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Happy Autumn

Here we are celebrating another year and enjoying the wonderful experiences that God truly puts before us.

October brings about changes as we move into a season of harvest. The weather gets a bit cooler and we are ready to celebrate as fall moves in.

Here in Texas, our experiences of autumn are a bit different than those of New England, however, we try to bring to the classroom those experiences such as the changing of the leaves in vivid colors of red, orange and yellow; the process and its purpose.

Let all of us be about change; a change that will enable us to grow in God's love and grace; a change where we, His followers, take time for prayer and Mass; a change to be of service to whatever God calls us to. All we have to do is sit back and enjoy the everyday miracles in our lives. Take time with your family and enjoy the changes of your own lives.

God's blessings,
Sr. Cindy

P.T.T. (Parent/Teacher/Team)

Our P.T.T. meeting will take place on Monday, October 3 at 6:00 p.m. The position open this year is for secretary. We will be nominating and electing a secretary for our P.T.T. In May we will have nominations and elections for new officers. Hope to see everyone there. The class with the most attendance will receive an ice cream party.

National Elementary Honor Society

We began our membership to the N.E.H.S. organization for Grades 4-6. Sr. Colleen will be the advisor for this program. She has been talking to the students about the areas that qualify a student. More Information will be sent home at a later date.

Our Lady of Fatima

October 13, was the date of the first apparition of Mary. In the year 1917, Mary appeared to the three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Her message to the children was to pray the rosary for the conversion of sinners. The month of October is dedicated to Mary, so let us teach the children about Mary and invite them to pray the rosary for world peace. Set up a Mary Shrine in your home to show the children how important is the Mother of Jesus.

Student Council

We will be incorporating a Student Council at OLG this year. Each student in Grades 1 - 5 can run to be a delegate for their classroom. Any student who is interested in running needs to tell Sr. Colleen. Students can then campaign, take part for themselves and an election will be held.

Grade 6 will be running for the positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer. The whole school will take part in this election. Meetings for the Student Council will be held during recess time and/or after school.

Nominations will be held the week of October 3-7.

Campaigning will take place October 11-14.

Elections for Class Delegates (Grades 1-5) will be held on Friday, October 14th.

Elections for Grade 6 officers will be Monday, October 17th.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Fire Dept Visit
- ◆ Columbus Day-No School
- ◆ School Mass
- ◆ Red Ribbon Week
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Conferences

“Mary’s Canticle”

And Mary said,

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day, all generations will call me blessed. The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is His name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.

He has shown the strength with His arm, He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with the good things, and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and to his children forever.

(Mary’s Magnificat-Lk:1)

Uniforms

By now, every child should be using the required uniform. According to Parker Uniform, all orders have been filled. Remember the uniform is a requirement, which gives a purpose, and the children need to know how important it is to wear it. Parents will be notified if their child is not in complete uniform. Thank you.

Guadalupe Hospitality Center

Our parish has a hospitality center located on Conway that is open to the public. It provides the needy with clothes, food and also a resource center that will direct them where to go for help. Each year we ask our students to be mindful of those less fortunate than ourselves by bringing in canned goods on a weekly basis. We continue to ask for your support to help our brothers and sisters in their time of need. Thank you. God will reward you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Here are some suggested items:

Soup
Corn
Green Beans
Ranch Style Beans
Sweet Peas
Mixed Vegetables
Tomato Sauce
Tuna
Ramen’s Noodle Packs
Boxes of Vermicelli
Boxes of Rice
Spaghetti



Room Mothers(or Fathers)

We are in need of room mothers or fathers for our classrooms. Please call the school office if you are interested. We need at least 2 room mothers (or fathers) for each classroom. Thank you.

After School Care

After School Care can only be on a monthly agreement. Texas State Law does not allow after school care on a daily or weekly basis. Fees are due the 1st of the month and payable no later than the 10th. Thank you.

Reminder: All children participating in this program will be provided with a snack supper. Menu provided in the office

Music

Mrs. Sullivan is back for another year of music. Each classroom from PreK through Grade 6 have music every week. The chorus will be made up of students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6. Recorders will be taught this year in Grades 3-6 which will be part of the music curriculum.

After School Activities

After school activities for Grades 1-6 begin the week of October 11th. A separate notice is attached.

Volleyball Team



Our Volleyball Team is coming along well. The girls have really progressed in the game and are learning to be part of a team.. Their dedication and perseverance is very evident. We ask for your support at our games. Go girls! Go!



Cross Country

The Cross Country Team is advancing well. They are up early Saturday morning and running. They are showing great sportsmanship and perseverance. Each time they run they get closer to the finish line.

Red Ribbon Week

We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 24-28 with different activities. As you know, we’ll celebrate this week as a public awareness of saying “No” to drugs. Please join us in wearing red on Tuesday, October 25th to remind your children that we are united in the war against drugs. No uniform this day, wear red!





Happy Anniversary Father Roy



God's Blessings Always!



Fire Prevention Month

October is Fire Prevention Month. The Mission Fire Department will be visiting our school on Wednesday, October 5th. We thank them for helping us to educate our students in fire prevention.

Chick-fil-A

OLG Spirit Night @ Chick-fil-A. 20% of sales will be given to OLG between the hours of 5:00-8:00 p.m. Come join us for supper on Tuesday, October 11, 2011.

Morning Drop Off

Please refer to handbook page 13. By now all children including Montessori can walk to their classrooms. We are trying our best to allow the students to be as independent as they can be. You would be surprised at what your child can do in the classroom.

Tardiness

Each year there is a need to address the problem of tardiness. It is important for the children to be on time for school. School begins at 8:00 a.m. and when a child arrives late, that child has missed some of the morning activities, such as prayer, calendar, etc. If a child is tardy for school, parents MUST bring them to the office, sign them in as tardy and then the child will be given a tardy slip to enter their classroom. Please see handbook page 20.

School Mass

On Sunday, October 16th we will be attending the 12:30 a.m. Mass as a school family. We ask all children to be in complete uniform. We will have a section reserved in the church for children and staff only. This will be our opening school Mass and celebration of Fr. Roy's anniversary. Please be prompt and children need to be in their school uniform. Thank you.



No School/Columbus Day

There will be no school on Monday, October 10th. We will have a Staff In-Service Day.

We remember this day and give thanks to Christopher Columbus who discovered this great nation of ours.



End of First Quarter- Parent/Teacher Conference

Thursday, October 20th will be the end of the First Quarter. Report cards will be going out on Thursday, October 27th. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, October 28th from 12:15 -3:30 p.m. Please note that is an early dismissal day (11:30).

All parents, please call the school office to make an appointment as soon as possible. If this day and time is difficult for you, other arrangements can be made with the classroom teacher.

Dismissal

Each day, we are finding that more and more children are not being picked up on time. It is very difficult to have students (especially little ones) hanging around the lobby of the office. There are too many people coming in and out of the office area and we are afraid someone is going to get lost.

Beginning October 3rd, if you are not here to pick up your child after 5 minutes, then your child will be sent to a classroom and a fee will be charged to your account. Please be on time.

Reminder:

Dismissal -

- Montessori @ 3:00 - Parking lot
- Grades 1-5 @ 3:10 - 6th Street
- Grades 4-6 @ 3:10 - Perkins St.



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Teacher Planning and Student Instruction

All grade level teachers plan their lessons very thoroughly. Each teacher must use the Diocesan Curriculum guide which has been referenced to TEKS and the Standardized Achievement Tests. In the curriculum guide there are also suggested strategies and resources for further instruction. In planning lessons, each teacher uses the teacher’s manual and the curriculum guide. Each teacher must note in the plan book if a lesson is introduced, in process or mastered. Also, in their curriculum guide a notation must be referenced as to the date the lesson was taught. When I look over the plan books, all this information must be noted. The Montessori teachers use their Montessori Book in preparing their lessons. Teachers spend a lot of time in planning. It is important that students are present and on time each day.

From the Nurse’s Office

It is very important for our School Health Records to be updated periodically. I have requested current immunization records for students in need of them, and I would like to encourage all parents to inform me of any medical or immunization changes for your child. If you have questions about your student’s immunizations or any health questions, please feel free to call or stop in and visit with me.

Instruments

There are still a few openings in piano, drums, trumpet and saxophone. If you are interested to have your child play any of the above instruments, please call the school office and leave your name and number.



Reminder

We ask parents to adhere to the school rules concerning birthdays, lunches and snacks. There should be no fast food drop offs. Please be sure to send your child with what they need for the day. Thank you.

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