

Hello, parents!

Today, we celebrate the life of one of our early Church fathers: St. John Chrysostom. Often, that last part is overlooked and some think it was simply his last name. After his death, he earned this epitaph. In English, 'chysostom' translates to 'golden-mouthed'. He is considered one of the most prolific writers and orators in the history of the Church. St. John's most famous writing is his Paschal Homily. It's a beautiful read, and I think most poignantly rendered in the line 'Let all enter into the joy of the Lord!' Although we are a ways away from the Easter season, let us live with the message of Easter always. Christ's death wins for us the rewards of everlasting life, and let us joyfully carry that with us! St. John Chrysostom, pray for us.

And for some messages for the upcoming week:

- There is a mandatory back-to-school night on **Wednesday, September 15th at 7:00** for preschool through fifth grade.. A schedule and flow for the night is attached. Please remember that masks are required and we will follow social distance guidelines for the evening. All are invited to attend my individual session and see the additional tables.
- We have our first wacky day of the year on Friday, September 17. Students are allowed to dress in their favorite sports' team clothing and color. Please make sure students are dressing appropriately when dressing out. Anyone who comes in with a Notre Dame shirt will get a hearty 'Go Irish' from Mr. Harper!
- It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Northeast Music demonstration this past week. For those signing up, the instruments will be delivered on Thursday and the first lesson with Mr. Morrisette is set for September 17th!
- Orders for Yay Lunch! will open on September 16th and the first meal delivery will be this coming Monday, September 20th. As a reminder, all orders for Yay Lunch! are placed on their [website](#) and delivery is available every day.
- The Home and School Association is sponsoring a 'What a Crock' fundraiser to raise money for different projects throughout the year. By visiting their landing page, you will be able to order crockpot meals, cookie dough, dips, and other goodies which will be delivered straight to your door. Whether you're looking for a fast meal for your family, a gift for a new mother, or to support a family dealing with medical treatments, please consider supporting OLG by visiting this [website](#). This month we will receive additional funds for any dips purchased through our landing page.
- We are still in the final weeks of summer and I understand it can be warm in the building. Our summer uniform extends until November 1st. As a reminder, students are only allowed to be in PE uniforms on days when they have PE. If they arrive in their PE uniform on a non-PE day, a parent will need to bring a change of clothes.
- For parents of 8th grade students: the 8th grade has their Confirmation retreat on Thursday, September 16th. Students will come to school in their uniforms and depart for the Shrine together. Please make sure they bring a brown bag lunch and all items are disposable. Please keep them in your prayers as they retreat!

A 'Meal Train' has been created for one of our OLG families: the Noble family. Nadia and Nina are students at OLG and shortly before school started their mother was diagnosed with Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer. I ask that you keep the Noble Family in prayer, and to prayerfully consider giving to the 'Meal Train.' I, too, know the spirit of OLG is family and it would mean so much to support one of the members of our family during this time.

Thank you and as always, please respond to this email or call the office with any questions.

Go Gators!

in Christ,
Mr. Harper