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This Week at OLGC
September 24th, 2025

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to Sr. Mary Fe who celebrated her Perpetual vows at our OLGC Parish on Saturday. Those in attendance were able to see her proclaim her willingness to share the message of Jesus for the rest of her life as a Salesian Sister.

Terry Fox Run/Walk- September 25th

Mr. Egitto had Terry Fox's niece talk with our students yesterday as an Ambassador for the Terry Fox Foundation yesterday. Thank you Mr. E! We will be participating in the Terry Fox Run tomorrow. Each child is asked to "bring in a Toonie (\$2) for Terry". Thank you in advance to help find the cure! This will be a non-uniform wear athletic gear day.

Professional Development Day – September 26th – No School

Funtastic Friday-First one is September 26th

The first Funtastic Friday is next Friday, September 26th 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 or call the parish office at 604-581-4141.

Orange Shirt Day- September 29th

September 29th is Orange Shirt Day, a day on which we commemorate the thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes in Canada at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools. In showing our commitment to the principle that every child matters we will join many schools across BC and Canada and wear ORANGE. Students can wear an orange shirt on Friday, September 29th.

Activities will be planned in each classroom on this day. We ask that students bring in a rock from home to assist in our school-wide symbol for this day.

National Truth & Reconciliation Day September 30th- No School

The federal and provincial governments are formally recognizing September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The day honours survivors of Residential Schools, the children who didn't return home, their families, and communities. The day is an opportunity to shed light on our painful shared history and the ongoing impact of colonization, including the Residential School system. Recognizing the day is an important part of our Truth and Reconciliation journey.

Cross Country 2025-October 1st

Our Cross Country Running teams is preparing for the CISVA Cross Country Championships which will be held at Swangard Stadium- Burnaby Central Park Wednesday, October 1st. Many thanks to our parent volunteers and coaches for helping to prepare the team for this competition. See specific communication from Mr. Egitto for those attending.

OLGC Don Bosco Grade 7 Girls Volleyball Tournament-October 3rd

On Friday, October 3rd OLGC School will host its annual Don Bosco Volleyball Tournament for participating Grade 7 Girls. During the tournament the Grade 7 parents are running a concession and hope you will support their efforts in raising money for the Grade 7 Farewell.

World Teacher's Day- October 5th

Each year, Teachers' Day is celebrated with a different theme. This year's World Teachers' Day theme is "Empowering Educators: Strengthening Resilience, Building Sustainability.," Thank you to our OLGC School staff for being the Christian models that help to mold our student's minds, hearts and souls into future Catholic Christian leaders. We plan to celebrate our OLGC staff on October 6th for their love of teaching and learning on this day. Please encourage your children to thank their classroom teachers for all they do. Thank you teachers for all you do!

OLGC Hot Lunch-October 8th – EDO Japan

Our first Hot Lunch will be October 8th - EDO Japan. All orders must be made by **September 30th at 11:59 p.m.** Please order through this link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/olgcbbc>. If you have yet to set up an account do so as directed on this site. As well please read the 2025-2026 OLGC School Hot Lunch letter [here](#).

We will be in need a minimum of one volunteer per class on October 8th. 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 at 604-581-3154 if you are willing and able to assist. Please contact our newly created email of hotlunch@olgc-school.ca if you have any questions are experiencing issues with ordering.

2025 OLGC Lap-A-Thon

We will hold our one and only major annual fundraiser, the OLGC Lap-a-Thon, October 10th. Remember to collect pledges and send them into your classroom teacher ASAP. Donations of \$20.00 or more will be offered a tax receipt. All donations should be sent into school by October 1st. For those that have misplaced their letter and pledge forms please use the following links to access:

<https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/OLGC-LapAThon-2025.pdf>

You may also visit the Fundraising page for more info and to download the pledge form as well: <https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/fundraising/>

Extra-curricular Sports

Our fall extra-curricular sports games against league teams started this week. Please be reminded to be a good spectator and to drive other students only if you have completed the criminal record check as stated above.

Criminal Record Check – All Parents to Do ASAP

Thank you to those who have submitted an application to complete a criminal record check to ensure students safety for all those volunteering in our school setting. For those who have not done so please complete as soon as possible using this Link:

<https://justice.gov.bc.ca/screening/crrpa/org-access>

Access Code is: H2295QSNNV

Once you gain access please complete the required on-line criminal record check. Thank you for your understanding and ensuring the safety of all our students.

OLGC School e-Newsletter & OLGC Social Platforms

Please read our OLGC School e-Newsletter each week to keep up to date on school event and timely information. As well, OLGC School has an X account at @OLGCSurrey, an Instagram account at @olgcknights and a Facebook account at OLGC School-Surrey, BC. The main form of school communication remains our OLGC School e-Newsletter weekly and by short message send outs.

Student Pick up/Drop Off

Thank you for adhering to our OLG 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 unless in an extra- curricular program.** 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.

For the students' safety, the yellow line marks the drop off zone. When entering from 140th Street, a "Drop-Off Zone" is provided near the fence marked "NO STOPPING DURING SCHOOL HOURS." It is very important that parents move ahead to the church stairs or as far as possible before letting their child out. Please do not park in this zone or block the emergency entrances. Cars are not permitted to the right of the yellow line or on the grounds. Please follow the lines and arrows in a ONE-WAY DIRECTION. Parents are to park in the designated areas near the church and the Don Bosco Youth Centre, or in the 139th Street parking lot and assist their children to enter the school grounds. The parking supervisor is clearly identified as he/she is wearing a fluorescent vest. Please remember that we are all here to protect our children, so please follow the directions from the parking supervisors as politely as possible so as not to make their important job any more stressful. Thank you for your cooperation!

Please do not park in handicapped parking spots unless you have a tag to do so.

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 OLG 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

Please read the policy regarding uniforms located in our OLG Student Planner, which includes information regarding accessories and hair coloring. All students **MUST** comply with school policies. Students are required to be in full uniform (sweaters and shoes) for each and every day. Please wash uniform items daily as you are able. Students are able to wear the summer uniform until October 15th. Uniforms can be ordered on-line via our supplier Top Marks. Please see ordering details on our olgcschool.ca website.

School uniforms must be purchased from the uniform supplier, Top Marks. Orders are placed online at www.topmarks.ca. Please visit www.topmarks.ca and create an account (**school code: OLG01**) or contact Top Marks Custom Service team at 1-800-667-7105 or email info@topmarks. The updated uniform ordering information is updated on the website and can be found under the "**Uniform**" page: <https://olgcschool.ca/parent-portal/uniforms/>
Direct access to the PDF form is: <https://olgcschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/OLGC-SchoolUniformPackage-2025-2026.pdf>

Parent Supervision Responsibilities

Please carefully review the requirements of Parent A and B in front of your child's OLG Student Planner. Notice that you are requested, for the safety of our students, to arrive in advance

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.**

Parent Participation

Thank you for helping to keep OLGC School great. Just a reminder that parents are responsible for keeping an account of the number of hours worked. We have moved to full use of our Google forms work hours tracking, submission and approval of hours. It is important to note that parents complete their own work hours. Nobody else can do your work hours unless approval is given by the PEC. Also, 30 is the minimum. Many parents do much more, and we thank you all so much for your commitment to our children and OLGC School. Thank you to those already helping out in July, August and September.

2025-26 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

Please note that parents like you manage and report out work hours as part of their volunteer work hours and your patience is appreciated.

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.

Change in Information

In order to keep our My Ed student management system up to date it is critical that you inform the school office immediately if you have moved, changed your home or work number, or have a new emergency contact. A child may become ill and will need to go home immediately during the day and we want to avoid any delay in getting a hold of you. If our files are not updated it can be upsetting for your child, when we can't reach you. Please call our school secretary if you have any changes in information over the summer.

OLGC Preschool

We currently have 33 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 40 students registered for this program. We will be using the OLGC School Auditorium for students in Grade 1 to 7 and our OLGC Preschool building for students in Kindergarten at this point. We will place students on a waitlist if numbers hit capacity. If you need the care call Mrs. Martins at 604-581-3225.

Work Party:

Our next work party is October 4th. Call the school's office if you plan to attend. For our new families, the work party consists of doing maintenance tasks around the school and offers parents an opportunity to work on your 30 hours work commitment.

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: Olivia (K), and Boston (2).

Junior Crusaders Boys Basketball Teams Tryouts

The Junior Crusaders Program is designed to connect future Holy Cross students together before their first days of Gr 8. We select players for the U12/U13 divisions. We play in the BCBSSA League at various sites throughout the lower mainland every 2nd Sat or Sun from Oct. to the end of Feb. These teams will practice 1 or 2 times a week. These times will vary depending on gym availability. The tryouts are FREE for all boys currently in Gr 4-7 planning on attending Holy Cross for Gr 8 in the future. This event will be held at the Holy Cross Gym. Register upon arrival. Saturday Sept 27th 2:00pm-3:30pm Sunday Sept 28th 2:00pm-3:30pm

The cost for the entire season is a one-time fee of \$500.00. This includes registration fees, league fees, jerseys, hoodies and other club costs.

2.) Jr Crusader Training Sessions:

Come and train at Holy Cross. Even if you aren't selected for the jr crusader team. Keep getting better. This is open to both boys and girls. Holy Cross coaches will be running these sessions.

\$10/session. 90 mins of weekly improvement. Price can't be beat.

Winter sessions: 10 sessions on Saturdays from Oct to Dec.

Gr 4-7 – 10am-11:30am

@Holy Cross Gym

Cost: \$200.00(\$20 per session)

Register by emailing coachlchass@gmail.com

Registration forms and payment can be made on the first day at the gym.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pi8iosylXoXSjBvC9MOteb67nlh419uoGixUq6AI9Ws/edit?usp=drivesdk>

Praise Team 2025-2026

Looking for something fun, creative, meaningful and exciting?

Join Praise TEAM's classes this 2025–2026 season!

From Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, and more—whether you're a beginner or already love to perform, this is your chance to build confidence, make new friends, and express yourself through dance and theatre arts. Spots are limited! Free trial classes available—register today!

Contact: admin@praiseteamstudio.com Visit: www.praiseteamstudio.com

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Important dates:

- September 25th -Terry Fox Run
- September 26th -Pro-D- No School
- September 29th -Orange Shirt Day
- September 30th -Truth & Reconciliation Day – No School
- October 1st -CISVA Cross Country Championships
- October 5th -World Teacher's Day
- October 10th -OLGC Lap-A-Thon - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- October 13th -Thanksgiving Day- No School
- October 14th & 15th – Ministry of Education School Evaluation
- October 21st & 22nd –CISVA School Evaluation