

Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



The first week of Advent – Hope
The second week of Advent – Peace

Dear OLG Families,

If you were one of the 200 people who attended the Breakfast with Santa, you know first hand what a fabulous experience it was! Thank you so much to our PTSG Team, Eric and Anna Refuerzo, Mary Flack-Meza, Jitendra Devabhaktuni, Sienna Vystrčil, Christina Gonzales, Charizza Madera, and Jane Symonds. Very special thanks goes to our Knights of Columbus members who bought, cooked and cleaned up the delicious breakfast. Of course our hats off to our terrific Santa who thrilled and amazed the young and old alike! Great gratitude also goes to Don Feria for his photography skills, Jessica Casey for her cooking skills and our wonderful parents and 8th graders who helped with set-up, activities, and clean-up! What a wonderful community experience in preparation for Christmas.

As we continue our Advent focus of Hope and Peace, please take a moment to reflect on Pope Francis' words:

"To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow."

"Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart. Many people live in a constant hurry. In this way all that they have inside them tends to be overwhelmed. This also affects how we treat the environment. It is necessary to grant oneself more time to recover a serene harmony with the world, with creation, and also with the Creator."

Friday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, when we honor Mary who was born without sin. Please join us for the Day of Obligation at our 11:30am mass planned by the 6th graders. We will also be blessing the beautiful Our Lady of Guadalupe statues that each classroom received. Our honoring of the Blessed Mother will continue on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tuesday, December 12 at a Prayer Service at 8:20am and then with our feastday Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Barber, SJ at 7am in the church. I hope you can join us for at least one of these opportunities to thank our Blessed Mother for her guidance and protection.

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Please make sure that your family is ready for our Christmas Program next Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at 7pm. The students need to be in their classrooms no later than 6:30pm. The doors to the Parish Center will be opened at 6:30pm. At the end of the program we will send the children back to their classrooms and ask the parents to wait until the children can get there safely. While you are waiting, I will ask the parents to please help us put away the hundreds of chairs that will be out. We need to return the Parish Center to a CYO practice space. Thank you so much in advance for your help!

In Advent Peace,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE		
FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES UNTIL 12-13-17 <i>Serving those in need in Fremont, Newark & Union City</i> <i>Collection boxes available in the school lobby</i>		
M-F	Dec 4-8	Grade 5 Snack Sale
FRI	Dec 8	11:30 Mass – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception FULL UNIFORM
SUN	Dec 10	2 nd Sunday of Advent
TUE	Dec 12	7pm Mass at OLG Church for The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Bishop Michael Barber will be presiding. <i>dancersDivine</i> will open the Mass with a Call to Prayer
WED	Dec 13	2pm Dismissal 6:30pm - Students report to their classrooms 7pm - OLG Christmas Program
THUR	Dec 14	No Chess Club or Ecology Club meeting today
FRI	Dec 15	Noon Dismissal – No PM Extended Care and no PM PreK
12/18/17 through 1/2/18 – Christmas Holiday – NO SCHOOL <i>A blessed Christmas to you and your families!</i>		
WED	Jan 3	School Resumes No Pizza Lunch this week Bring a lunch or order in advance with ChoiceLunch

Prayer Requests

Let us pray....

- *For the sick and all in need of our prayers, that their nearness to God bring them healing and hope.*
- *For the homeless and homebound, that God will guide caring people to bring them comfort and fulfill their needs, especially during the cold winter days and nights.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Special Liturgy

Bishop Michael Barber will be presiding at a 7pm Mass at OLG Church on Tuesday, December 12 to celebrate the Feast Day of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe. All are welcome to attend.



For those in *dancersDivine* who will be joining in the Call to Prayer to open this special Mass, please plan to arrive no later than 6:30pm at OLG church at 41933 Blacow Rd.

The OLG School Christmas Program is in 1 Week! **Wednesday, December 13, 7:00pm**



Our Lady of Guadalupe School's Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 7pm in the Parish Center. **Please bring your child to their classroom to check in no later than 6:30pm.** At that time you are invited to take a seat in the Parish Center.

Christmas Program Attire: Students should wear nice, holiday clothes in Christmas colors of red or green. If red or green is not available, then black or white is acceptable. Boys should wear black pants or navy school pants. Please no blue jeans or sneakers (black school shoes are okay). Girls should keep in mind the possibility of standing on risers when choosing shoes and heel height.

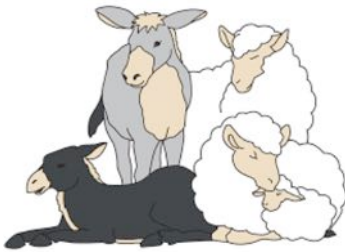
Student Departure Process: Students will be escorted back to their classrooms after the program. Parents, please go to the classrooms, following the program and after chairs are put away, to pick up your child(ren).

Noon Dismissal on Friday, December 15th

There will be no afternoon Extended Care or afternoon Pre-K on Friday, 12/15. Our Christmas holiday starts at the noon dismissal and school will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd.

Blessings to all our families for a joy-filled Christmas.

The
**Joy of
Christmas**



The Christmas Story II - The Animals' First Christmas

(a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite)
and Songs & Dances to Prepare Us for Christmas

Presented by
Soaring Spirit Dance Ensemble,
Dance for Joy, & Young Sounds of Praise
Choreographed by Susan Lee Olsen

Saturday, December 9 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10 - Noon

Location: Seton School Auditorium
St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing, Palo Alto

Saturday, January 6, 2018 - 7 p.m.

Location: Holy Family Community Center
Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave, San Jose

Suggested Donation: \$10 adults \$5 - children

All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul at the respective site.
You are also invited to bring canned food (pop-tops preferred)
and/or a toy or children's book.

Tickets available at the door.

Contact Susan Olsen (650-494-2496, ext. 25 or suolsen@dsj.org) for information.

Come and see Ms. Traci Colon, OLG Librarian and *dancersDivine* instructor. She'll be dancing in this special performance!

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/94-2988962 and Amazon donates to **Our Lady of Guadalupe School**.



Please help OLG School by purchasing gift cards directly from the school or online at shopwithscrip.com. Some gift cards are available for purchase at OLG school: Starbucks, Target, Chili's and Panera.

Many other retailers offer their gift cards through the online scrip program, even Disneyland, so if you plan ahead for your own travel or shopping needs or for Christmas gifts, you will be helping the school. Please check our website for more information ([Guadalupe-school.com/News/Fundraising Opportunities](https://Guadalupe-school.com/News/Fundraising%20Opportunities)).

When ordering online, the cost to you is only 15 cents per order and the face value of the gift cards is exactly what you pay for it.

If you don't want to place your order online, but would like to see a list of some of the most popular participating retailers, you can download the scrip order form here: [SCRIP Order Form](#). This form can be submitted to the school office with your payment, as an alternative to online ordering. Note: the percentage listed next to each type of scrip is the percentage of the SCRIP purchase that is donated by the retailer back to OLG School.

Carpool Request

One of our students needs a ride to school each morning. She lives a few blocks off of Chapel Way (which is off of Fremont Blvd. where the 7-11 is located). If you can help, please contact the office for more information.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School



December 4th – December 13th



Please deliver new unwrapped toys to your child's classroom
before **Thursday, December 13th**.

Collection bins will also be available at the Parish Center
during the Christmas program on 12/13/17.

Many blessings to you and your family this Christmas Season





A food drive is currently under way at OLG School. We are collecting non-perishable food items that will be given to the LOV Newark (League of Volunteers) so they can distribute the items to those in need in the Fremont, Newark, Union City area. Harold Colon, father to Ms. Traci Colon (School Librarian) is assistant Executive Director at LOV Newark and is grateful for our help in collecting the following most-needed items:



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| Soups | Corn |
| Carrots | Beans |
| Peas | Spaghetti/Alfredo Sauce |
| Apple Sauce | Pasta |
| Fruit Cocktail | Tuna |
| Macaroni & Cheese | Cereal |
| Crackers | Canned Meat |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly |
| Hot Chocolate | Canned Milk |
| Chili Beans | Rice |

****Please check expiration dates before donating your items.**



Helping enhance the quality of life for people in the Tri-city area

For more information about LOV Newark, visit www.LOV.org.

SAVE THE DATE for the annual OLG School Crab Feed!

Saturday, March 3, 2018
at Holy Spirit Parish Center

This event includes an all-you-can-eat Crab Feed Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions, Raffle Baskets, Balloon Pop game, Bar, DJ, Photo Corner and Dancing!

If you are interested in chairing one of our Crab Feed committees please see future bulletins for announcements of available opportunities and upcoming planning meetings.

Online signups for volunteer positions will be available starting January 12, 2018.

One committee that requires volunteers as soon as possible is the Solicitations committee. This team works to obtain donations from businesses to use in our auctions and raffle. If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you!!



Service Hour Opportunities

- Lunch volunteers are needed on Thursdays and Fridays. If you are able to help one day a week, from 12:10pm – 12:50pm to earn a service hour each time plus receive a lunch credit from ChoiceLunch, please contact the school office for more information.
- If you would like to pick up some service hours during the Christmas break you are welcome to come to the school and do general grounds cleanup, sweeping or blowing leaves, picking up trash or clearing weeds around the school sign facing Fremont Blvd and also along the driveway onto our campus. All yard waste gets dumped in the green compost bin in the middle of the garbage enclosure.