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This Week at OLGC December 11th, 2024

Dear Parents,

Thank you to our Grade Five and One classes for leading our second week of Advent Prayer Service yesterday with focus on Peace and the Jessie Tree Story. Our students will complete their Advent Prayer service journey at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 19th in our OLGC School Auditorium with our Kindergarten and Grade 6 class leading. Please feel free to attend.

At each Advent Prayer Service students are encouraged to donate to our Food Bank+ Tiny Tots Food Drive. Thank you for your continued support.

Yesterday our students in Grades 4-7 viewed a session on “Establishing Safe, Caring and Respectful Digital Communities” in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Childcare and Safer Schools Together. Students were taught ways to safe on the internet and on social chat sites and to report if something comes up that is not safe behavior.

Tomorrow we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Official Catholic accounts claim that the Virgin Mary appeared to Juan Diego, a native Mexican peasant, and asked for a church to be built in her name in Guadalupe, Mexico. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

OLGC Hot Lunch-Next Santa Breakfast- Orders Due December 13th

Our next Hot Lunch will be our Annual Santa Breakfast/Lunch on Thursday, December 19th. Thank you to Mrs. Kirchner for organizing the event and special thanks to our in-house parent Chef Mr. Manuel Valdeavilla who will be cooking up a pancake breakfast for us. Orders are due by this Friday, December 13th.

Christmas Concert Set Picture- \$5.00

One of our Christmas play set items “the time machine” will be available for photo taking by one of our talent staff during the Santa Lunch next Thursday for a cost of \$5.00. Send your child with \$5.00 if you are interested to school on this day for this photo opp.

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 next 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 \$10.00 per person is requested to assist with paying for the items needed for putting on the play (costs have gone up since our last communication). Thank you for your support.

Each grade has been assigned a song and a costume for the concert and should bring it to school on Tuesday, December 17th for our dress rehearsal. The costumes are as follows:

Grade 7: Present Day -Character costumes/Christmas colours.

Grade 3: Present Day -Carolers: Christmas outfits.

Grade 4: 1978 – Disco -bell bottom pants, high wasted 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 and Boys in Christmas Sunday best – please note the change from the earlier summer dress theme.

Kindergarten- Angels.

Christmas Concert Front Row Draw Winners

Congratulations to the Valdeavilla and Hope families for winning our draw for front row right and left at our evening performance of the Christmas Concert.

Christmas DVD or Blue Ray

As in previous years, a DVD and Blue Ray will be made for purchase now and delivery in the New Year. If you are interested in ordering please fill out the order form sent home and/or on our olgcschool.ca website at **Parent Portal > Forms:**

<https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/forms/> or [here](#) Friday, December 13th.

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Christmas Play Stage Take down-December 19th

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

IXL Quick Picks 2024

Mrs. Quikert's Quick Pick winner is Damian S (6) 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.

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@olg-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 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

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 continue to use our 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.

If you would like to work on your parent work hours over the Christmas Break please arrange a time with Brian Guze, our Maintenance worker, at 778-863-1874 to schedule.

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: Emilee (7), Liliane (7), Nathan (7), Tristan (7), Christina (7), Ciaran (7), Neal (7), Mariana (6), Taeyo (6), Damian S. (6) Noah (6), Gavin (6), Lexi (5), Frankie (5), Jillian (5), Jhellena (5), Hannah (5), Daniel (5), John Joseph (4), Veah (4), Kaden (4), Liam (4), Johann (4), Liam (3) Emerae (3), Cathaela (3), Caden (3), Jabrielle (2), Sharla (2), Allan (1), Karts (1), Thomas (K), and Amelia (K).

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.

Grade Seven Farewell Fun Gift Basket Fundraiser

Our Grade Seven Farewell Committee will be selling raffle tickets for Fun Gift Baskets starting today and until December 18th. Each raffle ticket is available for \$3. Anyone who would like to purchase tickets can reach out to any Grade 7 parent.

There are 4 gift baskets included in the raffle:

- 1. Lavender Aromatherapy Basket (Bath & Body Works Scented Candle, Body Wash, Essential Oil Mist, Moisturizing Lotion, Shower Steamers, Body Massage Oil)
- 2. Gen Z Basket (Stanley Quick Flip Go Bottle, Monster Bluetooth Portable Speaker, \$25 Roblox Gift Card, Christmas Squishmallow Keychain, Glow-in-the-dark Pimple Patches, Prime Drink, Gum Packs, Candy Cane)
- 3. Date Night Gift Basket (Godiva Assorted Chocolate Creations, Henkell Rosé Sparkling Piccolo mini bottles, Massage Oil, \$50 Gift Card for Atlas Steak + Fish Restaurant, Landmark Cinema Movie Night Out Pack – comes with 2 general admissions, 2 medium popcorn, 2 medium fountain drinks)
- 4. **GRAND PRIZE: Laptop Gift Basket (Lenovo Laptop)**

Please click on the PDF link below to view the baskets and basket write ups:

<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/OLGC-Grade7-GiftBasketFundraising.pdf>

Also on the Fundraiser page:

<https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/fundraising/>

Please contact Mrs. Leece at pjleece@telus.net if you have any questions.

The Grade 7's thank you for your support!

Don Bosco Spring Break Camp

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

HC Basketball Shooting Camp

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.

OLGC Facebook & Twitter (X)

Like and follow our Parish Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/olgcsurrey>. The school is featured regularly. Also follow the school on Twitter (X) @OLGCSurrey and Instagram @OLGCKnight. Let's stay connected!

Basketball Shoes for the Philippines

If you have any lightly used or outgrown basketball shoes please send to Mrs. Cowan's Office so we may donate via Door to Door service. Preferred size 6 to 9.

Donations will go to Fr. Florentino Concepcion, a Diocesan priest from Bulacan, Philippines who is taking care of over a hundred abandoned /street children ages 13-18.

The orphanage is called "Bahay Yaman" with St. Martin de Porres as its inspiration.

Shoes, especially runners for their sports, are much needed/appreciated. Sizes 6-9

Important dates:

- December 12th -Feat of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- December 13th -Preschool Christmas Party
- December 17th -OLGC Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
- December 18th -OLGC Christmas Concert
- December 19th -Advent Prayer Service 3
- December 19th -Santa Brunch in OLGC Auditorium
- December 20th -Christmas Break-12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- January 6th -School re-opens