Dear OLG Families,

As I write this, I’m blessed to be at Villa del Mar, the Holy Name’s Sisters retreat facility in Santa Cruz at the Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters’ Administrative Conference. I am looking out big bay windows onto the ocean (actually part of a bay) that is almost totally encompassed in the fog. An hour ago, I was walking along the beach in the bright sunshine with glorious blue skies. What strikes me in this absolutely beautiful space of God’s creation is that the joy I’m experiencing now is the same joy I experience when I walk out onto our school yard during recess or lunch and see and hear our children. The pounding ocean waves – the varied sounds of children’s voices; the smooth asphalt of our playground – the blanket of fog on the water; while seemingly so different, really aren’t different at all. Our God is the same God present here at the Villa who is present at this moment at OLG while the children are running out at day’s end. I am truly blessed! We are truly blessed!

Blessings abound for us with tomorrow’s Orchestra Concert – thank you, Ms. Snyder and student musicians for all the work you’ve done for this day! Next week our 8th graders go to CYO Camp near Occidental. They will be immersed in God’s nature while learning about themselves, others, and creation. Next Sunday, the OLG School Board attended an in-service that was energizing and uplifting. I believe much good will come for our school from that morning we spent together.

So as we get closer and closer to Thanksgiving, I invite you to take a moment to view this beautiful video on Gratitude: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n21Vv0G9D5w. It’s a 5:31 minute prayer that might just be the refreshment you need.

This month also generates opportunities for giving back out of this sense of how blessed we are. We will be collecting canned and packaged goods for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute. On Saturday, November 23, from 8:00AM – 1:00PM, our 6th – 8th grade students are invited to assist with the Thanksgiving Food Bag Help in the Parish Hall. They will help set up, bag food, carry bags of food to the client’s vehicle, and clean up. Pizza will be served to the student volunteers. All parents of any grade are also invited to help. Please let the school office know if any of you would be able to volunteer.

In gratitude to our God of Abundance,

S. Janice Therese, O.P.
### CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

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| THUR     | Nov 14     | 2pm Orchestra Concert for students  
             | 7pm Orchestra Concert in Parish Center                               |
| SUN      | Nov 17     | 1pm School Board Meeting                                             |
| MON-FRI  | Nov 18-22  | 8th Grade CYO Camp                                                   |
| WED      | Nov 20     | 1st Trimester Report Cards Sent Home                                 |
| SAT      | Nov 23     | 8am – 1pm St. Vincent de Paul distribution of Thanksgiving Food Bags  
             | - see S. Janice’s letter for more information                        |
| SAT-SUN  | Nov 23-24  | 10am – 4pm MSJ Dominican Sisters Holiday Boutique; OLG Choir is        
             | performing at 2pm in the Dining Room                                |
| TUE      | Nov 26     | Christian Value Awards at morning assembly                          
             | 8:30am-5:00pm Open House - school tours                             |
| WED      | Nov 27     | Noon Dismissal – No afternoon Extended Care today                    |
| THUR-FRI | Nov 28-29  | No School – Happy Thanksgiving!                                     |
| SUN      | Dec 1      | 1st Sunday of Advent                                                 |
| MON-FRI  | Dec 2-6    | 5th Grade Snack Sale                                                 |

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**Music Concert Scheduled for November 14th**

We will have our first School Orchestra Concert at OLG’s Parish Center on **Thursday, November 14th**. The school assembly is scheduled for 2:00pm. At 7:00pm, we will have the evening **concert**. Please invite all family and friends to this musical evening.

We will have all our instrumentalists perform what they have learned at this early stage in the year and invite you to enjoy some refreshments after. This includes all Wednesday instrumentalists, (orchestra and band), the 5th graders on keyboards and the 6th graders on recorders.

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"We are at our best when we are grateful"  
- Matthew Kelly

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**Let us pray....**

- For Feng Beixia (mother to Giles Li, gr. 3), who is currently in the hospital.
- For Reine-Marie Luke (gr. 2) who was admitted to the hospital while in Canada.

May God’s healing love reach those in need through the caregivers, friends and families of those who are ill.
OLG School Staff has decided to host a school-day Open House on November 26th, specifically for new visitors to learn about our school.

Tomorrow, we will be sending home 2 postcards to each OLG School family. We are asking for your help to please give away the postcards to friends, neighbors, family or acquaintances who might be interested,

or

post the cards on community bulletin boards, at your work or local coffee shop. Please help us get the word out!
DANCE around the World!

International Folk Dance Fundraiser
Friday, November 22, 2019, 6:00pm-9:00pm

at the OLG Parish Center

Tickets $20 each are available from the Parish Office (510-657-4043) or the Faith Formation Office (510-651-4966)

*Elementary school students are Free*

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Also, a Folk Dance Party – dance with other parishioners in a Line Dance, Set Dance and more. Please be sure to wear non-black sole dance shoes if you wish to participate.

Service Hour Opportunities

Please contact Mrs. Murray if you are able to help with any of the following tasks:

- Someone needed to fold clothes in the Lost & Found cabinet.
- Volunteers needed to help with the Crab Feed Solicitation Committee. Involves email and in-person requests for prize donations.
- Several bags of recycling (cans and plastic bottles) need to be taken to a facility for redemption.
- Weeds need to be pulled in front planter (in front of school sign that faces Fremont Boulevard).
- Leaves need to be cleared from garden area by school entrance (with rake or blower).
Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
2019 Holiday Boutique

The Annual Holiday Boutique will be held at the Motherhouse, 43326 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA 94539 (off of Mission Tierra Place) on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24, from 10am – 4pm each day.

This years’ Holiday Boutique will feature:
• Amazing venue at the Dominican Center
• Enjoyable conversation in the Dominican Sisters’ Dining Room
• Loads of yummy Holiday Goodies including Dominican Fruitcake, home-baked cookies and German strudel in St. Martin’s Dining Room
• Handmade artisan gifts of afghans, aprons, pillow covers, baby blankets, intricate origami ornaments, and crafts to decorate your home for many holidays to come
• Fun kid-friendly activities including music, face painting and storytelling and Santa Claus!
• Holy Honey, from the new hives that pollinate the Motherhouse plants and trees, which produces a delicious raw honey.
• Plus more!

Come See the OLG Choir Perform at the MSJ Boutique!

The Our Lady of Guadalupe School Children's Choir has been invited to sing at the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Holiday Boutique. The choir will be entertaining the guests and shoppers at this special annual event at 2pm in the Dining Room.

The Motherhouse is located at 43322 Mission Circle, Fremont, CA 94539 (off of Mission Tierra Place).

We hope to see you all there!
Pizza Hot Lunch Order

Pizza Lunch is offered every Monday (or Tuesday, when Monday is a school holiday).
Lunch includes Pizza, Drink and a Snack

Prices are per student

Option A - $45.00 (1 slice, 12 weeks, 11/25/19 – 02/24/20)
Option B - $55.00 (2 slices, 12 weeks, 11/25/19 -02/24/20)

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Form & payment are due in the office by 8am on Wednesday, 11/20/19

$5 fee applies to any orders turned in after the due date

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See’s Candies
Winter Fundraising

Order Forms to be sent home with students Thursday, 11/14/19. Order forms are due back to school no later than Monday, 12/2/19.

Proceeds to benefit the field renovation at Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

Same prices as in store!
Families earn one service hour for every 5 items sold.
Please only send in checks, payable to “OLG School.”
A food drive is currently under way at OLG School. We are collecting non-perishable food items, from now until Friday, November 22nd, that will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society so they can distribute the items to those in need in the local community. St. Vincent’s can use our help in collecting the following most-needed items:

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

**Please check expiration dates before donating your items. A collection bin is located in the school lobby.**

THANK YOU
“Shopping on Thanksgiving Day is the best. The earnings are HUGE and there are so many brands on bonus. Plus, it’s great to earn a little extra this time of year on my holiday shopping.”

Grace T.
**Gift Cards Available On-Site in School Office**

OLG School has a limited number of *Starbuck's* Gift Cards ($10 value each) and *Target* Gift Cards ($25 value each) on-site for sale. Please stop by the office if you wish to purchase. Also, if you have a request for specific gift cards to purchase, please contact the office to find out if we will have what you need in the near future.

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**Speakers Wanted for Tech Week**

Technology Week is just around the corner! The Tech Committee is looking for adults to come in on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 to speak with our Junior High students about how their jobs incorporate technology, what skills are needed in the current tech industries, and what different types of technology are used in your job.

We would like you to speak for 25 minutes, after which the students rotate to another speaker. You would speak to 3 or 4 groups, beginning at 9am, ending about 11:45.

Please contact Ms. Harmuth at [eharmuth@csdo.org](mailto:eharmuth@csdo.org) if you are interested.