



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



Dear OLG Families.

On Friday, the children have Black and White Dress in celebration of Founder's Day – the celebration of Mother Maria Pia Backes, O.P., founder of the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, the Sisters who started Our Lady of Guadalupe School in 1964. Mother Pia firmly believed in the mission to preach truth, especially through education in the Catholic school. Her focus was “to teach the young, the poor, and the vulnerable” and she was strengthened and guided by her motto, “God Alone!” She was not constrained by limitations of sisters or resources. Her life gives testimony to the truth: our God of abundance will not fail us!

At 8:20 on Friday, our 4th graders will lead us in our prayer service. Incorporated into the service is a Reader's Theatre in which the life of Mother Pia will be shared. Later in the day, the students in grades K-8, will be playing a Jeopardy-style game based on the Reader's Theatre. Prizes will be awarded to the ‘winners’ in the various grades. Please note that Black and White Dress means just that – predominately (75%) black and white – not blue jeans with white or black, etc. Thank you for helping us with this special dress day and please join us on Friday if you can. We'll have Oreo cookies for all visitors (and the students later in the day).

Our Crab Feed is just around the corner. Do you have your Mardi Gras mask ready? The various committees have been working so hard to ensure that this is the best Crab Feed ever. Please make sure you bring your friends and secure your table for them. During our staff meeting today the teachers shared what their classes were doing for the class auction items – there are some wonderful items waiting to be auctioned off. Do know that all proceeds from this, our biggest fundraiser, goes directly into your child's education!

May we keep alive Mother Pia's commitment to Catholic education, to teaching the young, the poor and the vulnerable, and to holding fast to God Alone!

May God Creator, bless us. May God, Redeemer, heal us. And may God, the Holy Spirit, fill us with light. [Dominican Blessing prayed each morning at OLG School]

With great gratitude,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

FRI	Feb 7	Black & White Dress in honor of MSJ Dominicans Founder's Day 8:20am Prayer Service
SAT	Feb 8	Diocesan Science Fair
FRI	Feb 14	Valentine's Free Dress (Pink, Red, Purple, White)
MON	Feb 17	No School – President's Day Holiday
WED	Feb 19	2pm Dismissal
SAT	Feb 22	Crab Feed/Auction at Holy Spirit's Parish Center
SUN	Feb 23	Lillian Black Festival of the Arts – see article in this bulletin.
TUE	Feb 25	Christian Value Awards at morning assembly
WED	Feb 26	11:15am Ash Wednesday Mass – Full Uniform
THUR	Feb 27	Spring Photo Day



The Power of Prayer...

- *Let us pray for our nation that truth may prevail;*
- *and for all those who are suffering adversely because of the cold and damp weather.*

Bookkeeping News:

Parents, please address any questions regarding finances, bookkeeping or financial assistance to S. Janice Therese. You may do so via phone, in person, or at OLGBookkeeping2020@gmail.com.

Financial Aid

New BASIC Applications

BASIC Fund applications for the 2020-2021 School Year are now 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. **NEW For 2020-2021: Applications are now accepted for Preschoolers, ages 3+**

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. Please apply at <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. *Applicants must check (✓) the box Family Aid-Catholic Education (FACE) under "Organization" on application. **Families who currently receive financial assistance from FACE must re-apply every year.**



**Don't forget the Diocesan Science Fair this Saturday, February 8th
at Saint Joseph Notre Dame in Alameda**

All are encouraged to come to the Diocesan Science Fair to view student projects, including entries from six of our OLG Junior High students.

**The science fair begins at 10:00am.
Students, family and friends are welcome to
partake in various science activities in the
Anthony V. Aiello Science Center throughout
the Science Fair and judging process.**

**SJND High School is located at 1011 Chestnut St, Alameda, CA 94501.
See you there!**



Hours and Hours of Reading Fun at the The 7th Annual OLG Read-a-Thon

Forty-two OLG students participated in the 7th Annual OLG Read-A-Thon last Saturday. Students from grades 3-8 were represented. There were 11 students who read for the entire 340 minutes! Those students were: McKayla Conners - 3rd, Lochlan Kharrat - 3rd, Chelsea Shin - 3rd, Sanya Verma - 3rd, Gina Clark - 5th, Markus Ramos - 5th, Francesca Rosas - 5th, Isaac Higaes - 6th, Erik Niemann - 6th, Zachary Clark - 7th and Zachariah Vystrcil - 8th.

Students who received hourly pledges, will receive their total hours by this coming Friday so that they may collect their pledges. All pledge money for the Read-A-Thon is due by next Wednesday, February 12, 2020. Thank you to the readers and their families and friends who support the joy of reading. OLG is wild about READING!





Lillian Black Festival of the Arts Sunday, February 23, 2020

At Bishop O'Dowd High School
9500 Stearns Ave, Oakland
Attendance and Parking are Free



Displays and performances from high schools and elementary schools in the Oakland Diocese, including OLG, 1-4:30 pm

This year, we are adding new expression of the arts - Orators, Poetry Slams, Innovative creations (Steam projects), Teacher exhibits and performances, and a proposed Maker's Space.

Enrollment for 2020-2021 for Current OLG Students

OLG Parents - Please do not submit an application for your child for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are only used for new students who will be attending OLG for the first time.

For current students, there will be an enrollment/registration period to enroll your child/ren for the 2020-2021 school year later. More information will be sent out in advance.

The Bar Committee for the Crab Feed is Accepting your Donations

- Coca Cola (cans)
- Diet Coke (cans)
- 7up or Sprite (cans)
- Bottled Water
- Bottles of Wine (Red Wine is needed most)



If you can help, please bring your donations to the school office. Remember that you can earn Service Hours (1 hour for each \$10 spent) up to 11 hours toward the required 35 hours. **Donations do not count toward the required 4 hours of volunteer service for the Crab Feed.**

The deadline to purchase your Crab Feed tickets is only a week away!!

This year's theme for our annual Crab Feed is Mardi Gras.

Class projects will be featured again this year!!

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. All ticket orders, including table reservations are due by **February 12, 2020**.

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).



Ticket order forms are available on the school website, olgweb.org or at the school office.

Auction/Raffle Prizes

The solicitation committee has begun to acquire donations for the Basket Raffle, Silent Auction and Live Auction at our annual Crab Feed but we need your help, please! We want this event to be the best that it can be!!

- ❖ **Do you have or know someone who has a week or partial week in a timeshare or vacation home that could be donated to our fundraiser?**
- ❖ **Do you have extra Credit Card points that can be redeemed for products or gift cards that you would be willing to donate?**
- ❖ **Do you have any gift cards that you would be willing to donate?**

A donation letter and donation form are available to provide to those wishing to make a donation. Please contact Karen Murray at kmurray@cndo.org to have the forms sent to you.

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 1 In Concert

Come see Ms. Robin Snyder play the cello in the orchestra that will be performing as the movie is playing.

Saturday 2:30 pm February 22, 2020

Saturday 7:30 pm February 22, 2020

Sunday 1:30 pm February 23, 2020

The end begins. Part one of the epic finale *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™* is here! CineConcerts invites audiences back to witness the beginning of Harry's most important battle yet, with the full film accompanied live by Symphony Silicon Valley. Harry, Ron, and Hermione set out to track down the secret to Voldemort's power!

Tickets are available at symphonysiliconvalley.org. Check website for student prices.



Picture Day

SAVE THE DATE! Spring photos are scheduled for **Thursday, February 27**. All students will be photographed individually. A group portrait for each class will also be taken. Your child should wear springtime colors that look great on him/her (solids work best). Please follow the free dress guidelines for appropriate attire (found in the Parent/Student Handbook – page 51).

****3 Volunteers are needed to help with Spring photo day. The commitment will be from 8:20am to 2:00pm. Each volunteer receives a free photo package from Giftprints. If you are interested, please contact Karen Murray at kmurray@csdo.org.**

