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

### **Dear Parents,**

Yesterday the Catholic Church celebrated the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. At school we are in the process of making rosaries for our Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in our school's auditorium. Our Grade 2 and 7 classes will lead our Living Rosary. Brother Rob asked us to focus on Mother Mary holding our hand as we say the rosary during his morning talk today. Our Marian Rosary Club began today with 30 plus members. Our Lady of the Rosary... Pray for Us!

Today with the help of IC Delta School and their bus driver Mr. Price, we conducted our Bus Evacuation drill for this year in the event we need to conduct a bus evacuation on our school field trips when a bus is rented to ensure the safety of our students. Special thanks to IC Delta School and to Mr. Price.

**Happy Thanksgiving to all!** We are thankful for everyone here at OLGC School and Parish Family. Thank you for all you do!

When we return from the Thanksgiving weekend the Ministry of Education and Child Care will be inspecting our school October 13<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> as part of the six year cycle in place for independent schools. Please remind your children to continue to show their respectful and OLGC Best in BC attitude and behavior especially during these days. Thank you.

### **2025 Lap-A-Thon October 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:00 p.m. Dismissal**

On Friday following our regular school Mass, we will walk our OLGC School track to complete the required laps and time. Students may come in non-uniform athletic gear to participate but should dress modestly and appropriately. Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m.

### **2025 OLGC Lap-A-Thon- Donations past due**

We will hold our one and only major annual fundraiser, the OLGC Lap-a-Thon, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Please send in pledges and money into your classroom teacher. Donations of \$20.00 or more will be offered a tax receipt. All donations should have been sent into school already. 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/>

### **OLGC Food Bank Food Drive-October 10<sup>th</sup>**

On Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> we encourage all students to bring in a non-perishable food item that OLGC School can collect and donate to our local food bank. Please plan to participate. Thank you in advance for your donation.

### **OLGC Learning Update/Interim Reports-October 10<sup>th</sup>**

Your children will be bringing home their start of school Learning Update/Interim Reports this Friday. This update reflects student EFFORT and ATTITUDE and their early progress in Christian Education, Mathematics and English Language Arts curricular areas of learning. If you have any comments or questions please contact your child's teacher regarding this Learning Update.

Accompanying the Learning Update we will be sending home our Three-Way Conference request times for Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Please return the form sent out next Friday no later than October 17<sup>th</sup>. Please note that November 7<sup>th</sup> will be a non-instructional day as interviews with all families will be held throughout the day but students are expected to attend the conference time with their parent(s). Following your 3 Way Conference families are encouraged to spend some time in Adoration as a family in our OLGC Parish Church.

## **The Great Shake Out 2025**

On October 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Living Rosary- October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our Living Rosary will be on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **Mass October 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

## **OLGC Hot Lunch-October 31<sup>st</sup> – Pizza**

Our next Hot Lunch will be October 31<sup>st</sup>- Pizza. All orders must be made by **October 23<sup>rd</sup> by 11:59 p.m.** We await the link to be opened from the munchalunch manager and will inform you once ordering is available. When it is opened please order through this link: <https://munchalunch.com/schools/olgcbc>. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:hotlunch@olgc-school.ca) if you have any questions are experiencing issues with ordering.

## **October 31<sup>st</sup> - All Hallows Eve Events (Spirit and Dress-up Day).**

On October 31<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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.

## **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**

This week we started our OLGC Choir for the Fall for our Primary (Grades 1 to 3) students and will do so next Wednesday for our Intermediate (Grades 4 to 7) students.

Special thanks to Miss Mitea and Mrs. Garcia for continuing to offer our choir program that keeps the soul strong at OLGC Best in BC! Choir members are reminded to arrive for 8:10 a.m. on their specified day; Primary Choir on Tuesdays and Intermediate Choir on Wednesdays.

## **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 139<sup>th</sup> 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. Students are able to wear the summer uniform until October 15<sup>th</sup>.

School uniforms must be purchased from the uniform supplier, Top Marks. Orders are placed online at [www.topmarks.ca](http://www.topmarks.ca). Please visit [www.topmarks.ca](http://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](mailto: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](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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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: Damian A (7), Gabe (7), Joaquin (7), Zayden (7), Elijah (7), Damian S (7), Francisco (7), Maruis (4), Bhodi (4), Zoe (4), Leland (2), Leo (2), Angi (2), and Luna (K),

### **PERSONAL BEST BOARD**

Congratulations to the following students for the excellent work displayed on the September Personal Best Board". Keep up the Good Work!

K Isabella Doctolero Rohan Sonon	Kalvyn Hernandez	Mary Elizabeth Jectey-Asamoah
1 Cristella Requinto	Matteo Reyes	Loucean Valdez
2 Albert Correa Rainee Paningbatan	Ezekiel Hope	Joshua Kraemer
3 Audrey Casteur Charles Paulin	Kasi Ifekwem	Shaina Lahnin
4 Johanna Karimu	Angelina Mathew	Cathaleya Mirabel

	Heavenly Rebelo	Jasmine Untalan	
5	Zoella Bandong Talulah Villanueva	Leander Curate	Gemma Saggors
6	Lara Curate Rhys Garcia	James Gulbransen	Katelyn Kraemer
7	Allysa Diaz	Dianna Salazar	

### **Important dates:**

- October 10<sup>th</sup> -OLGC Lap-A-Thon - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal
- October 10<sup>th</sup> -Food Bank Food Drive
- October 10<sup>th</sup> -Initial Learning Update – Interim Reports
- October 13<sup>th</sup> -Thanksgiving Day- No School
- October 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> – Ministry of Education & Child Care School Evaluation
- October 16<sup>th</sup> -Seismic Siren test – 11:00 a.m.
- October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> –CISVA School Evaluation
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> -Living Rosary – 1:00 p.m.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> -Provincial Pro-D – No School
- October 31<sup>st</sup> -Halloween (All Hallows Eve)- Class Gallery Walk
- November 7<sup>th</sup> -3 Way Parent, Teacher, Student Conferences –**Non Instructional Day**