



## Our Lady of Good Counsel School

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**This Week at OLGC**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Dear Parents,**

Thank you to our Grade Two and Seven classes who lead our first Advent Prayer service yesterday. 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 remaining Advent Prayer Service are as follows:

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- 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> -Grade 5 & 1
- 9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> -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.

Congratulations to our Grade 2 students who completed their First Confession last Friday. We look forward to celebrating their next Sacrament, First Communion on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to pray for our Grade Two class and their families as they continue their sacramental journey.

### **IXL Quick Picks 2024**

Mrs. Quicker’s Quick Pick winner is Richard (4) 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.

### **Funscrip Gift Cars Pick Up**

For those who ordered Funscrip Gift cards they are ready for pick up at the school’s front office.

### **Neufeld Farms Fundraiser 2024**

Neufeld Farms orders need to be picked up on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:30 pm. Thank you for your support!

### **Kindergarten 2024 Sibling Registration-Due December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our sibling 2025 Kindergarten registration is now open and due this Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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.

### **OLGC Hot Lunch-Next Santa Breakfast- December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Our next Hot Lunch will be our Annual Santa Breakfast/Lunch on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

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 13<sup>th</sup> via order forms sent home last Friday.

## **Children's Christmas Party- December 6<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Nicholas Feast Day we will have our Children's Christmas Party in the afternoon. This will be a non-uniform 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 13<sup>th</sup> when we break to put our full focus into our Christmas Production.

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

We have entered the final week of selling spots on our raffle board for our OLGc Christmas Concert Front Row. Have your child bring in \$5.00 to purchase a square to win this most excellent draw. Last day to purchase is December 6<sup>th</sup>. We will draw this coveted prize during the Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

## **Stage Set Up- December 11<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

We are beginning preparations for our school's 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.

## **Christmas Play Stage Take down-December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Brian is looking for a few volunteers to help take down the stage Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](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)

## 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 7<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 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: Nathan (7), Tristan (7), and Christina (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](http://marniebates.com), [Batesmarnie@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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://olgschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/OLGC-Grade7-GiftBasketFundraising.pdf>

Also on the Fundraiser page:

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

Please contact Mrs. Leece at [pjleece@telus.net](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>**

OLGC will be able to raise 20% from sales at our local Jollibee on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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/olgsurrey>. The school is featured regularly. Also follow the school on Twitter (X) [@OLGCSurrey](#) and Instagram [@OLGCKnight](#). Let's stay connected!

## **Fraser Health News: December – Winter Health**

### **Keeping your child healthy during winter**

As the chilly winter season is upon us, there are a few extra things you can do to help keep your children healthy and well. Navigate this season with these essential tips.

#### **Bundle up for the cold**

Dressing appropriately for the cold weather is vital in keeping your child comfortable and protected.

Wearing multiple layers is a great way to trap body heat and provide insulation against the cold.

Keep a warm hat, gloves, scarves and insulated boots handy. Remind your child to wear these items before heading outside to play or going to school.

**Protect against winter illnesses**

Winter brings an increased risk of colds and flus. Make sure your child is getting enough sleep (nine to 11 hours for elementary-aged children), eating a variety of foods and staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Ensure your child receives their annual flu vaccine and talk to a health care provider about any additional vaccines that may be recommended. Teach your child good respiratory etiquette such as regular hand washing, covering their coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. If they are sick and cannot stay away from others, they can wear a mask to reduce the risk of spreading their illness. Learn more about masks here: [Masks \(bccdc.ca\)](https://www.bccdc.ca)

**Keep their bodies moving**

While colder weather may limit outdoor activities, it's crucial to keep your child active during winter as regular physical activity boosts their immune system and keeps them energized. Encourage indoor play and activities such as dancing, yoga or interactive video games that promote movement. Look for winter programs at local community centres or indoor sports facilities. Find more tips for a healthy winter: <https://www.fraserhealth.ca/health-topics-a-to-z/winter-health>

**Important dates:**

- December 6<sup>th</sup> -Children's Christmas Party –PM (Food item & Lonnie or Toonie)
- December 6<sup>th</sup> -Kindergarten Sibling Registration due
- December 7<sup>th</sup> -Work Party #4
- December 10<sup>th</sup> -Advent Prayer Service 2
- December 13<sup>th</sup> -Preschool Christmas Party
- December 17<sup>th</sup> -OLGC Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
- December 18<sup>th</sup> -OLGC Christmas Concert
- December 19<sup>th</sup> -Advent Prayer Service 3
- December 19<sup>th</sup> -Santa Brunch in OLGC Auditorium
- December 20<sup>th</sup> -Christmas Break-12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- January 6<sup>th</sup> -School re-opens