

Our Lady of Guadalupe School

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Dear OLG Families,

The second day of the 2017-18 school year:

- ✚ Our Pre-Kindergarteners were enjoying their larger playground space ;
- ✚ the Kindergarteners toured the school offices and classrooms; one Kinder shared that the pre-kindergarteners were “very little”
- ✚ the first graders were eagerly working on learning their class rules, verbally and through the written word;
- ✚ our second graders excitedly shared what they wanted to do when they grew up;
- ✚ third grade busily organized all their books with covers and their many supplies needed to this non-primary grade;
- ✚ fourth grade learned how to use the program Learning Ally, ready to begin their first novel;
- ✚ the fifth graders shared their personal histories through a creative religion activity;
- ✚ our sixth graders walked through their Study Tips flip book;
- ✚ in seventh grade the students shared their hopes and dreams for the year through a creative, exciting handout;
- ✚ our eighth graders set their sights high for a successful graduation year while reflecting on being created in God’s Image and Likeness.

Thank you to so many of our PreK through Fifth grade families who were able to attend Back-to-School night. If you were not able to attend, please contact your child’s teacher so that you are aware of what will be happening for your child in this school year.

This coming Sunday, August 27, the **Parish Multicultural Festival** will be taking place from 9am-5pm on the church grounds (41933 Blacow Rd). Please come by and enjoy a day of good eating and fun! If anyone would like to help out at the OLG School table, please call the school office.

May this 2017-18 school year be as blessed as our first two days have been!

In God’s Peace,

S. Janice Therese, O.P.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

THUR	Aug 24	First day for school uniforms Kinder: Noon dismissal Gr. 1-3, 2:50pm dismissal Gr. 4-8, 3:00pm dismissal
FRI	Aug 25	PE Uniform for grades 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Kinder: Noon dismissal Gr. 1-3, 2:50pm dismissal Gr. 4-8, 3:00pm dismissal
SUN	Aug 27	9am – 5pm - OLG Parish Multicultural Festival at OLG Church (located on the church grounds, 41933 Blacow Road)
MON	Aug 28	Kinder begins full day (8am – 2:50pm) Library classes begin today First Pizza Lunch First Choir Meeting
TUE	Aug 29	PE Uniform for grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 Back to School Night for Gr. 6-8; 6:30pm – 8:00pm (please report to the Parish Center at 6:30pm)
WED	Aug 30	PE Uniform for grades K, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 2pm dismissal
THUR	AUG 31	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff
MON	SEP 4	Labor Day – NO SCHOOL
THUR	Sep 7	Parent-Student Handbook Verification Form due today.

Required Reading for all Parents and Students

The 2017-2018 Parent Student Handbooks were distributed this week to school families. Please take the time in the next 2 weeks to review the handbook with your children. It's imperative that both parents and students are very aware of the rules and policies of the school. Once you have read the handbook, tear out the Verification Form (the last page), then add your signatures. Both students and parents are expected to sign the form.

PLEASE return the signed form to the school by Thursday, September 7.

Prayer Request

♥ Please pray for Karel Vystrcil, grandfather to Zachariah, gr. 6, Samuel, gr. 3, Malachi, Kinder and Sarai, PreK. Mr. Vystrcil is very ill and currently in a care facility. May God's healing touch be present to him through the compassion and love of his family, friends and caregivers.

Even More Summer Happenings at OLG



The last weekend of summer vacation was a busy weekend here at Our Lady of Guadalupe School! The area of the primary playground under the climbing structure was cleared of gravel and the ground graded before the padded tiles were installed. The last of the tiles will be installed this next weekend, to the area underneath the monkey bars. Our gratitude to Mr. Frank Rosas (grandfather to Richard Velazquez, gr. 6 and Francesca Rosas, gr. 3) and members of his family for planning, coordinating and executing the project.

One of the changes that took place over the summer is an extension to the PreK playground. New fencing was added to allow the PreK class to use the area behind their building for outdoor activities. With the extra space we have been able to install a new shed. Thank you to Mr. Val Meza (Valentin, gr. 6), Danny Roque (brother to Katherine, gr. 2) and Mr. Don Murray for assembling the new PreK shed which is now providing a place to store all of the outdoor play equipment for the PreK class.

We appreciate the enthusiasm of the families that came out for Saturday's Beautification Day, many of them brand new to OLG: Ms. Jen Ryan (Finn, gr. 2), Mrs. Ann Silveira (Chris, gr. 7, Matthew, gr. 6, Alexis and Ryan, gr. 1), Ms. Felicitas Fonseca (Amado Plascencia, gr. 1 and Nallely Plascencia, gr. 3), Mr. Tim Conners (Matthew, gr. 7 and McKayla, gr. 1), Mr. Shengmin Mei (Owen, gr. 1), Mr. and Mrs. James Kai (Jason, gr. 5), Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bono (Dominic, gr. 7), Ms. Cassie Rodriguez (Fernando Ibarra, gr. 1), Ms. Cataline Godoy and Mr. Thiago Costa (Felipe Costa Godoy, Kinder), Mrs. Marjorie Dela Cruz (Gabriella, gr. 5, Francine, gr. 3 and Francesca, gr. 3), Mr. and Mrs. Billy Huston (Tannon, gr. 5), Ms. Brigette Brooks (Jayden Stancill, gr. 3), Mrs. Mary Flack-Meza (Valentin, gr. 6) and Mr. Emil Girgis (Holly Wood, gr. 2).



Parent Student Handbook Correction

Please note the following correction in the Parent-Student Handbook (page 53). Under the **Tuition** section, the last bullet should read:

* A late fee of \$35 is assessed by TADS on the 21st of the month if the tuition payment is not made.

Fun Photos From the First Day of School



Safe Environment Training & Fingerprinting Required!!

A reminder to all school parents: **In order to be able to volunteer at any school event (e.g. your child's birthday party, the Harvest Festival) when children are present you must complete a safe environment course, entitled *Protecting God's Children for Adults*. This is a **free** course that can be completed online by logging onto [oakdiocese.org/offices/safe environment](http://oakdiocese.org/offices/safe%20environment) (if you completed this course last year when it was introduced, you do not need to take it again for another 2 years). Before clicking on the blue button to register on VIRTUS, please read the instructions below the blue button.**

If you prefer to take the course in person, there are two sessions being offered in the month of October: Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 7 pm in English and Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7pm in Spanish. Both sessions will be held at the Parish Hall.

In addition, all adult volunteers **are required** to be fingerprinted for the Oakland diocese. This only needs to be done once during all the years your child attends OLG. The cost is \$34 and you will receive 2 service hours per person once you have paid. **There will be another opportunity to be fingerprinted on-site at OLG school (in the Parish Hall) on Thursday, September 21, from 7:00am – 9:00am. No appointment is necessary.**

If you still need to be fingerprinted but you are not available on September 21st, the required form and additional details are available at the school office for getting the fingerprinting completed. Call 510-657-1674 for more information.

CYO SPORTS NEWS

Cross Country for children in Kinder-8th grades began on Wednesday, August 23, For more information contact Coach Rick Moraida, raiderrick@comcast.net or 510-552-1541.

The **Girls CYO** sign-ups for volleyball and basketball will take place on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at OLG School. We will be taking registrations for the following:

- Volleyball, Fall Season, Grades 2 – 8
- Basketball, Spring Season, Grades 1 - 8



Service Hour Opportunities

Please make note of the following opportunities that are available to OLG parents, to start earning the required Service Hours:

- Volunteers are needed to help out for a 1-hour shift at the OLG School table at the Parish Carnival on Sunday, August 27. Please contact the school office if you are interested.
- If you enjoy working in the garden, you might enjoy helping Mrs. Silveira in our backyard vegetable garden. The garden can always use some tending and the more hands helping, the better. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Silveira at annmarie.silveira@outlook.com.
- We can use help clearing some weeds and leaves from the perimeter of the primary playground. We can also use help with weeds on the areas surrounding the field. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Uniform Exchange

If you are looking for a place to donate used school uniform pieces that are still in good condition, you can bring them to school to add to our uniform exchange. If you are in need of some uniform pieces and would like to see what is available, for free, please stop by the school office anytime during office hours.



Are you looking for opportunities to earn service hours early in the school year and would like to help create a family fun event? The following chair positions are open and available for the Harvest Festival that will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017:

- Scheduling Co-chair
- Parking
- Purchasing Committee

If you would like to be a chair or co-chair for any of the above committees, please contact Marcella Gomez at marcellagomez21@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS

Just a reminder that every family is required to volunteer at least 4 hours toward the Harvest Festival. The vast majority of the available assignments will be for shifts on the day of the event, Saturday, October 21st, and the online sign-ups will take place in September.

If you are in need of a volunteer assignment that can be completed prior to the Harvest Festival, please notify Marcella Gomez at marcellagomez21@gmail.com

The Purchasing committee will need
volunteer help prior to the day of the event.



Scholarships Awarded on Sunday, August 13

We are happy to announce that three former OLG students were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship toward college. Funds raised by the annual **OLG School Golf Tournament**, held on June 3rd, were set aside for these scholarships. This year's honored recipients were: **Ryan Lewis**, **Pedro Quinonez** and **Hana Pham**.

Congratulations to these college-bound young adults!