



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



Dear OLG Families,

Breakfast with Santa began in North Pole-like weather (42 degrees) and continued into summer-like weather with the joy, the friendships, the fun, the generosity of time and energy! Thank you so much to our PTSG, the Knights of Columbus, and of course Santa for a wonderful start to our Advent season!

Many of you have wreaths in your home – be it the Advent wreath or a Christmas wreath. Here's a pray you might want to share daily or weekly as you prepare yourself and your family for celebrating Emmanuel = God with us!

Oh, Lord, be with us now as we gather around this wreath. As we light these candles, may this time together open our eyes to see your love in our lives and in the love we share for each other. Help us to be grateful for all of the ways you shine a light in the darkness of our hearts. Let us feel that love from you and be grateful for it. Open our hearts to those who have so much less than we do; those whose lives are so full of pain that they cannot see the light of your love. Show us how to carry that light to other people. Amen.

Pick one question to talk about with each other at this time.

How did I bring light into someone's life today?

What person or people do I think needs a special light in their lives? How could I bring that to them?

Name a light someone brought into my life today.

A week from today we celebrate our Patron, Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please join us in celebrating our Blessed Mother who continually protects and guides us, at the 7 pm Mass on Wednesday, December 12 at the Church. Our *dancersDivine* will be leading the whole parish in a Call to Prayer.

The following day is our Christmas Pageant. The children have been practicing for weeks for this wonderful event, which will definitely enhance our preparations for Christmas. On Thursday, December 13 at 6:30 pm, students need to be dropped off at school. The doors to the Parish Center will be opened at 6:35 pm. Students in the instrumental program should be dropped off at the Parish Hall with their instrument. Please see the dress code in this bulletin.

May these Advent days fill us with the Peace of our Savior, God with us!

With great gratitude for the gift you are to OLG School!

S. Janice Therese, O.P.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE		
WED-FRI	DEC 5-7	5 th Grade Bake Sale
THUR	DEC 6	St. Nick's Day
WED	DEC 12	8:20am Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service
THUR	DEC 13	Chess Club Cancelled Stewards of Creation Club Meeting Cancelled Christmas Program @ 7pm
THUR	DEC 20	Noon Dismissal – No PM Ext. Care
DEC 21 – JAN 6		Christmas Holiday – No School
MON JAN 7		School Resumes

Prayer Corner;

- ♥ *Please pray for the soul of Jessie Gutierrez, great-grandfather to Isaac Higare, grade 5. May he be welcomed with joy into the heavenly Kingdom.*
- ♥ *Let us pray for our difficult world and those who are so in need of an end to violence. May we be peacemakers in our own lives.*



Thank you to all the families who supported the See's Candies fundraiser,

\$1,943.59 raised for technology!



The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose are sharing their impressive and inspiring Religious Studies Library with area parishes and interested readers. The Library collection includes 20,000 books on Bible study, prayer, spirituality, liturgy, saints, ethics, social justice, ecotheology and environmental responsibility, theology, and preaching. These are available to parish staff, parish volunteers, interested parishioners and readers.

The Library is now open Monday mornings from 8:30am until 11:30am.

For additional hours, please call the Library Office at (510) 933-6364 to make an individual appointment to visit the Library.

OLG School Christmas Program

Thursday, December 13, 7:00pm



Our Lady of Guadalupe School's Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, 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, following the program, please help with putting away the chairs and then go to the classrooms to pick up your child(ren).

OLG Sweatshirts now available in youth sizes. If you did not get a chance to purchase OLG spiritwear and would like one please email Veronica at vflorez@csdo.org to order yours.
Adult Sweatshirt \$25.00
Youth Sweatshirt \$20.00
Adult T-Shirt \$15.00
Tote Bag \$20.00



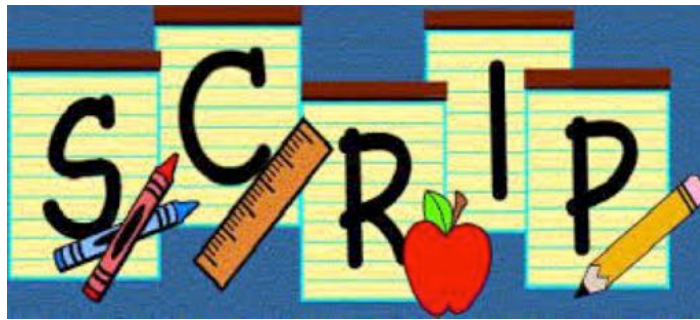
OLG Youth Sweatshirt may be worn to school and in the classroom except on days we have Mass and need to be in full uniform.

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**.

Support us when you shop
this holiday season

Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at smile.amazon.com. You shop. Amazon donates.





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.



Service Hour Opportunities:

Please make note of the following opportunities to earn Service Hours:

- ❖ Lunch volunteers are needed on Tuesdays, 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.
- ❖ 3 volunteers are needed to help with the Vision Screening that will be conducted on Wednesday, December 12, starting at approximately 9:00am. The assistance will be needed throughout the morning, helping the visiting nurse with bringing students to her for testing and for recording the test results for her. Please call Mrs. Florez at 510-657-1674 if you can help us.
- ❖ 3 volunteers are needed on Wednesday, December 12 from 1:30pm - 5:00pm, to help distribute the See's Candy orders.
- ❖ Can you help with a simple project at home, in the evening? We are looking for 4 volunteers to fold and label newsletters for mailing. Please contact Mrs. Murray at kmurray@cndo.org.

CHRISTIAN VALUE AWARDS - November 2018

Thank you to the following students, for living out the values we teach

K	Mason Bellison	A young person who embraces prayer as he lives a life of faith and develops a prayerful and personal relationship with God
	Jazzeen Corrales	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by reaching out to those in need
1st	Felipe Costa-Godoy	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by taking responsibility for his own actions
	Daniela Diaz	A young person who commits to study and who exhibits good study and organizational skills while working toward goals
2nd	Aayden Florez	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by demonstrating a sense of responsibility for the earth and its resources
	Valentina Gonzalez	A young person who commits to study and who shares ideas clearly in oral, visual and written format
	Sanya Verma	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by being an active, respectful listener
3rd	Aiden Alcaraz	A young person who commits to study and who solves problems and thinks critically
	Brandon Bellison	A young person who commits to study and who achieves an understanding of the curriculum based on his ability
	Shristi Verma	A young person who commits to study and who solves problems and thinks critically
4th	Shannon McGarry	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by effectively expressing ideas to a variety of audiences
	Franchesca Dela Cruz	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by being aware of social justice, on an age appropriate level & serving accordingly
	Israel Vargas	A young person who commits to study and who exhibits good study and organizational skills while working toward goals
5th	Emilio Olavarria	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by reaching out to those in need
	Ynarra Castandea	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by treating others as Jesus would
6th	Kaleb Nguyen	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by working effectively with others
	Isabella Wickman	A young person who commits to study and who exhibits good study and organizational skills while working toward goals
	Amanda Barahona	A young person who commits to study and who achieves an understanding of the curriculum based on her ability
7th	Arleth Madera	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by being an active, respectful listener
	Valentin Meza	A young person who commits to study and who shares ideas clearly in oral, visual, and written format
8th	Dominic Bono	A young person who embraces community and exhibits Gospel values by working effectively with others
	Kirsten Ramos	A young person who is willing to serve others through ministry by treating others as Jesus would

Think... Speak... Act... as





A food drive is currently under way at OLG School through Wednesday, December 19. We are collecting non-perishable food items that will be given families in need in our local community. We are grateful for your 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.**

THANK YOU !!

Congratulations to Mrs. Eryn Leong (Colin, PreK and Adelyn, First Grade). Mrs. Leong recently passed the California State Bar and was sworn in yesterday as she took the attorney oath.



Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



From Mrs. Danielle Bell, our School Counselor:

Happy Holidays!

This is one of my favorite times of the year. And, being a parent myself, I also know how crazy and rushed the month can feel. I wanted to leave you with a tip each week this month on taking time to connect with your kids.

Each day take 5-15 minutes to be present with your child. Put your phone and agenda aside and tune into your child. Perhaps instead of saying, "How was your day?" you can say, "It's so great to see you." We often forget one of the main feelings is that kids need to be seen and loved. There are often so many things to do, that our connection with them can get lost. Your child wants more than anything to have your attention in a positive, loving way. When you talk with your children about their day, it is often either a one-sided, probing conversation that is initiated by you and creates one-worded responses, or a long drawn-out story that the child initiates and you barely focus on as you cook dinner or drive to the next activity. Focus on opportunities to actively listen to your child. This means waiting to speak instead of directing the conversation where you think it should go. Make a deal that for the time you are being present, you won't ask any questions. Simply listen and reflect back what they are sharing.

For example: P (Parent) C (child)

(P) It's so great to see you.

Awkward pause as they are waiting for you to ask how their day was...

If they don't start the conversation you could go on to say...

(P) Such a beautiful time of year.

(C) What? I guess...

(P) The things I like most about this time of year are.....

(C) I like the Gifts

(P) I remember a time when that's what I enjoyed as well. Now I enjoy watching you get excited for all the different things the Christmas season brings.

This is a great opportunity to list things that you positively connect with your child and this time of year. It could be that you make hot chocolate together: they actually wear a jacket ;), they snuggle because it's cold, decorating together, etc. Obviously, there are a lot of things that can feel overwhelming this time of year. However, for these 5-15 minutes, we are present to the gift of our beautiful and amazing kids. Light up when you see your kids...remember that extraordinary day they came into the world. Allow them to feel your love without any agenda or need for them to do anything but be uniquely themselves! :)

A great website I recently found is called:

thefamilydinnerproject.org<<https://thefamilydinnerproject.org>>

PS> Remember to hug your kids! Research continues to show that hugs create resilient, confident and smart kids. It also increases trust, reduces fear and improves relationships. :) Guess it's why we should all hug a bit more! Happy Holidays and give the gift of a hug :)

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@dsj.org) for information.