

Good afternoon, parents:

Today marks the feast of one of the great modern figures in the Church: St. Pope John XXIII. John called the Second Vatican Council. Vatican II largely modernized the Church. It altered our liturgy, directing priests to face the congregation and the celebration of the Mass to be in the vernacular. While remembered for his contributions through Vatican II, Pope John XXIII is often remembered for his sense of humor. John teaches us that humor is a doorway to humility. It's important that we don't take ourselves too seriously. Humor allows us to maintain a healthy balance in our lives, especially our spiritual ones. Let's pray to St. Pope John XXII for awareness of when to smile, when to laugh, and when to joke. It's important! St. Pope John XXIII, pray for us!

As a reminder, we ask that parents withhold students from school who are showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are symptom free for 24 hours. If a positive test result is received, kindly report that to the office. Our primary goal is to keep students safe and to ensure in-person learning.

And now for some housekeeping items:

- Parent conferences are this week. They are on Thursday, October 14th from 3:15-7:00 and Friday, October 15th from 7:30-12:00. Classroom teachers schedule conferences individually.
- There is no school for students on Friday, October 15th.
- Attached, there is a flier for a fundraising opportunity for our school. During the month of October, OLG will receive 30% of the profits from The Pizza Shop when you use our code found in the flier.
- The attached Memorandum of Understanding is coming home with students this afternoon. This document is from the Archdiocese and affirms the purpose of the Catholic school. Please read, sign, and return by Thursday, October 14th.
- We've had a large number of orders placed for Yay Lunch! One reminder, if your child is absent and a lunch was ordered, you may go to the website and cancel by 9:00 am for a full refund.
- For the highschool class of 2026, there is a flier about a CEC Scholarship Program. The application opens today and closes on December 11th. For more information, visit this [site](#).
- The walk-a-thon was originally scheduled for October. We will still have a walk-a-thon but the date will be later and once it's finalized, that will be communicated to parents.
- Fees for milk will be posted to FACTS on November 1st. The milk fee for the year is \$45.00.
- We have moved the collection of fees to the FACTS portal. On October 12th, classroom fees for stationary and other disposables will be posted to FACTS accounts. Below, please find the fee schedule for each grade. Those fees are due by November 1st.
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Classroom Supply Fee	Amount
1st Grade	\$10.25
2nd Grade	\$17.00
3rd Grade	\$14.50
4th Grade	\$8.50
5th Grade	\$8.50
6th Grade	\$4.50
7th Grade	\$4.50
8th Grade	\$4.50

Go Gators!

In Christ,  
-Mr. Harper