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Welcome!

We welcome all of you to our 2011-2012 academic school year.

I do hope all of you have had a restful summer and have enjoyed some down time.

Fr. Roy and our entire staff, welcome back our returning families and our new families to OLG. We offer them our warm Guadalupe "hospitality".

We are pleased to announce that we have opened 6th grade and so we look forward to an exciting academic year.

Also, we thank God for the opportunity to provide a "Quality Catholic Education" to all our students. It is our hope that OLG be a place for staff, parents and students to truly spread the Gospel; a place to encounter the living Christ; a place of faith; and a place to teach the formation of Catholic doctrine and practice.

Peace,

Sr. Cindy



Yearly Calendar

Attached is an updated calendar. Please dispose of the previous copy and keep this one on your refrigerator. This will eliminate any confusion. Thank you.

Let us Remember...



We remember in prayer September 11, 2001. It is a day now etched in history where thousands lost their lives and Americans lost their feeling of security. The tragedy and loss of September 11th has touched us all. This year marks the 10th anniversary of 9-11. Let us remember in a special way as we pray for those who lived and died through this horrible ordeal. Take a few moments in prayer on this day to remember and to thank God for those who continue to protect our country each and every day.

Prayer-"You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." (Matthew 5:43-45)

Reflection questions;

- How can you show love to your family, friends, neighbors? to enemies? to God?

- On a scale of 1 - 10, how much do you want to experience God's love?

- On a scale of 1 - 10, how willing are you to love your enemies?



School Office News

The school office opens at 7:45 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. If you need to drop off any payments earlier than 7:45 a.m., please put them in a sealed envelope, with your child's name on it and hand it to the person on morning duty. Thank you.

Mrs. Schelstrate is our school secretary and she is available to answer any questions you may have.

Absentees - Please call the school office by 8:30 a.m. if your child will not be attending school. All parents must send a note to the classroom teacher indicating the reason for the absence, otherwise, it will be marked as an "unexcused absence".

Lunches - A simple lunch is very sufficient for your child. Please avoid too many choices, sweets and sugars. Fruits are always refreshing.

Lunch program - Our lunch program begins Tuesday, September 6th.

Tuition - Please be aware that tuition is due the 1st of each month, payable by the 15th. We ask that you comply with the Tuition Commitment Form that was agreed upon. Our Staff needs to be paid on the 25th of each month. Late Fee charges are \$25.00.

Uniforms - There will be a grace period as we patiently wait for Parker Uniform to fill any outstanding orders. By Monday, September 12th all students are to be in complete uniform required by the school.

P.N. All necessary information can be found in the Parent/Student Handbook. Please read the handbook and become familiar with our policies. Thank you.



Volunteers

We are looking for parent or grandparent volunteers for morning arrival. If anyone is free from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and would like to help out, please call the school office.

Programs

The Montessori Program is a curriculum that is very different from a traditional classroom. It will take some time for the new students to adapt to such a program. We ask for your patience and cooperation during this time of transition.

After School Care - Any parent who will be using our After School Care Program will need to return that program form. The program runs from 3:00-5:30 p.m. every day except days of early dismissal and no school.

A handbook will be given to those parents who are in need of this service. All students will be picked up in the office area. We ask all parents and/or relatives picking up a student to park the car and enter into the main entrance of the school and sign the release book. Your child(ren) will then be called to the office to meet you.

No child will be able to participate unless the proper documentation is

Birthdays

"For birthdays, parents may bring a simple treat like muffins, fruit and a drink to share with classmates during break or lunchtime as part of dessert." Soda, frosted cupcakes or cakes are not acceptable. Please see page 20 of the Parent/Student Handbook.

Musical Instruments

We are offering an opportunity for students in Grades 3-6 to learn a musical instrument. Please see attached flyer.



"Let the little children come to me, do not keep them away for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
(Matthew 19:14)

Morning Arrival

Early arrivals (7:15 a.m.) are for those parents who made arrangements at the time of registration, which are only a few. All other students should arrive by 7:45 a.m. The side gate is used for morning arrival for all students and will be locked at 8:00 a.m. Any student who is late must come in by the office entrance and parents must sign our tardy book. The child will then be accompanied to the classroom by Mrs. Schelstrate (school secretary). Parents are not allowed to disrupt the classroom on late arrivals. Please be prompt and on time to avoid any confusion or disruptions.

We ask all parents to drop their child/children off in the car line or walk

them to the side gate. No child should be dropped off at the office door. By now parents have met the staff and have seen the classrooms. There should be no parent inside the classroom when the child arrives. The children have assigned work to do on their arrival. It makes it very difficult for the child if the parent(s) come and linger around. Your child/children are in safe hands and in a very safe environment. If there are any concerns we will call you, so please be at peace. As we are growing, we would not want an adult who does not belong here to walk in looking like a parent. We keep very tight security for the protection of our students and staff. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Afternoon Dismissal

All Montessori students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. from the same place. To avoid confusion, we ask that all parents and/or relatives to please enter the parking lot (use the 2nd driveway on Dunlap), drive around to the school side gate, stop and then exit through the 1st driveway on Dunlap. This will make things run smoothly and safely. This procedure will be for morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

All students in grades 1 - 3 will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. through the side school exit on 6th Street (Magna Drive).

You can park your car on 6th Street and pick up your child/children at the gate. All students in grades 4, 5 and 6 will be dismissed at 3:10 p.m. through the gate on Perkins St. (West Side). The teachers will release their students in an organized manner. No child should run off with anyone and the teachers need to know who picked up their students.

If you need to come to the office, please do so before and/or after you pick up your child. This will avoid confusion on Dunlap Street and double parking. Thank you. P.N. For inclement weather we may have to make last minute adjustments.



Please note for Montessori Classes: Please do not leave your car parked in the pick up or drop off line unattended. If you must pick up your child at the gate, please park your car in the designated area in the parking lot or street.

Grades 1-3 and Grades 4, 5 and 6: Please park on the school side and not the opposite side of the street. Please do not double park. Remember, it is a public street. We ask for your patience and understanding. Thank You.

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

The P.T.T. has been an instrument in the life of our students and staff at OLG. We ask all parents to continue to cooperate with the team in the upcoming events that will soon be announced.

We are registered in the Campbell Soup Label Program. This simply means that we collect labels in trade for educational materials. Please save your labels and send them to school with your child or drop them in the Campbell Soup Label container located in the lobby. We are also registered in the Box Tops for Education Program. In this program we

collect box tops for education coupons found on certain products such as Cheerios, etc. These labels are collected, sent out and money is returned for our efforts. Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez (Jordyn-K) has been kind enough to collect and process the box tops. Last year we enrolled in the Coca Cola Rewards Program. Mr. Michael Gomez (Michael Gomez - Pk-4) will input the codes from applicable bottle caps and cartons sent to the office. So we ask all parents to do their best in helping us to be successful in these programs. Thank you.





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New Staff

We welcome our new staff members:

Ms. Ana Torres - Montessori
Mrs. Janie Esquivel - Classroom Aide
Mrs. Desi Mejia - Classroom Aide
Ms. Karina Arteaga - Classroom Aide
Mrs. JoDana Elizondo - 2nd Grade

We welcome them to our family and wish them a great year.

We welcome our veteran teachers back for another year.

School Pictures



On Monday, September 19th, we will have individual and classroom photos taken. All students must be in complete uniform on that day. Flyers will be sent home at a later date.

Volleyball

Attached you will find our game schedule. Please join us and support our team. We thank Mrs. Jessica Rodriguez (Jordyn-K) and Mr. Rick Alanis (schoolboard) for donating new volleyballs for our team.

Health Records

As our nurse, Mary Lovig, RN updates all the health records, she will notify parents who are not in compliance with state or diocesan regulations. Also, if your child(ren) have any allergies, etc., please bring that information to her attention.

The nurse is now checking our records to find those who still need either the TB test (PPD) or the TB Questionnaire completed. Remember, having the TB test administered is not sufficient, the results of the reading need to be turned in to the office.

The Diocese requires that the PPD be administered only once to every student, unless there is a cause for a new test. The questionnaire is required yearly for every student. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the nurse. Thank you.

