



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



*We would like to tell you the most wonderful, the most beautiful,
the most exciting story in the whole world.*

Dear OLG Families,

With these words, OLG's Christmas Pageant, 2018 will begin tomorrow night. Please have your child(ren) at school by 6:30 PM and instrumentalists at the Parish Hall by 6:30 PM. Doors to the Parish Center will open at 6:35 PM. So very much preparation and practice has gone into this production, I know you will thoroughly enjoy it! Thank you so much to our instrumentalists, singers, actors, accompanist, teachers and most of all Ms. Robin Snyder for all their effort and the love they have poured into our pageant!

Today is our Feastday! The Kindergarteners and their 8th grade Buddies, lead the student-body in a reflective experience of the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. The following is from Fortunate Families:

Through her magnificent beauty, through roses and song, she began her accompaniment.

Today, we honor a woman who identified herself with the marginalized. Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared adorned with signs and symbols that spoke to the heart of the mourning, before she uttered a word. She, on the sacred mount of Tepeyac, became a visible sign of hope to the downtrodden.

With the pronouncement of her words, she elevated the language of the oppressed, regifted creation, cast out fear by proclaiming herself mother.

Her encounter with San Juan Diego empowered the people on the margins as messengers of faith and hope.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us! Thank you for your guidance and protection of our school and parish! Thank you for your YES!

In God's Peace,

S. Janice Therese, O.P.>



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE		
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

The OLG School Christmas Program is Tomorrow!!
Tomorrow, 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).



**Interested in being baptized?
Not baptized, between the ages of 7 and 14 and currently enrolled in OLG School?**

You and your child can join the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program, now. Please complete this form and send it to school tomorrow. More information will follow.

Information for Baptism at Our Lady of Guadalupe

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
as on Birth Certificate as on Birth Certificate

Grade: _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Father's Name: _____

Phone (cell/home/work): _____ Email: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Phone (cell/home/work): _____ Email: _____

Father's Religion: _____ Mother's Religion: _____

Who is Primary Contact? _____

Parish/Mass – family attends: _____



SAVE THE DATE for the annual OLG School **Crab Feed!**



Saturday, February 23, 2019
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.

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.

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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.

Volunteer Opportunities

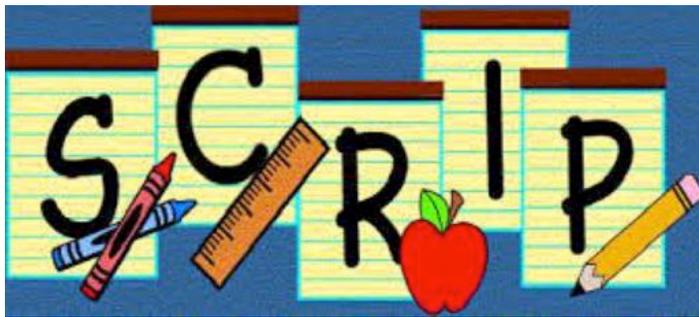
Service Hour Opportunities:

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.

Prayer Corner;

- ♥ *let us pray for the homeless, that they find shelter and food to sustain them;*
- ♥ *let us pray for peace in the world.*



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.



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:

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!!

**Sees Candy has arrived!!
If you ordered any
candy, please come to
the school office to pick
up your orders!!**

Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



From Mrs. Danielle Bell, our School Counselor:

I appreciate the emails in regards to asking more questions and stories about being present, thank you!

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What's one thing your kids wish their parents knew...

The pressure around homework and being "good" all the time is big and often crippling. It often comes from home and can be something experienced through friends and social media. Research shows that focusing on performance (grades, homework, achievement, performance in extracurricular activities) can be overwhelming and stressing. Often kids need a break when they get home from school. Sending them to do their homework right away is not allowing the chemicals in their brain to restore. In addition, encourage your kids to take breaks when doing homework. One research article states, "In order to foster well-being and academic success during the critical years surrounding adolescence, our findings suggest that parents should accentuate kindness and respect for others at least as much as (or more than) stellar academic performance and extracurricular accolades." Pay attention to the small things they do at home.

Examples:

I noticed you picked up that piece of paper off the floor, thank you! It really helps me out around the house.

Thank you for sharing that about your day it helps me feel connected to you.

I appreciate how you commit to doing homework even though it's hard and probably feels dreadful doing it some days. (Remember to just listen when they complain. There is nothing you need to fix. You remember the dread of doing homework. They need to trust that you will just listen and not try and change how they feel).

Thank you for playing with your brother/sister right now...there's nothing like family time.

I enjoy watching you (watch TV, play with your friends, run around outside, play with your toys) it reminds me how important is to play.

Being a parent is the hardest job you will ever have. Create time for yourself even if it's having a cup of coffee/tea outside by yourself. Use small moments to energize yourself and create fulfilling self-talk. Often we feel so exhausted and guilty about parenting. Our patterns of talking to ourselves negatively grow and spiral into other parts of our days. Acknowledge to yourself that yes, parenting is so hard AND you're doing the best you know how to do right now. Yes, there is always room for growth, but we need to learn to be kinder to ourselves and role-model that to our kids. You can share with them how hard it can be and you're just trying to be a supportive, nurturing and aware parent. Notice I didn't use the word "good." It's best to try and avoid good and bad in our language and be specific about what you are trying to communicate. Happy Holidays Parents! I know it's a crazy time and I'm here to support you. Please keep the emails coming and I will try to respond within 24-48 hours. If you have a specific situation that is troubling you, I would love to support you on your journey! Danielle: dbell@csdo.org

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.