



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



*Advent is about letting God come to us.
We do the letting and God does the coming.*

Dear OLG Families,

On Sunday we begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday in Advent. This is one of my most favorite times of the year. As a child I always looked forward to Christmas, yes, for the gifts, but also for the magic that surrounds it. Growing up on the equator, it never seemed strange that we sang about “dreaming of a white Christmas”, having no idea what snow was. There was just excitement and joy in the air.

With this bulletin, there is a beautiful reflection article to help you prepare for Advent. I hope you can find a few moments in these next days to read it.

Another fun way to prepare for Christmas is our Breakfast with Santa. Do join us on Sunday, December 2, 8:30-1 for this annual PTSG family event. Great gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for cooking the breakfast for us again!

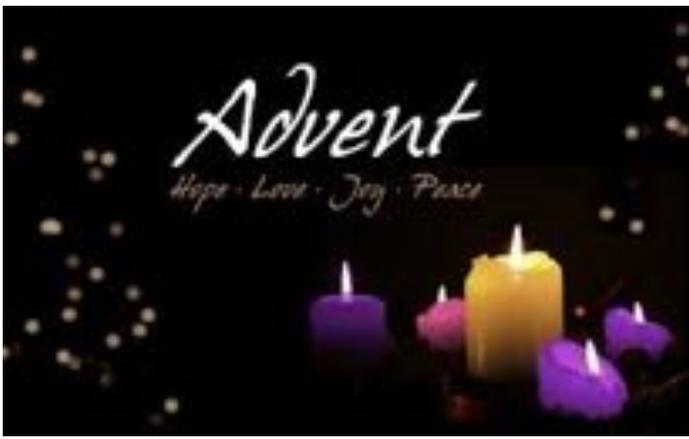
Our 8th graders are off on their CYO Camp week! We sent them off this morning with a special blessing from Fr. Joy. This week in God’s beautiful creation in the Occidental area will be one of great fun and great learning, about themselves, others and their God.

May our hearts be open to God’s coming to us!

In God’s Peace,

S. Janice Therese, O.P





From [Creighton University's Online Ministries](#):

Getting in Touch with Myself

One of the best ways to prepare for the very special season of Advent is to get in touch with ourselves." It may sound odd, but one symptom of our contemporary lives is that we can often be quite "out of touch" with what is going on in our very own hearts. We are about to begin our Advent, right at the time our Western culture begins Christmas preparations. It is a busy time, and our heads are filled with details to remember. And, it is a time of emotional complexity that is part of this holiday season – with all of the expectations and challenge of family and relationships: who we want to be with and who we struggle to be with. So, our hearts are a bit tender, if not completely defended from experiencing anything deeply.

We are about to hear some very powerful and stirring readings from Isaiah, the Prophet. We will re-enter the ancient tradition of a people longing for the coming of a Savior. We may remember the days of our childhood when we longed for Christmas to come, because it was a magical time of receiving gifts. As adults, we have to ask ourselves: "What is it I long for now?" The answer won't come easily. The more we walk around with that question, and let it penetrate through the layers of distraction and self-protection, the more powerfully we will experience Advent.

Salvation From

We are about to read and pray about the expectant hope of Israel, as expressed through Isaiah. The images we will be using are about darkness and gloom – about thick clouds covering the people - and about hunger and thirst. They are images that attempt to capture a sense of what we feel when we are distant from our God. There are many images about war and conflict. They express the powerlessness and anxiety we experience when we feel vulnerable and defense-less. Most of all, there are images of a future day – a day that can only be called the Lord's – when all the tears will be wiped away, when there will be plenty to eat and drink, and when there will be no more conflict and no more war. God's salvation will be made known. God's victory will be complete.

There are very precious days for us to come into intimate contact with our own need for salvation. It is a time to make friends with our tears, our darkness, our hunger and thirst. What is missing? What eludes my grasp? What name can I give to the "restlessness" in my heart? What is the emptiness I keep trying to "feed" with food, with fantasy, with excitement, with busyness? What is the conflict that is "eating at me"? What is the sinful, unloving, self-centered pattern for which I haven't asked for forgiveness and healing? Where do I need a place that the world cannot give?

Coming to know where I need a Savior is how I can prepare for Advent

I am preparing to listen to the promises, listen to these rich texts announcing the liberation I can truly long for. When my heart is open, when my hands are open, when my mouth is open and ready to ask for freedom, healing and peace, then I am ready to begin Advent.

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE		
WED-FRI	NOV 28-30	8 TH Grade CYO Camp
FRI	NOV 30	Student Holiday – MSJ In Service
SUN	DEC 2	Breakfast with Santa 8:30-1pm - 9:30am OLG Choir Caroling - 10:00-11:00am Santa 1 st Sunday of Advent
MON-FRI	DEC 3-7	5 th Grade Bake Sale
THUR	DEC 6	St. Nick's Day

Prayer Corner;

- ♥ *lets continue to pray for our 8th graders and their chaperones at CYO Camp, that they are enjoying the wonders of Creation while learning about themselves, each other and our beautiful Universe;*
- ♥ *for Germain Fabella, Grandfather of Ignacio Garcia Jr., gr. 5th, who suffered from a heart attack on Monday and who will be undergoing open heart surgery on Friday*
- ♥ *for Jesus Martinez, Grandfather of Joaquin Quinonez, gr. 7 and Father to Mrs. Govea, resource co-director who passed away on Monday. May he rest in Gods eternal light and may the peace of our loving Savior feel the hearts of his family.*

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.**



Pilgrimage in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Saturday, December 1, 2018

Everyone is invited to participate in the Diocesan procession/pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will begin at 9am at St. Louis Bertrand Church, 1410 100th Ave, Oakland, CA, and will continue to the Cathedral of Christ the Light, at 2121 Harrison St. After the procession, Mass will be celebrated at 1pm.

OLG Parish will have one bus for approximately 50 people (first come, first served) to travel to and from the event. The bus will leave at 7am on 12/1/18 from the OLG Parish parking lot (41933 Blacow Rd, Fremont) and return after the Mass. You will need to bring your own food and water. Contact the parish office to reserve a space on the bus or you can also go in your own car.

For more information, please contact the OLG parish office at 510-657-4043.



Please help OLG School by purchasing gift cards (target, starbucks, amazon, home depot, apple store, walmart, etc.) directly from the school or online at shopwithscrip.com.

Many 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).

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.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
FUNDRAISING EVENT!!**

December 2, 2018 * 8:30am – 1:00pm

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center
40374 Fremont Blvd | Fremont, CA 94538**

Breakfast 8:30am-12:30pm served by
OLG Knights of Columbus
\$5/person or \$20/household

Pictures with Santa 9:30am-1:00pm
\$7/digital & \$5/print

HOLIDAY GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND RAFFLE!!

To RSVP, see form on the next page

Proceeds for OLG Parish Center!!





**Please complete this form and return with payment to the school office by
Thursday, 11/29/18.**

Family Name _____

Number of Individuals attending _____

Breakfast:

Includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon and corned beef hash

Qty: _____ @ \$5 per person or

Qty: _____ @ \$20 per household

Photos with Santa:

Qty: _____ @ \$7 per digital photo

Qty: _____ @ \$5 per print photo

Total amount: \$ _____

Dear Parents,

It's that time again! Play auditions for this year's spring musical:

Mary Poppins JR

Spring Musical dates: Friday, March 29, 2019 and Saturday, March 30, 2019.

Students in grades 4-8 should fill out and sign the **permission form**, have it signed by a parent and teacher and returned to **Mr. Sam by November 30, 2018**.

Auditions for grades 4-8 (speaking and singing roles) are after school in the Parish Center on **Tuesday, December 4th**.

Grades K-5 (for dancing roles performed in a group) should fill out and sign the permission form, have it signed by a parent and teacher, and give it to their teacher by **Monday, December 3rd**.

All students in the play will be expected to have the following on their 1st Trimester report card:

Grades 6-8: "C" average or above and an "A" or "M" in Life Skills 4 and 5.

Grades K-5: an "A" or "M" in Life Skills 4 and 5.

All students must also agree to:

- behave appropriately during rehearsals and performances
- be at all rehearsals (no more than three absences)

By agreeing that their child be in the play, parents agree to sign up for a least one time slot to help, which may include:

- K-5 dances rehearsals
- dress rehearsal
- set building
- helping out backstage during performances

Dates, times, and areas of responsibility for parent volunteers will be scheduled by the Play Committee. Details about scheduling will be sent at a later date.

2018-19 Permission Form for the Spring Musical

Mary Poppins JR

Requirements:

- Students in grades K-5 must have an “A” or “M” in Life Skills on the 1st Trimester Report Card
- Students in grades 6-8 must have an “A” or “M” in Life Skills and a “C” or better on the 1st Trimester Report Card

_____, in grade _____, has met the requirements to participate in the OLG Spring Musical, Mary Poppins, Jr.

Teacher signature/date: _____/_____

We agree to the requirements of the 2018-19 Spring Musical as outlined for students and parents.

Parent Signature/date: _____/_____

Student Signature: _____

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE OLG CHRISTMAS PROGRAM!!

Thursday, December 13 at 7pm
OLG Parish Center



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.



Reminder to Room Parents:
St. Nicks Day is December 6th.
Please refer to your Room Parent
Informational Sheet for any
questions or send an email to
vflorez@csdo.org.

OLG Sweatshirts now available in youth sizes. If you did not get a chance to purchase spiritwear and would like one please email Veronica at vflorez@csdo.org to order yours. Orders will be placed on December 5.

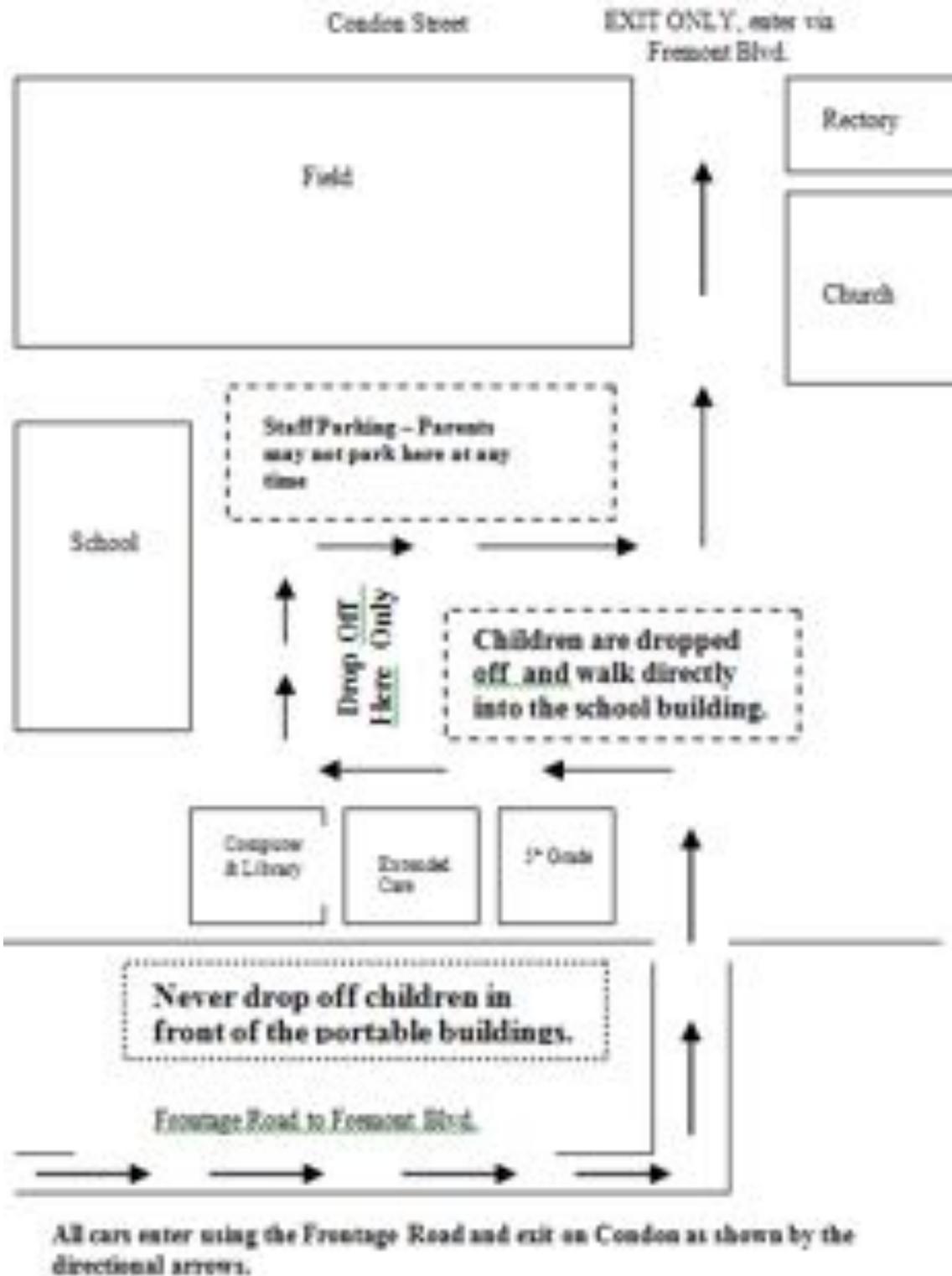
Adult Sweatshirt \$25.00
Youth Sweatshirt \$20.00
Adult T-Shirt \$15.00
Tote Bag \$20.00



OLG Youth Sweatshirt may be worn to school and in the classroom except on days we have Mass and need to be in full uniform.

Rainy Day Drop Off Procedure

On rainy mornings, there is a different procedure for dropping off students, so that they will not have to walk as far in the rain. The following diagram shows how you should drop off your child on a rainy day.



When entering the parking lot, bend to the left to drive parallel to the modular buildings. When you approach the benches, turn right. Continue driving until you reach the safety patrol, or the car in front of you stops. When you have stopped, you can drop off your child, who will walk behind the car and directly into the school building. You can then proceed out to Condon Street.

Do not let anyone out of the car while you are sitting next to the modular buildings. This includes 5th grade parents. It can be dangerous and will slow traffic.

The Christmas Story II - The Animals' First Christmas

(a ballet set to Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite)
and excerpts from Beyond Happily Ever After

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

Saturday, December 8 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Holy Family Community Center
Holy Family Parish, 4848 Pearl Ave, San Jose

Sunday, December 16 - 2:00 p.m.
Location: Seton School Auditorium
St. Albert the Great, 1095 Channing, Palo Alto

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

All proceeds go to Renovation at Holy Family
or St. Vincent de Paul at St. Thomas Aquinas.

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@daj.org) for information.