Miss Ramirez and her team for preparing our students. Congratulations Grade Two's!

Neufeld Farms Fundraiser 2024-due Monday

Neufeld Farms orders need to be picked up on Thursday, December 5th at approximately 2:30 pm. Previous send out has said Friday on error. Thank you for your support!

Kindergarten 2024 Sibling Registration-Due December 6th

Our sibling 2025 Kindergarten registration is now open and due Friday, December 6th.

If you have a child who was born in 2020 fill out the Kindergarten New Sibling PDF form:

<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/OLGC-NewSibling-KindergartenInfoFor-2025.pdf> and bring or send it in to our OLGC School Office with the registration fee.

Parents can also find it on the OLGC School website under the Forms page: <https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/forms/>. This form is for siblings (brothers and sisters) for students who are starting Kindergarten next year.

Children's Christmas Party- December 6th

On Friday, December 6th – St. Nicholas Feast Day we will have our Children's Christmas Party in the afternoon. Students will wear Christmas sweaters in return for bringing in canned food, and/or "Fill the Crib" item and a loonie or toonie ("gold coin") for the Holy Childhood Association.

Christmas Concert 2024

We are busy practicing for our OLGC Christmas production this year entitled "*Back to The Manger*". Our OLGC School Christmas Concert is Wednesday, December 18th at 1:00 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Special thanks to our OLGC staff, especially Mrs. Robson, Mrs. Spagnuolo, Mrs. Garcia and Mr. Pekhonen for making this OLGC tradition a reality again this year. A suggested minimum admission of \$5.00 per person is requested to assist with paying for the items needed for putting on the play. Thank you for your support.

Each grade has been assigned a song and a costume for the concert. The costumes are as follows:

Grade 7: Present Day

Their character costumes or Christmas colours, accessorize with bells and lights.

Grade 3: Present Day -Carolers: Christmas outfits

Grade 4: 1978 – Disco

Bell bottom pants, high waisted jeans, tie-die shirts, bright colours, prints or patterns (safari, chevron).

Grade 2: 1985 - Bold & Bright

Neon colours, baggy or parachute pants, leggings & leg warmers, jogging suits, jeans with a sweater / crew neck / bomber jacket.

Grade 6: 1959 - Grease

Girls: Poodle skirts or puffy skirts, scarves around neck or hair, white tops

Boys: black pants, white shirt, suspenders, pleather jacket optional

Grade 5: 1998 - Hip Hop / Streetwear

Blue jeans or baggy pants, white shirt and plaid or flannel button up around the waist, track suits, basketball jersey, bucket hat or baseball hat.

Grade 1:-1944

Girls: summer flower dress or long skirt and blouse, flower in hair or summer hat optional and frilly ankle socks.

Boys: dress pants, dress shirt, tie or a full suit, suspenders / top hat optional.

Kindergarten- Angels.

Extra-curricular Sports 2024

Basketball season has started and will continue until December 13th when we break to put our full focus into our Christmas Production.

Christmas Concert Front Row- \$5.00

We have started selling spots on our raffle board for our OLGC Christmas Concert Front Row. Bring in your \$5.00. Last day to purchase is December 6th. We will draw this coveted prize during the Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 6th.

Stage Set Up- December 11th

Our Christmas Concert Stage set up will be December 11th starting at 2:00 p.m. Please contact the school if you plan to assist.

OLGC School Christmas Concert-December 18th – Tech/Sound Assistance

We are beginning preparations for our school's Christmas Concert set for December 18th 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.

Christmas Play Stage Take down-December 19th

Brian is looking for a few volunteers to help take down the stage Thursday, December 19th at 12:00 p.m. If you want hours and can help, please contact Brian at 778-863-1874.

Principal for the Day – Spirit Week 2025

We started selling \$5 squares for the chance to be the Principal of OLGC for the day during Spirit Week in the last week of January. The winner will help lead the school and join Mr. Wright and a friend of their choice for lunch on this day.

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) –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) – 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

Absentees/Excuse Notes

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. See further package details on our olgschool.ca website at <https://olgschool.ca/parent-portal/uniforms/>

Or use this link:

<https://olgschool.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

OLGC Preschool

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 will be using the OLGC School Auditorium for students in Grade 1 to 7 and our OLGC Preschool building for students in Kindergarten. If you need the care call Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

Our December work party will be December 7th 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: Amelia (K), Lucas (2), Rhilley (2), Aedan (2), Tayvia (3), Naya (4), Zoey (4), Lexi (5), Dianna (6), Ben (7), & Neal (7).

Community News:

From Mrs. Burpoulous...

Hello OLGC families. I am currently pursuing my masters in school counseling. I am now able to provide counselling services separate from OLGC and the CISVA. If you or anyone you know is interested or would like more information please reach out.

Contact my supervisor Marnie Bates at marniebates.com, Batesmarnie@gmail.com or call 778-866-8434.

Like and follow our Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/olgcsurrey> .The school was featured this weekend on our Remembrance Day Mass and student art work. Also follow the school on Twitter (X) @OLGCSurrey and Instagram @OLGCKnight. Let's stay connected!

Don Bosco Spring Break Camp will run March 17th to March 21st. More details will follow in the new year.

Holy Cross High School will be running their Annual Basketball Shooting Camp on Dec 30/31 Jan 2/3 from 9-11am. Please click this link for more information:
[Holy Cross Basketball Shooting Camp 2024](#)

Jollibee Bee OLG- December 30th

OLGC will be able to raise 20% from sales at our local Jollibee on December 30th. ALL DAY at the 9850 King George Blvd #110 Surrey, BC location. 20% of fundraising sales will be donated. Please enter the code: JOLLIGIVE for online ordering through Jollibee mobile app, www.ca.jollibeefoods.com or come and visit the store to order and support the community. A promotional poster will be sent home today with your child.

PERSONAL BEST BOARD

Congratulations to the following students for the excellent work displayed on the November Best Board Personal Best Board". Keep up the Good Work!

K	Pia Correa Jolie Rodas	Zachary Genoso	Milah Miano
1	Ethan Calma	Alisha Dela Cruz	Davina Ifekwem
2	Aedan Ablang Kaysen Khodjet Kesba	Audrey Casteur	Ivana Javier
3	Noah Carter Mario Rangas	Tayvia Daniel –Pemberton Emerae Yanto	
4	Zoella Bandong	Khaeden Cruz	Leila Genoso
5	Aurea Ablang Mikaella Kifrkis	Jhellena Almonares	Frankie Angeles
6	Darren Curioso Taeyo Reyes	Ashley Ludwiczak	Hermione San Juan
7	Cole Lausa	Carson Maclean	Hugo Yim

Important dates:

- November 28th -Casual Day for Covenant House
- November 29th -Term One CSL Learning Update
- December 3rd -Advent Prayer Service 1
- December 6th -Children's Christmas Party –PM (Food item & Lonnie or Toonie)
- December 6th -Kindergarten Sibling Registration due
- December 7th -Work Party #4
- December 10th -Advent Prayer Service 2
- December 13th -Preschool Christmas Party
- December 18th -OLGC Christmas Concert
- December 19th -Advent Prayer Service 3
- December 19th -Santa Brunch in DBYC

- December 20th -Christmas Break-12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- January 6th -School re-opens

Sent Home with Students:

- Jollibee Poster/Flyer
- December Calendar
- December Supervision Calendar