



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



*Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
The promises of the Lord I will sing forever,
Through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.,
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever,"
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.*

Dear OLG Families,

Truly we have much to sing about our God's goodness! In the midst of the worst pandemic the world has known, topped by the growing cry for equality and against racism, we at Our Lady of Guadalupe School have been able to affirm and concretize the values of our faith as professed in our School-wide Learning Expectations: Prayer, Study, Community and Service.

Your School Board has been meeting more often to provide the insight and guidance to Fr. Joy and me as we determine what is best for the children of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The "Marching Home Saints" committee has been working non-stop to plan and prepare for a safe and responsible return to the classrooms. We especially thank Paul and Zachary (gr. 8) Clark, Tim Conners, Ignacio Garcia, Sr., Bill Wright and Mrs. Murray for all their very hard work two Saturdays ago, breaking down tables and storing furniture to prepare the classrooms for social distance learning. The plans for returning to school are in process and will be shared with you as soon as possible.

As we look to reopening OLG School in the 2020-21 school year, it is not just the physical aspects of the return that's important. Given the reality of the high cost of living in Fremont over these past few years and now the challenge of the COVID-19 global pandemic and how it has impacted families, the economy and our school community, I have been working closely with Fr. Joy and the Department of Catholic Schools to ensure our community is best positioned for the coming school year. I want to share some changes to our instructional model for the 2020-2021 school year.

We are being very intentional in creating some multi-age classrooms that will continue to nurture the social emotional growth of students as well as foster learning environments that provide a rich academic experience and challenging curriculum, leveraging technology to offer personalized support for all learners. Each multi-age class in the primary grades will have one teacher supported by an instructional assistant.

Students will experience a blended learning model that incorporates the use of technology, project-based instruction, and small group instruction to ensure curriculum standards are being taught and the needs of all learners are met. Multi-age classrooms allow for students from two grade levels to engage in collaboration, mentoring, and leadership. Older students have the opportunity to serve as role models for their younger peers, and a caring community is fostered amongst the grades. In this environment teachers facilitate learning and students are able to progress at their own pace through child-centered activities and adaptive software programs. A multi-age classroom also allows for a dynamic classroom environment. A larger group of students who are

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together in a classroom will have richer class discussions. In addition, multi-age classrooms will give our students a larger friendship group. These benefits contribute to the social and emotional skills students develop through a multi-age learning environment. We are confident that Our Lady of Guadalupe School will continue to live our mission of academic excellence, strengthened by faith in school programming decisions and our responsiveness to the financial needs of our community.

Our enrollment and the tuition income collected is the primary source of Our Lady of Guadalupe School's budget and pays for the salaries and benefits of our faculty and staff which are the school's largest expenses. With the current enrollment figures, the classroom configurations will be restructured to support student learning and rebuild capacity to ensure Our Lady of Guadalupe School's operational and financial viability in the coming years.

Our teaching staff for this coming school year is as follows:

- Preschool: Brigitte Brooks supported by Mary Flack-Meza
- Grades K & 1: Gloria Higaes, supported by an instructional assistant
- Grades 2 & 3: Alyssa Schirripa, supported by an instructional assistant
- Grade 4: given the requirements for social distancing (5ft – 6ft) there will be two cohorts for the 4th grade - Brittani Gomes supported by an instructional assistant
- Grade 5: Shannon Bellison
- Grade 6: Jessica Casey – 6th gr. homeroom, religion, ELA; 6th, 7th & 8th gr. Social Studies
- Grade 7: Betsy Justice – 7th gr. homeroom, religion, 7th & 8th gr. ELA
 - 7th gr. Science, Elizabeth Harmuth
- Grade 8: Jennifer Iversen – 8th gr. homeroom, 6th, 7th & 8th gr. Math; 6th gr. Science;
 - 8th gr. Science, Elizabeth Harmuth
 - 8th gr. Religion, S. Janice Therese

These decisions have been extremely difficult for me to make and were made in partnership with Fr. Joy and the Department of Catholic Schools and with the support of the OLG School Board. At the same time, the Holy Spirit has filled me with great hope for what lies ahead. Our faculty and staff are fully committed to innovating our programming for what looks to be an exciting year. I look forward to leading our team of teachers as they provide your children with countless opportunities to develop 21st century skills within our loving, Catholic school community.

As we prepare for the 2020-2021 school year, our students, faculty/staff, and families are in my prayers every day. We are a family community here at Our Lady of Guadalupe School and that is what makes us so incredibly special. I thank each of you, from the bottom of my heart, for walking with us in this transformational ministry. We are strengthening our core and rebuilding our capacity. It is extremely important that we stay together and continue trusting one another, as one family, during this transition. Please feel free to leave a message for me on the school phone (510-657-1674, x 405) and I will return your call or email me (sjtwellington@csdo.org) if you would like to speak to me about what I have shared in this letter.

May God's blessings surround you and your family during these summer days. I am most grateful for your continued partnership and commitment to Our Lady of Guadalupe School.

With gratitude and blessings,

S. Janice Therese Wellington, O.P.
Principal

Let us pray...

- that the leaders and ministers within the church may look to the meek and humble for inspiration and understanding as they seek to follow Jesus.
- that Jesus, who holds all power hidden in his peacefulness, may enter the hearts of our leaders, urging them to work toward justice and goodwill for all people.
- that peace may be proclaimed in our country in the midst of the pandemic and racial tensions.
- that all Christians recognize the call to be of assistance to others in need, helping to make their yoke easy and their burden light.
- that the Lord, who is gracious and merciful, may come to the aid of those who need him most in their time of illness and distress.



Church Has Reopened!!

Following the Diocesan and County protocol, OLG Church has opened to an 80-person capacity. **Each person that wishes to attend Mass in person will need to register online at olog.church (click on the green Mass Registration box) or by calling the Parish office at 510-657-4043.**

Mass Schedule

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| Monday - Saturday | 9:00am | English | Livestream & in-person in the Church |
| Wednesday & Friday | 7:00pm | Spanish | Livestream & in-person in the Church |
| Saturday | 5:00pm | English | In-person in the Church |
| | 7:00pm | Spanish | In-person in the Church |
| Sunday | 7:15am | English | In-person in the Church |
| | 8:45am | Spanish | In-person in the Church |
| | 10:30am | English | Livestream & in-person in the Church |
| | 12:30pm | Spanish | Livestream & in-person in the Church |
| | 4:00pm | Vietnamese | Livestream & in-person in the Church |
| | 6:00pm | English | In-person in the Church |

Attending Mass in-person requires pre-registration - see above.

Please arrive 20-30 minutes early, to allow time to check in at the side entrance of church.

All those attending Mass in person, who are 3 years old and above are required to wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Proper social distancing will be implemented. Missals and hymnals are not available at the worship site. If you like to follow along with the prayers and readings at Mass, please bring your own worship aids, such as *"Magnificat"* or *"Word Among Us"*.

Communion will be distributed at your seat. As the presider comes to you, please keep your face covered, accept the host on your hand and lift the face cover to put the host in your mouth.

WHICH BOOKS HAS YOUR CHILD READ THIS SUMMER??

Let's get motivated to read more by sharing our favorite book titles!

Please send an email to Mrs. Murray (kmurray@csdo.org) with the titles of books that your child/children have already read this summer, along with any comments/recommendations/mini reviews.



We'll be publishing the summer reading list in our next summer bulletin, on July 22nd!

Pre-Order your 2019-2020 Yearbook now!

Deadline has been extended to July 13, 2020!

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Yearbook

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SHIPPING cost will apply on orders placed after 7/13/20 and your book will be mailed to you directly.

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