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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Thanksgiving Day Luncheon
- ◆ First Communion Meeting

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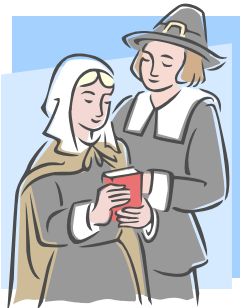
During November we are thankful for many reasons. We thank God daily for all He gives to us. We thank God for the gift of the early pilgrims who journeyed to New England to begin a new life. In this new adventure many lives of the pilgrims were taken because of the cold weather. The Native Americans were the first people to teach the pilgrims how to plant and harvest a crop so that they would be able to store food for the winter months. The two groups came together and helped one another offering their talents and gifts.

Today, we are like the early pilgrims always eager to learn and develop new relationships that will help us achieve our goals in life. God created us for each other giving us a variety of gifts and talents to be used for the building up of His Kingdom.

Let us be thankful this Thanksgiving for the gift of life, for the gift of the early pilgrims, for the gift of the Native Americans and most of all to God for providing us with all we need to continue our journey in life.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving Day and May the Lord be ever present to you and your families on this special day that we as Americans celebrate each year.

Wishing you God's abundant blessings,
Sr. Cindy



A BIT OF HISTORY

The first Thanksgiving was celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 to celebrate a successful harvest in the new land. The celebration was based on harvest traditions that the colonists brought with them from England. In 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

Thanksgiving is also about friendship and partnership. Pilgrims and Native Americans, who were once enemies, reaped a successful harvest by working together. At the first Thanksgiving, they ate, sang, and danced together for three days. The modern Thanksgiving Day celebrations celebrate nearly the same spirit with people of different cultures coming to reside in the country and the modern emphasis on national and multicultural integrity and harmony.

Student Council

Congratulations to our nominees and for a peaceful campaign. Everyone did a great job. The Student Council is a service organization that plans activities for the student body and works with all the school events to promote spirit and unity. We now congratulate those students that have been voted in as representatives to our student council. Our student council representatives for 2011-2012 school year are:

President: Natalie Peña
Secretary: Klarissa Flores
Treasurer: Ashton Schelstrate

Class Representatives:

Grade 5 - Courtney Peña
Grade 4 - Sophia Hernandez
Grade 3 - Noah Rodelo
Grade 2 - Oceano Rodriguez
Grade 1 - Emilia Flores

Advisors: Sr. Colleen Matarese, SSD
Ms. Lisa Loya

We look forward to a productive year.
Congratulations!

Thanksgiving Prayers

by Grade 6

Dear Lord,
Thank you for giving us
this food, and having
family together, and
enjoying a good dinner
and lots of fun.
Love,
Kamyla

God I want to say thank
you for everything I have.
I am thankful for a family,
a house and for food.
Thank you God.
John C.

In the name of the Father,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.
God thank you for
everything you have given
me especially my family and
friends.
Victoria L.

Thank you God for giving all
the gifts you give. Everyone
should thank you not only
on Thanksgiving but
everyday. Thank you for all
you do. Thank you for
bringing us together. Amen
Destinee C.

All Saints Day

A special Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, October 29th and Sunday, October 30th in commemoration of All Saints. The youth group of the parish will be dramatizing the early Saints of the Church in their original dress. Please fulfill your obligation by attending Mass and support our youth.

The school children will be dressed as saints on Tuesday, November 1st, (All Saints Day). They will be at the church @ 8:45 a.m. All are welcome!

Church

The children are meeting with Father Roy and Sr. Lupita every Friday morning in Church at 8:30 a.m. You are always welcome to join us.



Autumn Fest 2011

Thank you to the Autumn Fest Committee members:

Irma Flores	Norma Espinoza
Christine Cabrera	Ofelia Perez
Michelle Moreno	Veronica Cantu
Nichole Carrera	

To all parents who helped with decorating, clean up and by bringing cakes and items for the raffle baskets. The \$500.00 profit will be used to purchase a popcorn machine for the school.

The combined efforts from the committee, parents, students and staff resulted in much success. Thank you all for your help. Success means happy faces on our children.

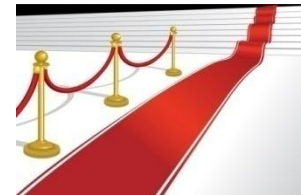
Class Edition

Not all parents have signed on to Class Edition. Photos are posted for students to grab into their yearbook. Also, we will be using the texting as a communication to parents. If you are not signed up you will not be receiving messages. Also, please send to the office your email addresses. These also will be used as a communication means.



All Soul's Day

On this day, we remember in prayer all our loved ones who have gone before us. As a family here at Guadalupe, let us pray for all our faithfully departed that they are at peace and reaping the rewards of heaven as Jesus promised. In honor of our deceased loved ones, we will be arranging an altar. If any child would like to bring in a photo of a deceased loved one, they may do so. The photos will be placed on the altar for the month of November.



Spirit Awards

Information will be sent home on the annual Diocesan Spirit Awards Banquet. We have not yet chosen our recipient as of this date; however, we will keep you posted. We are asking for parent participation for this event.

Box Tops

We thank Mrs. Rodriguez (Jordyn - Montessori 1) for helping to count and prepare all the box tops for submission. We should receive a check for around \$700.00. **SO KEEP THOSE BOX TOPS COMING!!** Next submission is February.

Jamaica Raffle

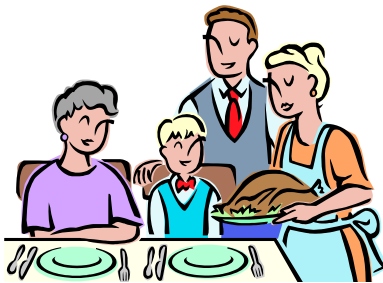
Just a reminder for all parents to sell the raffle tickets for the Jamaica. Our school will certainly benefit from it.

Dear Lord,
 During this Thanksgiving season, we thank you for all we have. Thank you for giving us a family, friends, food, water, shelter, and for ourselves. Amen.
 Natalie P.

Thank you God for giving me my family, home, shelter, food and friends. I appreciate all you have done for me and thank you for my education. Amen.
 Klarissa F.

God,
 Thank you for this food on this wonderful Thanksgiving day. As we pray we bless this food and our families. Thank you God for everything. Amen.
 Ashton S.

Thank you God for having us all together on Thanksgiving and for giving us all that we need.
 Alexa L.



Thanksgiving Celebration

On Friday, November 18th we will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Day Luncheon. Don Beto's Restaurant will be preparing a complete turkey dinner. We ask all parents to purchase lunch for their child(ren) this day so that we may celebrate as a school family. The cost will be the same for each child, \$3.25. **There will be 2 invited guests per family.** The cost per guest will be \$6.00. Please call the school office for more information. The deadline for guest orders will be Wednesday, Nov. 9th. Please keep in mind that plates need to be ordered and seating arrangements made. We cannot do all this at the last minute. Anyone wishing to may bring desert, please call the office and let us know. Thank you.



Holiday Photos

We are again offering this service to our parents on Monday, November 7th. These photos are prepaid and will be returned to you before Christmas. They make wonderful gifts for the holidays.

Since it is prepaid, only those who return their envelopes will be photographed. Photos can be taken with up to four family members. Please dress in holiday colors and let us know if you (parents) will be coming in. The photographer will be here by 8:00 and we are hoping to begin at 8:30 a.m. We will send home a reminder as the date gets closer.



First Communion Class

On Thursday, November 17th we will have our first meeting for the First Communion Class. This meeting is for parents only. Deacon Bill Casteneda, will be our guest speaker. We will meet in Room #8 at 6:30 p.m. Please be prompt. The front door of the school will be open for you.

As a reminder to you, a series of three parent meetings is mandated by the bishop for the parents of the First Communion student in the diocese.



Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 305 would like to thank everyone who ordered popcorn from our annual Council fundraiser. Our pack retains 30% of the sales to use for field trips, badges or whatever is needed to make this a quality program for our cub scouts.



Web Page

Please visit our school web page www.olgatholicschool.com from time to time. The code to access the pictures for viewing is the word Parents (capital P followed by lower case letters). We are posting announcements on the 1st page.

Daylight Saving Time

Just a reminder to turn your clock back on Sunday, November 6th. It will be nice to sleep an extra hour in the morning.





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Handbook

I ask all parents to refer to the Parent/Student Handbook. Everyday we are bombarded with phone calls with questions that are answered in the handbook.

Every time there is a change in dismissal we are disrupting quality teaching time. Please read carefully the handbook pgs. 16 - 17 on *Dismissal*, *Dress Down Days* and *Early Dismissal*.

Thank you.

Chick-fil-A

Thanks to all who joined us for our first Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A. The school receives 15% of total sales between 5:00-8:00 p.m., plus a night of fellowship, good food and fun for the children. Our next Spirit Night will be in January.

Vision/Hearing Screenings

Ms. Mary has already begun vision and hearing screening during the month of October and will continue in November if need be.

Advent

Advent is a beautiful time of the year. During the Advent Season, Christians across the world prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth. I invite all parents to begin the 1st week of Advent (Sunday, November 28th) by placing an Advent wreath in your home and to pray as a family for the coming of Jesus. Let us focus on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare our hearts to receive the baby Jesus on Christmas Day.



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