Dear OLG Families,

A most blessed 2020 to each of you and all your loved ones!

We began our New Year at school by “Chalking the Door” - a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany (manifestation of God to the whole world) and God’s blessing of our lives and school. We adapted the traditional Epiphany Blessing of the Home to the Blessing of the School and will be further adapting it to the Blessing of the Classroom throughout this week. On the next page is the Blessing of the Home for you to use if you wish. It’s a wonderful way to acknowledge that God is the source of all blessings and is our Protector and Peace.

This weekend families will be speaking at all the Masses to invite our parishioners to our Catholic Schools Week Mass and Open House. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26 for the 10:30 Mass followed by Open House. Do plan to come to school that day to see the wonderful work and projects your children have been engaged in this school year. More information will be in next week’s bulletin.

We invite you to invite your family and friends to Open House. Word of mouth is by far the best marketing for our school. Though our numbers are less this year, the quality of the Catholic education your children are receiving remains strong. Here are a few statistics about Catholic schools in general, you may not be aware of:

- The achievement gap is smaller in faith-based schools.
- Students in Catholic and other private schools demonstrate higher academic achievement than students from similar backgrounds in public schools.
- Latino and African American students who attend Catholic schools are more likely to graduate from high school and more likely to graduate from college than their public school peers. The “multiply disadvantaged” benefit most from Catholic schools Social class effects on educational achievement are significantly lessened in Catholic schools. The poorer and more at-risk a student is, the greater the relative achievement gains in Catholic schools. Graduates of Catholic high schools are more likely to vote than public school graduates. Graduates of Catholic schools are likely to earn higher wages than public school graduates.
- Catholic schools tend to produce graduates who are more civically engaged, more tolerant for diverse views, and more committed to service as adults.

Please in spread the Good News about Our Lady of Guadalupe School. Here is our Vision Statement that you could use as a starting point:

Our Lady of Guadalupe School is a Catholic faith-filled community rooted in the charism* of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose. Our children are nurtured by passionate faculty, enriched by strong religious values, and elevated by high academic expectations and diverse resource programs designed to bring out the best in every child.

*Dominican Charism: to share with others the truth about the God whom we contemplate in our hearts. We encounter this truth through creation, through God’s presence in human history, especially by his becoming human in Jesus Christ.

Stay tuned for more about Catholic Schools Week in upcoming bulletins.

In God’s Peace,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.
Chalking the Doors, an Epiphany Home Blessing

Leader: Peace be to this home.
All: And to all who live here.

Leader: From the east the Magi came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

All Pray: The Magnificat. (During the Magnificat, the home could be sprinkled with holy water.)

My soul magnifies the Lord
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid;
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;
Because He who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His name;
And His mercy is from generation to generation
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm,
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His mercy
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his posterity forever.

After this is completed...All: From the east the Magi came to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Together let us pray the Our Father...

Leader: All shall come
All: Bringing gold and frankincense.
Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.
All: And let my cry come to You.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star did on this day manifest Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know You by faith may also learn to know You in our daily lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 16 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God’s Son who became human two thousand and 20 years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

The letters, C, M, B, besides being the first initials oft he three Wise Men, also stand for the Latin blessing: Christus Mansionem Benedictat, “May Christ bless the house.”

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may show your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen
**CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE**

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**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**The Power of Prayers....**

- Please pray for the soul of S. Janice’s Aunt Winkie (Marie) who passed away on January 2nd at the age of 102. May God grant her a very special place in heaven.
- Please also pray for the soul of Vickie Kathain, OLG Parishioner. May she rest in the presence of our Lord.
- Please keep in your prayers the family of Daniela Diaz, gr. 2. The family is going through a difficult time right now.

**Extended Care Statements**

Please note: Requests for year-end statements for Extended Care can be sent to acogal@csdo.org
The Cast of

The following students are part of the **Main Cast**
(These names are in addition to those published in the previous bulletin):

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**Kinder performers:**  
**1st grade performers:**  
Luciano Beteta  Jonathan Bellison  Sina Adello
Elye Florez  Mason Bellison  Manraj Aujla
Nicholas Gonzalez  Jazzleen Corrales  Felipe Costa Godoy
Valentina Guerrero  Zoey Joseph  Daniela Diaz Renderos
Aleya ibarra  Mikaella Lam  Noah Gonzalez
Iliana Marquez  Marc Madera  Reine-Marie Luke
Abigail Moran  Lyla Midel  Kalev Romero
Ayush Nareddy  Sebastian Rosales  Malachi Vystrcil
Angela Osanyinjobi  Bianca Suarez
Prutha Parikh  Azeil Ticzon
Delilah Resende
Giselle Suarez
Sarai Vystrcil

**2nd grade performers:**  
Benjamin Barrios  Sophia Osanyinjobi
Jospeh Boyd  Jonquil Pastores
Marshall Bugarini  Amado Plascencia
Jasleen Banda  Audessa Quirante
McKayla Conners  Sanya Verma
Sierra Enriquez
Aayden Florez  Brandon Bellison
Valentina Gonzalez  Alexis Chun
Alejandro Ibarra  Gabriel Delgado
Fernando Ibarra  Leila Holmes
Kahlyn Klingenberg  Elizabeth Juta
Matthew Li  Laura Noel Mathews
Alessandra Magana  Franchesca Rosales
Sofia Mascorro  Mayank Sanav
Owen Mei  Shristi Verma

**3rd and 4th grade performers:**
Financial Aid

The BASIC Fund 2020 Applications

New Applications
Starting January 1, 2020 BASIC Fund applications for the 2020-2021 School Year will be available online at www.basicfund.org. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first served basis. Applications must be complete to be considered. Complete applications submitted after the deadline will be awarded periodically through the summer of 2020, if funds become available.

Renewals
Renewals will also be processed online. Families, as well as schools, will be notified early March with instructions on how to renew their scholarship for the 2020-2021 School Year online. Deadline for renewals will be mid-April.

FACE Applications
Beginning Jan 1, 2020, you can apply for a FACE grant. Families who currently receive financial assistance from FACE must re-apply every year. Please contact school for more information.

Practice Schedule for Spring Musical

- **Main Cast** practices are based on the schedule provided by Mr. Sam
- **3rd & 4th grades** practice on Tuesdays in Parish Center.
- **Kinder, 1st and 2nd** practice on Wednesdays in 3rd grade room on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. The other Wednesdays, practice is held in the Parish Hall.
As a result of their performance at the CYO basketball Shoot-a-Thon last October, the following 4 OLG students went on to participate in the Elks HoopShoot over the Christmas break: Leila Holmes, Aiden Florez, Matthew Li and Finn Sokolich. They all did great! Finn took 1st place in the 8-9 year old boys division. Congratulations, Finn!!

Seeking OLG Alums to Serve at the 2020 OLG Crab Feed

We are looking for OLG alums who are currently in high school to serve tables at the Crab Feed on February 22, 2020 at the Holy Spirit Parish Center. The required shift will be from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. For your time, you may choose to claim service hours for your school or to share in the tips, which will be equally divided among those choosing this option.

If you would like to join in the celebration, perform a big favor to OLG School and visit with the OLG teachers and staff, please contact Gloria Higares no later than February 7th at ghigares@csdo.org. Permission slips will be sent to those that sign up to volunteer.

Thank you! Hope to see you there!
CRAB FEED TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!

This year’s theme for our annual Crab Feed is Mardi Gras. Some of the prizes that have been acquired:

- Certificate good for Dinner for Two at Massimo’s Restaurant ($75 value)
- An Oakland Zoo Family Day Pass, includes parking ($98 value)
- Amazon Fire HD10 Tablet with Alexa, 32GB, 1080p ($150 value)

Don’t forget to order your tickets and let your friends and family know that they are also welcome to attend this adult evening of fun. Ticket forms are available in this bulletin.

As stated in the school contract, each family is required to purchase a minimum of 1 ticket to the Crab Feed, scheduled on Saturday, February 22nd. The cost of a ticket is $55 (reserved seating is $56 per person).

The event will include:
- all-you-can-eat crab, pasta, salad and rolls
- coffee and dessert
- a raffle with a fabulous selection of themed baskets
- a silent auction
- a live auction
- music provided by a DJ and dancing after 9pm
- a professional photo booth
- a bar selling wine, sodas, beer, water, Jello shots, and mixed drinks

Donations for Auction/Raffle Prizes
The solicitation committee has begun to acquire donations and sponsorships for the Basket Raffle, Silent Auction and Live Auction for our annual Crab Feed but we need your help please!

- Do you have or know someone who has a week or partial week in a timeshare or vacation home that could be donated?
- Do you own a business or know someone that owns a business? Donations from a dentist, a doctor, a realtor, an insurance office, tax office, hair/nail salon, travel agency, spa, car wash, home cleaning service, etc., may be used as a tax-deductible donation. These may be in the form of a monetary donation, products, services or gift certificates.
- Do you have extra Credit Card points that can be redeemed for products or gift cards that you would be willing to donate?

A donation letter and donation form are available for those wishing to make a donation. Please contact Karen Murray at kmurray@csdo.org to have the forms sent to you.
Our Lady of Guadalupe School

Crab & Pasta Feed

Saturday, February 22, 2020
4:30 PM – 11 PM, Holy Spirit Parish Center

Ticket price includes crab, pasta, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee.

First and Last Name: ____________________________________________________________

Phone Number: __________________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________________

Oldest Child’s Name/Grade at OLG School (if applicable): _____________________________

Invite your friends and family to join you, and take advantage of reserved seating for ten or more
(see the back side of this form to reserve a table)

Complete only one side of this order form.

☐ Crab Feed Tickets ______ @ $55.00 each = _______ (Must be 21 or older to attend)

☐ I choose to donate ______ tickets that I have purchased for clergy or religious.

☐ $1 Tickets ______ @ $1 each = __________

☐ $5 Tickets ______ @ $5 each = __________

☐ Butter Warmer gift set ______ @ $10 each = __________

Soda, Water, Jello Shots, Beer, Wine, Margaritas, and Mixed Drinks will be available for purchase.

Non-reserved seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

Dinner served from 6-7 PM. Dancing starts at 9 PM.

$5 tickets may be exchanged for $1 tickets the night of the event.

No exchanges of tickets for cash will be made.

Purchase two dinner tickets before January 24, 2020, and receive $5 in drink tickets.

*****ALL ORDERS DUE BY FEBRUARY 12, 2020. *****

VISA, MasterCard, or Discover purchases accepted in person at the school office from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.
Table for Ten or More Order Form

Saturday, February 22, 2020 4:30 PM – 11 PM
Holy Spirit Parish Center

Ticket price includes crab, pasta, salad, rolls, dessert, and coffee

Must be 21 or older to attend!

*** Complete only one side of this order form.***

Please provide details for the entire table. Attach additional sheets as necessary. All tickets will be provided to the main contact person who is responsible for distributing tickets to their guests.

Main Contact for Table _______________________________________________________
Phone ________________________________________________________________
Email Address ______________________________________________________________
Oldest Child’s Name/Grade at OLG School (if applicable) ____________________________

☐ Please reserve a Table of Ten or More (@ $56.00/attendee = _____)
   Each reserved table of 10 will receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

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Purchase reserved table for ten or more by January 24, 2020, and receive $25 in drink tickets.
A minimum of ten people is required to reserve a table.
A maximum of $25 in drink tickets given per reservation.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 12, 2020. NO TABLE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

VISA, MasterCard, or Discover purchases accepted in person at the school office from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday.
OLG CYO TRACK & FIELD TEAM SIGN-UPS

Track and Field is **more** than just running – it’s team relays, jumping, throwing, tossing, confidence building, **and** running. It’s also a lot of fun!

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish CYO Track and Field Team is **now accepting registrations** for the 2020 season for athletes in Kinder – 8th grade.

**Practices begin February 3rd at Irvington High School**

Contact Winny for more information:
wrotsidis@gmail.com or 510.364.0839

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**Service Hour Opportunities**

Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the following tasks:

- Our next Beautification Day is on Saturday, January 25, 2020, from 9am - 12pm. Let’s spruce up the school for Open House!
  
  This is also a good opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students to also earn service hours toward the President’s Volunteer Service Award. Please RSVP to Karen Murray at kmurray@csdo.org.

- Looking for parents that can help solicit donations for the Crab Feed prizes and advertising for the Crab Feed brochure. Earn your required Crab Feed service hours from your home, or by visiting businesses in person. For more information, please contact Karen Murray at kmurray@csdo.org or 510-657-1674.

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**Beautification Day Work Party**

Saturday January 25, 2020
9am – 12pm

Send an email to kmurray@csdo.org if you are able to participate.

The participating adults will receive service hours for helping out.

**Don’t forget to mark your calendar!**

Please bring your own work gloves.
If you can bring gardening tools, rags, a broom or a leaf blower, that would be great.
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grades: 1st through 8th

REGISTER ONLINE
http://www.olgsaints.org

Season Dates
02/01/2020 – 05/15/2020

Registration closes: 01/20/2020

Cost and fees:
$165 - Registration
$100 - Jersey

Participant Eligibility:
To be able to participate in the OLG CYO Program
Participants must meet At least ONE of the listed requirements:

- Participant is an OLG school student
- Participant is attending OLG CCD this year and attended last year
- Participant lives in the parish boundaries (see OLG Parish Boundary Map on our website, located under the “Registration” tab)

For more information:
Email: CYO.OLGSaints@gmail.com