

Our Lady of Guadalupe School

in the MSJ Dominican Tradition



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Dear OLG Families,

The Omicron virus is definitely surging in Alameda County and unfortunately, we have not been spared. We have a few positive cases currently and have sent Close Contact letters to families whose children would have been in close contact with someone who tested positive at school. Each case is unique to each student and family. A major determining factor with regard to quarantining or not and for how long, is vaccination. Please parents, if your child is fully vaccinated (a person has had both shots of Pfizer or Moderna or one shot for Johnson & Johnson at least 2 weeks ago), send confirmation to us as soon as possible if you have not done so already. We know that our youngest students cannot be vaccinated. Thank you for ensuring that your child has a properly fitting mask and knows the importance of wearing it at all times. While eating, all the children are asked to just pull the mask down to put the food into their mouth, and then pull it up when chewing. If your child has had close contact with someone outside the school, please let us know and follow the Flowchart for Parents. We are attaching it again to this email. Know that we continue our priority of providing quality and continuity of learning and safety for all students and staff.

The Department of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Oakland has given all Catholic schools guidelines for determining if a class warrants closure. A class will close for five (5) day if three (3) or more concurrent cases occur in that class.

If 1/3 of the school's classes are closed at the same time, the decision as to close school or not will be made in consultation with Fr. Joy, our Pastor, the Diocesan School Leadership, and our OLG School Board. We do not have to consider this now and please, God, will not have to in the future.

Each class is considered a cohort and because we have such a large play area, each cohort stays within their own space. Students are part of their class cohort. If your child attends Extended Care, s/he is part of a second cohort, the Extended Care cohort. If your child has been part of *dancersDivine*, the chess club or choir, that would be considered a third cohort. As of now, we are stopping all additional clubs (third cohorts), so that students at most, would be part of only two cohorts at school; their class and Extended Care if they attend. Once this surge is over, we will re-start these clubs. I'm grateful to our staff for providing the opportunity for our students to participate in these additional activities. When we restart the clubs, we will be adding an Art Club!

Attached are the updated Student Isolation and Quarantine Protocols from the Diocese.

In the meantime, school life continues. Learning, playing, studying, hanging out with friends; eating, laughing, washing hands, all happens daily here at OLG. I am so grateful to our families,

staff and students for all the efforts we are putting forth to keep the Light of our Savior shining from within and shared among us. This is how we will move through this surge and come out the other end stronger than ever. Thank you for your good caring!

In God's Peace and Health,
S. Janice Therese, O.P.

CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE		
FRI	Jan. 14	NO SCHOOL (Staff in Service)
MON	Jan. 17	MLK Holiday No School
WED	Jan.19	Progress Reports Close
	Jan.19	2 pm Dismissal
MON-FRI	Jan.24-28	OLG Catholic Schools Week Celebration
WED	Jan.26	Dine in @ Jack's Restaurant

Let us Pray....



For those who have contracted the coronavirus, we pray for care and healing!



For our county, that peace and democracy prevail!



For those who are homeless that they may find shelter!



For Mrs. Higares' Aunt, Angie Guerrero, who passed away. R.I.P



For Robert Kathain, long time OLG parishioner and father of 4 of our graduates, who is ill!



For my Sisters in our Care Center who are very vulnerable to the corona virus & have had to enter many lockdowns.



For our teachers & staff who have been so attentive to our children!



In Thanksgiving to God for Catholic education!





BASIC Fund Applications

The BASIC Fund applications for the 2022-2023 school year will be available starting January 15th online at www.basicfund.org. Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications must be completed in order to be considered. Families can submit 2020 tax returns if 2021 are not yet prepared. **Deadline is March 31st, 2022.** Completed applications submitted after the deadline will be awarded periodically through the summer of 2022 **IF** funds become available.

BASIC Fund Renewals

Renewals will also be processed online. Families will receive an email in February with the renewal application link. Families can submit 2020 tax returns if their 2021 returns have not been prepared. **The Deadline is March 31st, 2022.** *If you are a current family that receives BASIC and a new sibling will be added to the current students, please call The BASIC Fund at (415) 985-5650 to request a link to apply for the new student.*



FACE Applications

You can apply for a FACE grant online now. Please apply at www.online.factsmgmt.com. ***Applicants must check (✓) the box Family Aid-Catholic Education (FACE) under “Organization” on the application.*** FACE is requiring **2020 tax documents for the 2022-2023 school year.** **The deadline to apply is March 30th, 2022.** **Families who currently receive FACE must reapply every year.** For a step-by-step video on how to apply for the FACE grant, please go to www.vimeo.com/305584471.

Families **cannot receive both scholarships. Must apply to one or the other. For questions, please contact Emmanuel Cancino at ecancino@cndo.org or call the school office.*

OLG Financial Scholarship

Families can receive an OLG Financial Scholarship, **BUT** must apply to either the BASIC or FACE scholarships first. For questions, please contact Emmanuel Cancino at ecancino@cndo.org or call the school office.



Volunteer opportunities



Fulfill your Service Hour obligation and help your school in the process! Planning has begun for the OLG School *Step into Spring Silent Auction & Raffle*, which will take place in March. This year the auction and raffle prizes will be on display prior to the auction and the raffle drawing. More details will be shared in future bulletins.

To support this event and earn Service Hours we have the following opportunities for parents:

- Join the solicitation committee and help with contacting businesses to request donations (send email to: kmurray@cndo.org, if interested)
- Donate a new product*, service** or gift card to go toward a prize basket and earn 1 service hour for every \$10 in value.

*e.g. wine, BBQ tools, sports equipment, cooking utensils, games, puzzles, tickets to movie, sporting event or concert, etc.

**e.g., hair or nail salon services, oil change, massage, cooking class, housecleaning, carwash, etc.

Other considerations for donating (your time spent creating or acquiring donations qualifies for service hours):

- Does your employer provide products at a discount?
- Do you have a friend or relative that works for a company that would donate a product?
- Do you create jewelry, woodwork, painting or photography??
- Do you sew or quilt?
- Do you create wall art, creative floral arrangements or wreaths?
- Can you donate a few days or one week of a timeshare that you own?

Those who participate in our raffles and auctions love to see unique, useful and giftable items. If you have ideas for businesses or individuals that we can approach to provide an item for our event, please send an email to kmurray@cndo.org.

THANK YOU!

American High School

Spring Registration for 2022-23 New Students begins soon!

You are invited to a zoom meeting for parents/or guardian(s) to receive information and instructions for high school registration at American Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM via zoom Register for this at <http://tinyurl.com/yc8rd7gk>

This is for the American HS attendance are only

Beautification Day/Work Party Saturday, January 29, 2022!

Saturday, January 29th, we will be holding a Beautification Day to spruce up the school grounds.

This is a great opportunity to earn Service Hours.

We will be weeding, pruning, sweeping, and cleaning to name a few of the tasks.

If you can help on this date, please plan to bring work gloves.

Also, if you have long-handled pruning shears, a wheelbarrow, trimmers, a leaf blower, weed whacker, outside brooms, and/or rake we can put them too good use.

Water and snacks will be provided!

From the St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you know of any families in need of food, there are two times a month when food will be distributed.

Starting on February 9th, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be giving out food on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, from 1 - 2pm at the Parish Center.