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This Week at OLGC  
January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Dear Parents,**

Happy New Year! We continue in this New Year to live out our yearly theme; Living, Celebrating and Proclaiming our Faith with emphasis on Celebrating our Faith. Our January focus is on the Sacrament of Holy Orders. As we are a Salesian School we will also pay special attention to the life of St. John Bosco as we prepare to celebrate his Feast Day on January 31<sup>st</sup> with a special Feast Day Mass at 9:00 a.m. on this day.

### **Kindergarten 2025**

Registration for our Kindergarten 2025 program officially opened this week. We have 11 siblings signed up and plan to fill the remaining spots shortly. If you are a have sibling children not already registered contact the office immediately. Please encourage good Catholic families that would like to attend OLGC School to register for the remaining few spots as we will begin family interviews shortly.

### **SPIRIT THURSDAYS**

Thursdays in January are our school Spirit Days, leading up to the Feast of Saint John Bosco and our Grade Seven Boys Basketball Tournament. The Spirit Days start tomorrow and are as follows:

- #1: January 9<sup>th</sup> is Pajama Day/Wacky Hair Day/Twin Day
- #2: January 16<sup>th</sup> is Throwback Decades Day, [wear 70's, 80's or 90's, 2000's clothes]
- #3: January 23<sup>th</sup> is Sports Day
- #4 January 30<sup>th</sup> is Multicultural Dress/Colours Day
- #5: **Friday** January 31<sup>st</sup> is Sea of the Blue Day

Kids can pre-pay \$5 for all the days, or \$1 each day. The money goes to Holy Childhood Association.

### **OLGC Pasta Hot Lunch- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Our next Hot Lunch will be January 30<sup>th</sup> – Boston Pizza (Pasta Only). Please use this ordering link <https://munchalunch.com/schools/olgcbc>. Orders need to be made no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>. NO late orders will be accepted past this deadline. 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.

### **Marian Club-Wednesdays**

The Marian Club will continue to meet at lunchtime on Wednesdays and is open to student in Grades 2 to Grade 6.

### **IXL Quick Picks 2025**

Mrs. Quicker's Quick Pick winners are Katelyn (5) and Harry (5). 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.

### **Funtastic Fridays- January 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**

Funtastic Fridays will continue in the New Year with the first one this Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for students in Grades 2 to 7. Contact Sister Marie Fe via [fmainvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:fmainvancouver@gmail.com) or call the parish office at 604-581-4141.

## **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 School for the Day-Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. A complimentary Boston Pizza (Pasta) Hot Lunch will be provided on this day from our Hot Lunch orders on this day. In order to do so the draw date for Principal For A Day will be January 22<sup>nd</sup>, so the order can be place by the OLGC Hot Lunch Team.

## **First Communion and Confirmation**

We will be meeting with our First Communion and Confirmation teams to discuss when we will hold our sacramental meetings, retreats and celebrations. Please continue to support our classroom teachers as they prepare our students for these sacraments. More information will shared shortly.

## **OLGC Sports and Extra-curricular**

Basketball has re-started with games and tournaments scheduled to be played against local CISVA Schools. Thanks to all coaches and parent volunteers for your continued support! Please adhere to our OLGC Spectator Guidelines posted in the Don Bosco Youth Center. We look forward to a great season! Go Knights Go!

## **OLGC Choir**

We will restart our OLGC Choir sessions January 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please be reminded participating students should arrive for the 8:10 am start time. Intermediate students on Mondays and Primary students on Thursdays.

## **Christmas DVD or Blue Ray-Last Call**

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](#) . Due Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Student Pick up/Drop Off/Supervision**

Thank you for adhering to our OLGC School drop-off and pick up protocols. Please keep calm and carry on during rainy days. Thank you. See the student planner for more details. Please be aware of moving vehicles in our parking lots. **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.

## **Supervision Duty Days**

All families have been scheduled for two supervision days this year. One of our volunteer parents has scheduled all the parents supervision hours for crosswalk, and flow of students for before, during lunch and after school times. The times of supervision are 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and then 11:50 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. and 2:40 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please be on time. 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.**

## **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**

Registration is ongoing. We are beginning to take September 2025 registrations for Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. If you would like to register please contact Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225. We still have some spaces available for our morning sessions.

### **OLGC Out of School Care**

Registration is ongoing. We currently have 34 full time students registered for this program. If you need the care call Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

### **Work Party:**

Our next work party is this Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please sign up in advance.

### **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. The link is working again. 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)

### **Holy Childhood Toy Sale- February 25<sup>th</sup>**

We will have our Holy Childhood Toy Sale Fundraiser February 25<sup>th</sup>. As you may start doing some Christmas cleaning please consider donating your used toys for our toy sale. Please do not send in clothing, toy guns or other weapons.

### **Lost & Found**

There are a number of uniforms/water bottles in our Lost & Found. Please collect.

### **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 are: Gr 6 girls... Flag

### **Community News:**

#### **Jollibee Fundraiser**

From the our OLGC PEC Happy New Year!

Our total sales for the Jollibee Fundraiser was \$3,191.94. So OLGC School managed to raise \$638.39. Thank you for your support.

#### **Sister Cora**

Please pray for Sister Cora as she heals in hospital from pneumonia.

#### **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 shortly.

#### **Don Bosco 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament-March 8<sup>th</sup>**

OLGC Parish is holding its 19<sup>th</sup> Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please see the registration sent home with interested students.

Contact Joe at [jamabilli@shaw.ca](mailto:jamabilli@shaw.ca), Kevin at [kapdal2020@gmail.com](mailto:kapdal2020@gmail.com), or Edzel at [symsurrey@gmail.com](mailto:symsurrey@gmail.com) for more information.

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- January 31<sup>st</sup> -Feast of St. John Bosco
- February 12<sup>th</sup> -Red Day/Jump Rope For Heart/Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday/Pancakes
- February 13<sup>th</sup> -CEC Conference – No School
- February 14<sup>th</sup> -CEC Conference – No School
- February 17<sup>th</sup> -Family Day – No School
- March 5<sup>th</sup> -Ash Wednesday
- March 12<sup>th</sup> -2024-2025 Registrations due
- March 12<sup>th</sup> -Sexuality & Your Child Meetings (Gr.4,5, 6 & 7)
- March 17<sup>th</sup>- March 28<sup>th</sup> -Spring Break
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> -Student Led- Conferences
- April 17<sup>th</sup> -Holy Thursday Retreat -12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- April 18<sup>th</sup> -Good Friday – No School
- April 20<sup>th</sup> -Easter Sunday
- April 21<sup>st</sup> -Easter Monday- No School