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Follow the Star...

The three wise men had seen a star in the east that went on ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was ... (Mt:2)

King Herod wanted the three wise men to go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child and to report back to him. However, when they followed the star and found the child they immediately knelt down and worshipped Him, for they knew He was special. The star led the wise men to a sacred place. What star do we follow? Do we recognize Jesus in our lives and do we pay Him homage as the three kings did? Let this New Year be a year of good health and happiness for us because we have prepared and welcomed the "New Born King".

January is the year's doorway, an entrance with a bright new beginning. It is an old custom to bless doorways at Epiphany. As a blessing and a reminder to welcome the stranger and the traveler during the coming year, write the split date in chalk above your door along with the letters C, M and B.

These are the initials of the wise men; Caspar, Melchoir and Balthazar.

So your door post should look like this: 20+C+M+B+12



Epiphany

We continue to celebrate the Christmas time, Feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the "Three Wise Men" also called "Little Christmas". On this day we join the Magi (The Three Wise Men) bringing their gifts to the Christ Child. We offer to Him the gift of who we are; we place ourselves in His presence along with the entire world; and pray that He will continue to fill our hearts with His peace.

Thank You

On behalf of all of us at Our Lady of Guadalupe School, we want to take this opportunity to "thank you" for your generosity shared with us during Christmas.



New Year has always been a time for looking back to the past, and then forward to the coming year. It is time to reflect on changes we want.

Spend More Time With Family and Friends

Appreciate your loved ones and find the time to be with them. There is nothing more important than family and friends.



Fit in Fitness

Health benefits promote a healthier lifestyle which increases longevity. Fitness makes you feel better.



Tame the Bulge

Set reasonable goals to shed some of those extra pounds that you put on during the holidays.



Quit Smoking

Enjoy a smoke-free environment and join others in promoting clean air. Take up a new hobby or try something that is stress-free.



Feast of Guadalupe/ Jamaica

We thank all our parents who participated in the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We thank in particular, those parents who sold and/or bought raffle tickets, those who volunteered their time making popcorn, cotton candy, selling pickles, manning the basketball throw, and preparing the hamburgers.

We remind you that the proceeds from our annual Jamaica do benefit the school in many ways. This is why we ask for parent cooperation.

Reminders

Please check the handbook from time to time for any questions you may have.

Just a reminder, if your child is out, please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. or we will call you. Also, a note has to be brought to the classroom teacher if your child is absent. No note means your child is recorded with an unexcused absence. A note excuses them from their absence. Please remember these are state records and are placed on file each year. Thank you.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Troop #1043 will be selling cookies beginning January 16th - February 6th. Please show your support by purchasing your favorite cookies!



Christmas Show

We want to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. JoAnn Sullivan, our music teacher for the wonderful Christmas Show the children participated in. The children were great and I am sure all of you enjoyed it very much. We also thank our entire staff for their help and patience. We thank those parents who helped decorate our parish hall and also to our parents for preparing some delicious hot chocolate and Christmas pastries. It was a night filled with entertainment and fellowship. I would also like to mention Mr. Eloy Garza who has been instructing the students in guitar, piano, trumpet and drums. They did an outstanding job and presented so well. Good job!

Web Page

Please view our web page periodically. Updates are always being done and we are trying our best to keep it updated.

Remember that there is a code to view photos of different activities.

Code is: Parents

If anyone does not have a computer at home, please come by the school and you can view our web page. Call for a convenient time.

Learn Something New

Educate yourself more through reading and/or discovering something that is new and exciting for you.

**Help Others**

Volunteer more at any non-profit organizations that could really use your help. Example OLG!

**Get Organized**

Reduce the clutter in your life by organizing your home or place of work. Kids can organize their rooms that will make parents happy.

**Prayer**

Find time to be with God each day through a more spiritual way of life. Attend Mass, pray the rosary and read articles or books that will bring you closer to God.

**Keep Your New Year's Resolutions**

Be determined to set a reasonable goal for yourself and commit daily to that goal. You will see success in your life.

**Spirit Awards Banquet**

On Friday, January 27, 2012 the Catholic Schools of Diocese of Brownsville is sponsoring their 15th Annual Spirit Awards Banquet at Our Lady of Sorrows in McAllen. Each school will present an honoree to be recognized. The program is as follows:

- Reception at 6:00 p.m.
- Welcome
- Prayer
- Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- Introduction
- Video Presentation of all Catholic Schools
- Presentation of all Catholic Schools
- Presentation of Awards
- Closing

Proceeds of the banquet, above the cost of the dinner and awards go to the Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund. If you would like to attend, the cost of the banquet is as follows:

- \$600.00 Spirit Sponsor (table for 8)
- \$75.00 individual tickets,

Our Spirit Award Representative is Mrs. Carrera (Jourdan-Gr. 4 and Julian and Joaquin PreK-3). She will be asking businesses, etc. for donations for that evening. If you are interested in donating you may contact her at 358-2187 for more details.

Spirit Award Honoree

Our honoree this year will be Mrs. Leann Schelstrate, our school secretary. She is being honored for her dedication and generous assistance to staff, parents and students. Mrs. Schelstrate has her hands in many areas and is always willing to help out where needed. We congratulate her.

Catholic Schools Week

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 29th -February 3, 2012. The theme for 2012 is "Faith, Academics, Service". Catholic Schools Week is celebrated every year throughout the United States. It is a week filled with activities and projects. Please support us during Catholic Schools Week and try to make every effort to participate in all our activities. We will be sending home a calendar of events for that particular week.

ACE Marathon

Ms. Shanahan (5th - 6th grade teacher) will be participating in the 11th annual ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) marathon. This year the ACE marathon will be held on Sunday, January 15th in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. In order to raise much needed funds for in Mississippi and our own OLG. If Ms. Shanahan raises an excess of \$500.00, that excess will come to OLG. To help, with this goal, we will be holding a Dress Down day on Thursday, January 12th. In order to participate in this dress down day, we are asking each student to give a donation of \$2.00 for this cause. If you would like to read more information about ACE and the marathon please go to: <http://www.acemarathon.org/> Ms. Shanahan thanks everyone for their generosity and support. Ms. Shanahan will be running 13.1 miles. Pray for her.



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World’s Finest Chocolate

Once again we will be selling WFC. We will be sending home a case to every family. If you want another case you will have to request it from the office. Please do your best to sell as many as possible. Thank you.

P.T.T. Car Stickers

Please keep in mind that all stickers need to be paid in full. We still have some outstanding families who have not turned in their monies. All sticker money is due by Friday, January 13th. If we do not receive your returns, someone will be calling you. We need to put closure on the sticker sale. Thank you.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be going on sale soon. Each family will receive a note of information about the yearbook. We added a few more pages this year to add more pictures.



Counseling Classes

The Protecting God’s Children program will continue in January. Just a reminder that Sr. Colleen is available for any student and/or parent who needs her services. Thank you.

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