



Our Lady of Guadalupe School

In the MSJ Dominican Tradition



Dear OLG Families,

It's started! The 2020-2021 school year has officially begun. Thank you so much, parents, for coming to school yesterday to get the materials your children will need. Thank you, teachers, for all the preparation and organization for your students!

While we are beginning our year with Distance Learning, having so many of our school community physically on campus was certainly an energizing way to start us off on the right path. Thank you to our Student Council, 2020-21, for welcoming everyone with your delightful and insightful video that was played on the TV in the entrance yesterday.

This morning Father Joy started our class time together with a beautiful, prayerful welcome and our Student Council followed with a fun, informative Morning Assembly. Gathering together as a school community, while apart, is so important for all of us. To know that the whole OLG community was 'together', offers such support for all of us.

While our Child Care/Preschool is waiting for children to open on site, Ms. Brooks has been busy sharing the Good News about OLG. Please see her First Day of School article in this newsletter and enjoy the pictures. Parents, we need your help – please take pictures of your children on their first day of school at home. The pictures could be of them in front of the screen with the Zoom class in the background or a close-up of their face on the Zoom grid or taking a recess break or their first school lunch. Share your child's first day of school with all of us, please.

So the journey begins. **Our theme**, brainstormed by the Class of 2021 at the end of their seventh grade year, and refined by the staff at the beginning of this year, is **Building Bridges – where fear ends, faith begins**. The teachers will be spending time with the children exploring this theme. Stay tuned for periodic reflections on our theme. Next week is the grand unveiling of the theme's image!

Please pray for Mrs. Murray who will be having surgery for early stage breast cancer on Thursday. I know that all our thoughts and prayers will be with her. She will be on medical leave for a few weeks. Ms. Colon, Mrs. Cogal, Mrs. Siqueiros and I will be covering the office in her absence.

Parents, as we shared at the Zoom meetings last week, please let us know how our Distance Learning is working for your child. We will do all we can to support their success this school year!

As God's Bridges,

S. Janice Therese, O.P.



Let us Pray....

- For a school year filled with learning, joy, new experiences and opportunities to serve our community and beyond. May God bless all the families, students and staff of OLG as we begin a new school year.
- That we tap into the courage, wisdom and understanding that God has given to each one of us, to face the challenges and difficulties that we will encounter throughout the year.
- In thanksgiving for the technology that allows us to continue to attend school via distance learning.
- For the success of Mrs. Murray's surgery and God's guidance of the surgeon's hands.



CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

THUR	AUG 27	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kickoff
MON-FRI	SEP 14-18	Teacher "Check-ins" with Parents
FRI	SEP 25	No School Teacher In-Service Day

Cookie Dough Campaign Begins August 27th

The popular cookie dough sale begins on August 27th! Catalogs containing various types of cookie dough and other tasty treats that can be purchased by friends, family, neighbors who would love to support your child's school. The catalog will be emailed and put on the school's website. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the technology apps we are using for our Distance Learning.



The campaign will end on Friday, September 11th. All orders are due back to school by Wednesday, September 16. Please drop off the orders to school. There is a mail slot to the left of the main entrance. In order to minimize the handling of money, we ask that all payments be made by check, payable to OLG School, or via PayPal using the donate link on our website. All ordered items will be available for pickup on Thursday, October 1 from OLG School. More details to follow.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School's First Day in 2020-2021

by Ms. Brigette Brooks

The last few weeks of summer are already upon us and the new school year has begun at Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Fremont. Whether you're a parent who can't wait till your child is back in school or dread the more regimented days, there's one thing you can count on: Back to School is always a big transition. This year the coronavirus outbreak has caused major disruptions to our daily lives and children are feeling these changes deeply. While the return to school will be welcoming and exciting for many students, others might be feeling anxious or frightened to begin a new school year or starting a new school, moving up a grade and remote learning.

On August 18th teachers and staff greeted Our Lady of Guadalupe families for the First Day of School. The school was ready to meet all the families and supply them with learning materials, books and Chromebooks to ensure our continued success with virtual learning. Our Lady of Guadalupe's plan for remote learning is designed to achieve the same learning outcomes as the in-person learning environment with the goal of accelerating learning outcomes for all our students. OLG teachers and staff are implementing and defining a consistent set of expectations and structures for our remote learning program. Our Lady of Guadalupe School has integrated social-emotional learning, mindfulness and community building as part of the main components curriculum.

OLG teachers kicked off the school year by introducing themselves and talking about all the new fun and exciting academic adventures they will be providing for their students. In the school's virtual classrooms, students will receive daily live interactions with their teacher and classmates, as well as detailed lessons planned for them to participate through technology, with the full class, in small groups or individually, as determined by the teacher. Our Lady of Guadalupe School has set very stringent standards to educate their students. The

Although COVID-19 has changed how Our Lady of Guadalupe began the school year, it will not change their fundamental commitment to the students. OLG is looking forward to continuing a strong partnership with their families and to supporting the students by helping them achieve their highest God-given potential. The teachers and staff began this school year with hearts full of appreciation and gratitude for the support and strength the OLG families have given to the school and their children's education. Happy and Blessed First Day of School!





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DEPARTMENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Re 2020/2021 Student Accident Insurance and COVID-19 Adjustments

Dear Parents,

The safety and well-being of our students is of critical importance to all of us and we do our best to protect them. Even so, accidents happen and medical treatment can be costly. It is for this reason that our schools carry blanket Student Accident Insurance on all enrolled students.

The “**School-Time**” plan is designed to help parents pay for eligible medical expenses resulting from injuries sustained by their children while participating in covered school activities. Details regarding the program for the upcoming 2020/2021 School Year are contained within the accompanying brochure. You are encouraged to carefully review the brochure PRIOR to your child getting hurt. Coverage under the 20/21 School Year *School-Time* plan went into effect on August 1, 2020.

COVID-19 Adjustments –

The pandemic has created huge challenges for all of us. Our student insurance administrator, Myers-Stevens & Toohey (MST) has worked with the underwriting insurance company to implement a number of adjustments related to COVID-19 to better serve our families. They are:

Coverage for injuries occurring during “virtual”, “remote” or “distance” learning at home –

During the COVID-19 school closures and for such time that schools are required to continue COVID-19 mitigation protocols, students who are insured under voluntary-purchase or school-paid blanket *School-Time* plans and/or *Class II/School Activities Catastrophic* coverages will continue to be covered for injuries sustained while participating in School sponsored and organized learning activities at home. All other policy terms and conditions apply. NOTE – Students enrolled in any of our *Full-Time Accident Only*, *Worldwide Exchange* or *Student Accident & Sickness* plans are covered for injuries 24/7.

COVID-19 testing - If an Insured suffers an Injury or Sickness that results in required testing for COVID-19 and if the claim is deemed payable in accordance with the policy, we will not apply any cost-sharing provisions to the COVID-19 diagnostics/test rendered (e.g. deductibles, co-pays, etc.). If further treatment is required, we will continue to cover eligible charges subject to the terms and conditions of the policy.

Coverage for telemedicine - If an insured student suffers a Covered Injury or Covered Sickness and seeks medically necessary care via telemedicine, we will cover related charges as we would for care provided in a physical office or facility setting in accordance with the policy.

Claim reporting and filing - Claim forms and filing procedures were modified to make it easier for parents to file claims while schools are physically closed due to COVID-19. Instructions and the claim form are attached. They can also be obtained by calling MST at (800) 827-4695; emailing your request to claims@myers-stevens.com or by faxing your request to (949) 348- 2630. They can also be found on the MST website at www.myers-stevens.com .

Optional 24/7 plans for your child -

Because your child is enrolled in a participating Catholic School, he/she is now eligible to be insured under a number of additional, optional full-time plans that are also detailed within the accompanying brochure. The plans offered are:

Full-Time 24/7 Accident Only Plan – Covers injuries occurring anytime, anywhere at 100% of Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges up to \$100,000/injury with zero deductible. Single premium payment of \$265 covers the student from the date the completed enrollment form and payment are received to the day the School begins regularly scheduled classes in 2021/2022.

Student Accident & Sickness Plan – Covers up to \$200,000/injury and up to \$50,000/sickness, generally at 80% of UCR after a \$50 deductible. Ambulance, Emergency Room (room and supplies), Emergency Room Physician paid at 100% of UCR. Qualified sports-related concussions are paid at 100% of UCR as well. Coverage is set up on a pay-as-you-go basis with monthly premiums set at \$169.

Dental Accident Plan- Covers injuries to the teeth and existing caps and crowns round-the-clock at 100% of UCR charges to a maximum of \$75,000. Can be extended each year to cover long-term costs. Single payment of \$12 covers the student until classes resume in 2021/2022.

Pharmacy SmartCard – Provides savings of up to 95% on prescription drug costs for the entire family. Annual cost is \$36.

If you wish to enroll your child in any of these plans, you may do so by printing out the attached enrollment forms and either mailing or faxing the completed form with payment to Myers-Stevens & Toohey. You may also enroll your child online by going to www.myers-stevens.com.

If you have any other questions concerning the student insurance coverages, how to file a claim, COVID-19, etc., please call MST at (800) 827-4695.

Wishing you a safe and successful new school year!

Sincerely,



Kathleen Radecke
Superintendent

