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This Week at OLGC

October 15th, 2025

Dear Parents,

The last two days our school completed an inspection from the Ministry of Education and Child Care as part of the six year cycle in place for independent schools. The inspectors commented on the positive, happy and calm learning environment in our school, the strength of our Inclusive Education program and the excellent administration team documentation. Next week on Tuesday October 21st and Wednesday October 22nd we will undergo a similar inspection from our Catholic Independent Schools of Vancouver. Please remind your children to continue to show their respectful and OLGC Best in BC attitude and behavior especially during these days. Well done OLGC Best in BC and thank you.

2025 OLGC Lap-A-Thon- Donations past due

All those that have yet to send in your pledges and money please do so. 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/>

Quick Pics 2025

This year's Grade 4-7 Quick Picks are live, and we have our first winner - Katelyn in Grade 6. Quick Picks are skills from IXL, tailored to your child's current just right challenge level in one area of Math or Language Arts. They can be found on the Recommendations page of IXL, in the "From Your Teacher" section. If your child completes their Quick Pick, they will be entered into a weekly draw to win a treat - usually from McDonald's. If you have any questions about IXL or Quick Picks, please see Mrs. Quickert (who loves IXL and is happy to tell you all about it).

The Great Shake Out 2025-October 16th

Tomorrow we will join all schools the Province of BC and participate in the Great Shake Out where we will practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold in the case of an earthquake. Students will be trained by our teaching staff in order to be prepared to react appropriately.

Funtastic Friday- October 17th

Brother Rob wants all to know the next Funtastic Friday will be October 17th from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Contact the parish office if you plan to attend.

Living Rosary- October 22nd

Our Living Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in our school's auditorium. Our Grade 2 and 7 classes will lead our Living Rosary. Please feel free to join us.

Professional Development Day – October 24th

OLGC will participate in the Provincial Professional Development Day Friday, October 24th. There will be no school on this day.

Mass October 30th

Our Mass on October 31st will be moved to 9:00 a.m. Mass October 30th due to Halloween on our regular Friday Mass.

OLGC Hot Lunch-October 31st – Fresh Slice Pizza

Our next Hot Lunch will be October 31st- Fresh Slice Pizza. All orders must be made by **October 23rd by 11:59 p.m.** Please order through this link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/olgcbsc>.

Please contact our newly created email of hotlunch@olgc-school.ca if you have any questions are experiencing issues with ordering.

October 31st - All Hallows Eve Events (Spirit and Dress-up Day).

On October 31st students will be allowed to come to school in costume or fall colours. We ask that students dress-up as their favorite saint, fairy tale, cartoon, movie, sports or other **non-violent or non-scary** characters. Parents are asked not to send students with any toy weapons or send in costumes which are offensive to others. Students may be asked to remove parts of their costumes for safety or if they offend or scare other students. We ask that all students bring in a food donation to support our efforts for the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Surrey Food Bank.

We will accept candy donations for the Agape Street Ministries on November 3rd.

We will hold a short costume grade gallery walk in our OLGC School auditorium once students are settled in their classrooms. You are welcome to attend.

Three Way Conferences – November 7th

Our OLGC Classroom teachers will be sending home your Three-Way Conference times shortly. Please send in you time request by this Friday.

Please note that November 7th will be a non-instructional day as interviews with all families will be held thought the day.

OLGC School Scholastic Book Fair 2025

Our Annual Fall Book Fair will officially take place on November 7th from 9:00 am-6:30 pm to coincide with the Three Way Conferences set for the same day. We will also be open on Wednesday, November 5th and Thursday November 6th from 3:00p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We will be offering a great selection of books for all ages, reading interests and levels for children and families. The fundraising goal of our Fair is to enhance our classroom collections and our school library.

Parent Volunteers are always welcome! Hours will be given: setting up, decorating, greeting and assisting shoppers, and cashier table (on November 5th to 7th); and taking down the Fair on November 7th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you are interested please call the school at 604-581-3154.

I Can Read Canadian-November 5th

On November 5th we will celebrate I Can Read Canadian Day. On this day students are encouraged to wear Canadian gear or red and white.

Photo Retakes- November 13th

For those wanting photo retake or for those that missed our first sitting please be advised that photo retakes will be on Tuesday, November 13th.

Naa Sheka – Racial Equity Talks -November 17th and 24th.

Naa Sheka will guide our Grad 5 to 7 classes through a presentation on Racial Equity on November 17th and on November 24th.

Naa Sheka is a compelling public speaker who addresses the intersections of racial equity, culture, fashion and entrepreneurship. Her workshops and speeches inspire audiences to embrace diversity, unity, and equity within their communities. Through her engaging storytelling, Naa

Sheka empowers others to contribute to a more inclusive and equitable society. - Enlighten students to concepts such as anti- racism, racial equity and social justice - Define concepts and have discussions - Personal heritage and cultural identity to drive social change and empower marginalized voices - Empower and inspire students with awareness and knowledge - Exploring the intersections between culture, identity and fashion, highlighting how these elements can foster inclusivity and social change

Extra-curricular Sports

Our fall extra-curricular sports games against league teams continue this week. We have had great success in all our games but this should be tempered with the understanding we are just out to participate and have fun. Please be reminded to be a good teammate and/or spectator at school games and events. See the Code of Conduct on the DBYC wall. Thank you.

OLGC Choir 2025-2026

OLGC Choir for our Primary (Grades 1 to 3) is Tuesdays and our Intermediate (Grades 4 to 7) is on Wednesdays. Please arrive for 8:10 a.m.

Criminal Record Check – All Parents to Do (Thank you)

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 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 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 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

Please read the policy regarding uniforms located in our OLGC 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. Please be advised that summer uniform use is ended until next spring.

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 OLGC Student Planner. Notice that you are requested, for the safety of our students, to arrive in advance of 8:15 am. As well please be reminded to check the grounds for any unsafe materials and inform staff so clean up can happen immediately.

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 November 15th. 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 following students this week: This week's Knights in Action are: Allysa (7), Nathaline (7), Darren (7), Joaquin (7), Frankie (6), Hannah (6), Arya (5), Leighla H (5), David (5), Cathaleya (4), Andrew (4), Tobias (3) Angi (2), Karys (2), Jharylle (2), Lucas (1), Sienna (1), Pia (1), and Olivia (K)

Important dates:

- October 16th -Great Shake Out –Earthquake Drill
- October 21st -CISVA School Evaluation
- October 22nd -CISVA School Evaluation
- October 22nd -Living Rosary – 1:00 p.m.
- October 24th -Provincial Pro-D – No School
- October 31st -Halloween (All Hallows Eve)- Class Gallery Walk
- November 1st -All Saints Day
- November 5th -I Can Read Canadian Day
- November 6th -Remembrance Day Mass/St V Teacher V Ball
- November 7th -3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences –**Non Instructional Day**
- November 8th -Grade 7 Spirit Day
- November 10th -Assessment & Admin Pro-D – **No School**
- November 11th -Remembrance Day- No School
- November 13th -Photo Retakes
- November 15th -Work Party #2

- November 17th -Naa Sheka – Racial Equity Talks (Day 1)
- November 21st -CISVA Networking Day – Pro-D – No School
- November 24th - Naa Sheka – Racial Equity Talks (Day 2)
- November 28th -Term One CSL Learning Update
- December 17th -OLGC Christmas Concert