

# Our Lady of Guadalupe



WE LIVE CHRIST'S GREAT COMMANDMENT

## Parini's Perspective

Dear Families,

Welcome to Catholic Schools' Week 2012! A *Blessing for Parents* is enclosed in today's envelope in honor of Tuesday's Parent Appreciation Day. I believe parenting is one of the most difficult of "jobs," yet one of the most rewarding. Thank you for being such wonderful parents to our students, for being their primary teachers and instilling in them the Christian values that they will carry through life.

It is a busy time for OLG, as you know. This past Saturday morning, many generous and energetic parents, grandparents, and students arrived at school ready to work. After hours of cleaning, sweeping, weeding, and scrubbing, our school looked wonderful and ready for Open House Sunday. The 10:30 Liturgy was beautiful Sunday morning and two of our school's most avid supporters were on the altar, Father John and Deacon Mike. Open House was a great success. Our School Board members greeted parents and answered questions perspective families had about OLG. Student Council members led families through the school with poise and grace, sharing the good news of OLG with visitors. We had an enthusiastic, dedicated group of parents helping with hospitality led by Maria Rebidue and Juana Fulks. In addition to providing delicious treats, they created a welcoming and friendly atmosphere, about which many new families commented positively. I am very appreciative. Of course, finally, I want to thank our teachers and staff who worked very hard to prepare their classrooms and learning areas for parents and guests. We are blessed at our school to have a parent and staff community who give so much to our kids. Of course, it helps that we have the greatest kids in the world! J

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is **Faith – Academics – Service**. We are committed to all three of these key components of Catholic education at OLG. Our *faith* is the basis for all we do. Our **academics** are relevant and rigorous, preparing our students for their futures in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. **Service** to each other, our parish, and our community is a vital part of the life of the school.

It has been my privilege to be a Catholic school educator for over thirty years, and it is definitely a special blessing in my life to be a part of the wonderful community that we have at OLG.

Thank you for all you give to Catholic education,

*Linda Parini*

# Calendar

Feb 2	School Clergy and Religious Appreciation Day Mass 10 am FULL UNIFORM Book Fair Set Up 8-10 am Book Fair Preview 10 am-3 pm
Feb 3	Student Appreciation Day Free Dress Noon Dismissal Book Fair 12-4 pm OLG Family Pizza Night Bronco Billy's on Blacow Rd. 5-8 pm
Feb 4	Book Fair 2:30 – 6:30 pm Build-A-Book 3-4:30 pm
Feb 5	Book Fair 8 am -12:30 pm
Feb 6-10	Grade 1 Bake Sale
Feb 6	CVA's at am Assembly Gr. 1,7 Recess Shop Book Fair Book Fair 3-4:30 pm
Feb 7	Gr. K, 8 Recess Shop Book Fair Book Fair 3-4:30 pm SB Mtg. 7 pm 1st Communion Parent Mtg. 7 pm
Feb 8	Gr. 3,4,5 Recess Shop Book Fair Book Fair 3-4:30 pm BF Take Down 4:30 pm Gr. 8 Grad Parent Mtg. 7 pm
Feb 10	CRAB FEED TICKET ORDERS DEADLINE 1st Deadline for BASIC
Feb 25	OLG Crab Feed Holy Spirit Gym 4:30-11:00 pm

## INTENT TO RETURN FORM

In today's envelope you will find the Intent to Return form. This information is important to the school in order to save space for your child(ren) and in order to begin planning for the next school year. Please return it by **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012. PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS DEADLINE.**

## OLG Family Pizza Night

Please see the flyer in today's envelope. As part of Catholic School's Week PTSG is sponsoring an OLG Family Pizza Night at Bronco Billy's Pizza Pallace on Thursday, February 2, 2012 from 5 to 8 pm. Come and enjoy the company of your fellow OLG families while having dinner. Bronco Billy's is located at 41200 Blacow Road. Their phone is 510-438-0121. Check for on-line coupons at [www.broncobillyspizzapalace.com](http://www.broncobillyspizzapalace.com).

## Thank You

A heartfelt "thank you" to those who helped kick off our Catholic Schools Week. Our work party volunteers did a great job sprucing up our grounds and shining the inside so that we looked our very best. Our PTSG and their volunteers created a lovely reception area with delicious treats for our guests. Our board members greeted new families and were most helpful in answering their questions. Our Student Council members were the perfect tour guides. Thank you to all of these groups and to all who may have shared information with families interested in our school.

### dancersDivine

There will No *dancersDivine* this Friday, February 4th. In honor of Student Appreciation Day, take the afternoon off. We will continue with our regular practices again on February 10th.

### Grade 1 Bake Sale

Grade 1 will host the next Bake Sale from Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Snacks will be sold at recess and after school for 50 cents. Nachos will be sold on Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> for \$1.00. Grade 1 is excited to provide the snacks for the week. They thank you for your support.

### BOOK FAIR

**Our Scholastic Book Fair will be at our school February 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.** We will be open before & after weekend masses, during morning & lunch recesses, & after school. We will be open until 4:30PM on Friday, Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, and until 3:30PM on Wednesday. We will have plenty of activities that encourage the love of reading, one of them being the Klutz Build-A-Book Party, on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30PM. Please be sure to send back the RSVP form with your cash or check for this fun event. Our fair also helps to raise funds for our school & classroom libraries.

Each class is assigned a special *Recess Shopping Day*. Please mark on your calendar when your child's shopping day is so that you can be sure that your child is sent to school with the appropriate amount of money. You can also find the shopping dates & times at our book fair homepage at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ourladyofguadalupe1>

### R e c e s s S h o p p i n g S c h e d u l e

1 <sup>st</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Monday, 2/6
Kinder & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Tuesday, 2/7
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Wednesday, 2/8
3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Thursday, 2/9

### MSJ FOUNDER'S DAY

Mother Pia/Mission San Jose Founder's Day is Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a mass at 10 am in church. The children may dress in black and white for the occasion. If your child does not have any black and white clothing, he/she must wear the full uniform (not PE uniform).

### Crab Feed Orders Due

Crab Feed orders are due Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> so that they may be filled and ready to send home on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Order forms were sent home on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Call the office (510-657-1674) for another form or download additional forms from our website, [www.guadalupe-school.com](http://www.guadalupe-school.com). Remember, Option I families are required to purchase 1 ticket. Approximately 110 families have yet to order a ticket.

### Cash for Class

Please see the flyer for Cash for Class in today's envelope. It lists several restaurants for which we may earn triple points when submitting one of their receipts. Staples will be coming to the HUB soon and receipts from there will earn double points.

The flyer also states that receipts will be accepted for only up to 60 days from time of purchase, but it was decided at a meeting held last Thursday that **RECEIPTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR UP TO 90 DAYS FROM TIME OF PURCHASE.**

Please continue to send in your receipts. The contest runs through May 21<sup>st</sup>. Keep up the great response!

### CONGRATULATIONS, BOYS OLG CYO BASKETBALL

Fourth Grade National Division, First Place!

Fifth Grade American Division, Fourth Place.  
Come cheer them in the playoffs!

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ Moreau Garin  
gym start time Noon

When our Saints win, we advance  
to play the following day . . .

Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> @ Moreau Garin  
gym start time 2:40pm, then on to Diocese!

Eighth Grade National (8N1) Division, Fourth  
Place. Come cheer them in the playoffs!

Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ Moreau Main  
gym start time 10:30am

When our Saints win, we advance  
to play the following day . . .

Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> @ Moreau Main  
gym start time 1:20pm, then on to Brentwood!

All of our teams did well this season and our excellent sportsmanship was noticed throughout the league. Everyone who has worn the teal and black has represented our parish and school very well, great work to all! Thank you for your continued support of CYO sports at OLG!

# Financial Aid

## BASIC FUND

The BASIC Fund is a privately funded program which helps low-income families afford the cost of tuition at private schools in the Bay Area. The program is available to students entering Kindergarten through Eighth Grade. The BASIC fund scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need.

There are 2 categories.:

1) **NEW APPLICATIONS** If you are a family with a child enrolled in school now and have a new sibling entering this year, but do not have BASIC, you may apply if you fit the qualifications. New applications will be prioritized. The deadlines are February 10, March 9 and April 13. Tax information for 2011 must be completed. The earlier you file taxes and submit the application, the more likely you will be provided a scholarship. Applications are available in the office or may be downloaded at [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org).

### 2) RENEWING BASIC FUND STUDENTS

If your family is already receiving BASIC Funds and you will be enrolling a new sibling, follow the "New Application" procedure above for the new sibling. Renewal packets for families receiving existing BASIC funds will be delivered to school during the third week of March. The renewal forms and 2011 Tax Return must be returned to school as soon as possible. The deadline for renewals is April 20.

## FACE

FACE (Family Aid to Catholic Education) applications for the 2012-2013 school year are now available in the office. The FACE grants are awarded through the diocese.

Please pick up an application from the office or request one to be sent home with your child.

☆ The completed application must be returned to school on or before March 15, 2012. Given the volume of applications early submission (Immediately) is encouraged.

☆ The school will send it on to the FACE office.

☆ **FUNDS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED THIS YEAR**

☆ **THE EARLIER IT IS RECEIVED AT SCHOOL AND SENT IN, THE BETTER CHANCE OF BEING AWARDED FUNDS.**

☆ 2011 tax year documentation is required

☆ Check or money order payable to PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE for the nonrefundable application fee of \$24 is required.

☆ Keep a copy of the completed application for your records.

☆ Families currently receiving FACE financial aid must complete and submit an application again for 2012-2013.

# Crab Feed

## CRAB FEED NEWS

The décor for the Crab Feed this year will be done in the Mardi Gras colors of green, purple and gold. Come in casual attire ready to enjoy a fun evening with friends.

- ☆ Do you own your own business or know someone who does? Advertise it in the Crab Feed brochure.
  - Business card size ads are offered for \$25
  - Half page ads are \$50.
  - Full page ads are \$100.
- ☆ Please see the tear off at the end of the bulletin. Return it with your business card or copy by Wednesday, February 1 if you are interested.

## CRAB FEED DONATION REQUESTS

The Crab Feed Committee would appreciate the following donations. Remember, every \$10 spent on goods donated is worth 1 service hour. The receipt must be attached to the donation sheet.

- \*Bottles of WINE (750 ml)
- \*Cases of Water
- \*Cans of Soda
- \*Time Shares or Flyer Miles
- \*Baskets for Basket Raffle
- \*Shredded Basket Filler in Green, Purple, Gold or White

## CALLING ALL OLG ALUMS

We are calling all OLG alumni (and friends) to volunteer for serving tables at the Crab Feed. Time required will be 4:30 to 8:00 pm. In exchange for your time you may have your choice of claiming service hours for your school or being entitled to the tips which will be divided among those choosing this option. If you (or your friends) would like to join in the celebration, perform a big favor for your alma mater and visit with your OLG teachers and staff, please contact **Michelle Pernia** at [Mppernia@yahoo.com](mailto:Mppernia@yahoo.com) or call at 510-996-8550. Thank you and hope to see you there!