Dear OLG Families,

Yesterday was OLG’s 56th Birthday. Here we are, the community of Our Lady of Guadalupe School, in the 21st century, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the midst of great uncertainty and upheaval. We are here in the richest, most powerful country in the world at this particular time in history for ...? Well, for us, our purpose is simple: to share the Good News of Jesus Christ through the avenue of Catholic education. And what is that Good News? Nothing more and nothing less than we are God’s Beloved Ones, created with particular gifts and strengths for a particular purpose. As I slip into our Distance Learning classes and witness students learning phonics, taking a math quiz or beginning a social studies activity; when I see the product of their learning, be it creative Star posters, self reflections illustrated via comic strips, or completed character analysis, I am filled with pride that we are fulfilling our purpose here at OLG.

Part of our purpose is to enable our students’ growth in their learning. To that end, we use the STAR Assessment suite that provides screening, progress monitoring and goal-setting data to move every student forward. These assessments are administered four times throughout the year: at the beginning to establish a baseline and then at the end of each trimester. The goal of these assessments is to see student growth as the year goes along. Students in grades 2-8 are assessed in Reading and Math while our K-1 students take the Early Literacy Assessment. OLG students will take their STAR Assessments over the next two weeks - some classes next week and some during the week of September 21. Your child’s teacher will be sending you specific information with the day and time each assessment will be administered to your child. Each one takes about 45 minutes to complete. Since we are doing this remotely, we would like you to take a little time to watch this 4-minutes video that explains how this assessment will be done via Distance Learning.
https://p.widencdn.net/bui2t8/Administering-Renaissance-Star-Assessments-Remotely. Also with this bulletin is a handout about the STAR Assessments.

Parents, your support with this is crucial. These results give important data to your child’s teacher about what her/his strengths are and what are the specific areas that need focus. This, in turn, informs the teacher’s planning of lessons and areas of focus for the children in her class. These assessments are not graded. This will be the first time you will be present when your child is taking this assessment. Do not help her/him, please. That will not give the teacher an accurate picture of his/her abilities. Remember, this is about growth. By the fourth assessment taken in May, 2021, we want to see growth in your child’s learning. Thank you for your support with this important piece of education at OLG.

As a reminder, for parents with children in grades K-5, there is a General Parent meeting tomorrow, Thursday, September 10 at 6:30PM. This is a mandatory meeting. We will not have the tradition Back-to-School meetings for these grades since teachers shared much of the information at the Zoom meetings before school began.

As God’s Wise Bridge Builders and in God’s Peace,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.
**CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>Sept 9</td>
<td>Parent-Student Handbook Acknowledgement page due back to school today.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7pm – PTSG Meeting: all parents are invited. Email <a href="mailto:olgschoolfremont@gmail.com">olgschoolfremont@gmail.com</a> for a Zoom link.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thur</td>
<td>Sept 10</td>
<td>6:30pm – Grades K-5, General Parent Evening</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>Sept 11</td>
<td>Cookie Dough Campaign Ends today – Please send in completed order forms by Monday/Tuesday.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon-Fri</td>
<td>Sept. 14-24</td>
<td>STAR Assessments</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon/Tues</td>
<td>Sept. 14/15</td>
<td>Cookie Dough forms completed and turned into school.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues</td>
<td>Sept 22</td>
<td>11:00 AM - Zoom Mass, grades 5-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>Sept 23</td>
<td>11:00 AM - Zoom Mass, grades K-4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Let us Pray....

❤️ in thanksgiving for a wonderful OLG Birthday Celebration “at” Mountain Mike’s Pizza!
❤️ for members of our school and parish community who are ill;
❤️ for Justice and Peace in our world!

Please share any prayer requests you have and we'll place it in our Prayer Corner – the Power of Prayer cannot be underestimated!

OLG’s Child Care Center, with our fabulous Director, Brigette Brooks is now enrolling children, ages 2.5 – 5! There is no better CC Director than our own Ms. Brooks! Families, help us spread the word so that we can open our Child Care Center!

Thank you to Paul Clark (Zachary, gr. 8; Gina, gr. 6) and Tim Conners (McKayla, gr. 4) for putting up our new Child Care Center sign. It does look a bit small against our large field, so we’ll have to find more ways to get the word out!
Service Hour Opportunities

While COVID-19 does not allow for many opportunities to engaging in service for our school, there are some possibilities.

- Support the Cookie Dough Campaign by sharing the delicious opportunity with family and friends and on your Facebook and Instagram.

- Attend the Mandatory General Parent Meetings – you will receive one service hour.

- If you have some time over the weekends and its not too hot and the air is better, please bring weed whackers and garbage bags and gloves to clear away the brush that has grown. You can certainly do this on your own time – not just within any scheduled timing. Weeds, brush, leaves, etc. can be put in our Green bin (but not in bags); trash goes into the white bin.

Though we hope that all families will be able to share their talents, time and treasures with our school community, we are not holding any OLG family to the mandatory service hours stated in the enrollment contract.

Service Hour Reporting

Please remember to report your service hours by completing the Google form located on the Parent page on the school website (olgweb.org).

Families can claim 1 Service Hour for each $10 spent on donations (up to 11 hours for a 2-parent family and up to 10 hours or a 1-parent family). You will need to upload a receipt when reporting donations on the Google form.

Distance Learning Uniform

During Distance Learning, in order to enter into the learning focus needed for success, all students are asked to wear the tops of their uniforms during classes.
Last Days for the Cookie Dough Campaign!

Please note **the mistake in the Order Form.** The items numbers on “Turtle Cheesecake” and “Dulce de Leche Cheesecake” do not match the numbers on the pictures. **Please order using the name and not the number.**

**Rewards:**

- Delicious treats! Delicious gifts! Just Delicious!

**For every 5 items sold:**
Families will earn **one service hour for every 5 items sold** from the catalog. Students will receive a Light-up Spinning Top. Students in grades 6 & 7 will earn **one service hour for every 5 items sold** from the catalog to use towards the Presidents Volunteer Service Awards. Eighth graders will earn **one service hour for every 5 items sold** from the catalog to use towards the Presidents Volunteer Service Awards and their graduation service hours.

**For every 10 items sold from the catalog your family will receive one free item!!** Please note which item(s) you wish to receive at the bottom of the order form.

**For every 10 items sold from the catalog, students will receive a sealed Mystery Money Envelope with and amount of either $2, $5, $10, or $20. One envelope will have $50 in it.**

The **campaign ends on September 11.** All order forms need to be turned in to the school **by end of day Monday/Tuesday, September 14/15.** Please **only send in checks, payable to OLG School,** for any fundraising items. Please make sure your order forms and check are in sealed envelopes. Someone will be at school from 7:30AM-5:00PM. You may also drop the envelop in the mail slot located to the left of the front doors.

**Delivery of the fundraiser items will be on Tuesday, September 29.** Please plan to pick up the items ordered that day (after 2:00pm). Unfortunately, we don’t have space to store orders overnight. Items can be re-frozen and kept for up to 1 year or they will also keep in the refrigerator for 3 days.
This meeting will be recorded for any families who are unable to attend due to the Mandatory General Parent meeting scheduled at the same time. Please contact Leader Jesse Avery at the email provided for further information,