

Dear OLG Families,

Why Catholic Schools? Why OLG?

In speaking about our school with Jocelyn Pierre-Antoine, Associate Superintendent, her first response was that we are welcoming to all; that we are committed to educating all.

As you know so well, our faculty has truly stepped up and gone beyond in their efforts to provide the best Catholic education for our children in this very challenging year.

What I know is that in school and via Zoom, our children are learning; our children are happy. While there are difficulties and hurdles, together we, home and school, deserve an A+. So, go ahead and pat yourselves on the back, parents and grandparents and teachers – all who have supported our children this year!



Sunday, January 31, 2021 will start our celebration of Catholic Schools Week at the 10:30 drive-in Mass at Church, followed by a virtual Open House (12:30-2:30) for interested families. Please join us in your cars at the Church on Blacow or live-stream the Mass (go to YouTube; search olog parish – Fremont. Share this date with family, friends and co-workers and invite others to visit our virtual Open House. For the virtual Open House, interested persons need to contact school and a Zoom link will be sent to them. You, our parents, are our best marketers! We need to get the word out in the community about the rich treasure that is OLG School! Thank you to those families who shared some testimony about OLG. They will soon be up on our website.

We are still in need of some testimonies from our parental Essential Workers, please. Do record a short video (1-2 minutes;) sharing about your job, focusing on the following points:

- what is your job; -what schooling/training did you complete for it; -what does a typical day look like;
- what is hard about your job; -what is your favorite part of the job.

We will share these recordings with the students as part of the Essential Worker Appreciation Day. Thank you very much.

*Ssshhhh...PTSG is still in need of some monetary donations to provide the donuts, flowers, door dash dish and basket appreciation for the faculty. **Please see the attached flyer** and do all you can to share your appreciation for our wonderful teachers and staff!*

In God's Truth,  
S. Janice Therese, O.P.

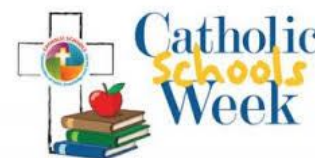


## CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

SUN	JAN 31	<b>Catholic Schools Week begins!</b> <b>10:30 drive-in Mass</b> <b>12:30-2:30 Virtual Open House for interested families</b>
MON	FEB 1	<b>100<sup>th</sup> Day of School</b> <b>TEACHER/STAFF/SCHOOL Appreciation Day—wear teacher's favorite color</b>
TUES	FEB 2	<b>ESSENTIAL WORKER Appreciation Day</b>
WED	FEB 3	<b>PEACE Day</b>
THURS	FEB 4	<b>STUDENT Appreciation Day = Free Dress +++!</b> <b>Junior High Pick-up Day</b>
FRI	FEB 5	<b>FAMILY Appreciation Day</b> <b>BINGO Night!</b>

### *Let us Pray....*

- ♥ *for several of our school families in need of prayers;*
- ♥ *for blessings upon our Parents, the primary educators of our children!*
- ♥ *in Thanksgiving for the gift of Catholic Education here at OLG!*
- ♥ *for Peace in our families, our city, our nation and our world!*



## Financial Assistance

### **BASIC Fund Applications**

BASIC Fund applications for the 2021-2022 school year will be available starting January 15th online at [www.basicfund.org](http://www.basicfund.org). Scholarships are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications must be completed in order to be considered. **Deadline is March 31st, 2021**. Completed applications submitted after the deadline will be awarded periodically through the summer of 2021 *if* funds become available.

### **BASIC Renewals**

Renewals will also be processed online. Families should have received an email stating that the BASIC Fund will use the financial documentation they have on file. Your renewal application link will be emailed to you in February so that you could update any information that may have changed. The **deadline** to submit your renewal application is **March 31, 2021**.

### **FACE Applications**

Beginning January 1st, 2021, you can apply for a FACE grant online. Please apply at [www.online.factsmgt.com](http://www.online.factsmgt.com). \*Applicants must check (✓) the box Family Aid-Catholic Education (FACE) under "Organization" on the application.\* The **deadline to apply is April 30, 2021**. **Families who currently receive financial assistance from FACE must reapply every year**. For a step-by-step video on how to apply for the FACE grant, please go to <https://vimeo.com/305584471>.

**From our  
School Counselor**

Take Care



Hello all!

It's hard to believe we have already reached the last week of January. As I continue to provide resources to help keep your children healthy and happy while learning from home, this week I want to emphasize the importance of playtime, downtime, and family time for your child while being at home.

It can often be difficult to try to balance all three, but [Challenge Success](#) offers some awesome tips on how you can implement playtime, downtime, and family time (PDF) in your home:

**Playtime:** Play is essential for kids! When children have the choice for an unstructured activity, this is proven to increase cognitive skills, physical health, self-regulation, language abilities, social skills and empathy (Challenge Success, 2021).

**Downtime:** Having your children take breaks throughout the day is important for their emotional and physical health. Taking time to listen to music or read a book can help your child reset (Challenge Success, 2021).

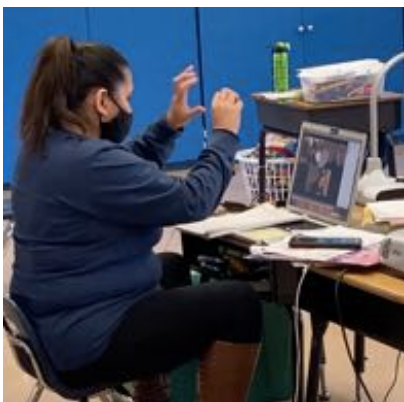
**Family time:** Setting aside time to be with family helps with connection and gives children a sense of belonging.

To read more and access helpful tips to implement playtime, downtime, and family time (PDF) for your elementary-aged and teen children, [Click here to check out Challenge Success!](#)

As always, I look forward to continuing to provide resources along with offering my support to you and your beautiful families. Please reach out to me through email if you have any questions or would like extra support.

Be well and stay healthy!

Your School Counselor,  
Ms. Danielle ~ [dbell@csdo.org](mailto:dbell@csdo.org)





Sunday 1/31:

Mass 10:30 - drive in and livestream from YouTube  
Virtual Open House for interested families: 12:30-2:30

Monday 2/1: Teacher/Staff/School Appreciation Day: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Wear teacher's favorite color

- MAC K/1- red
- MAC 2/3- teal/yellow
- 4- green
- 5- purple/black
- 6- purple
- 7- pink/blue
- 8- green/yellow



Tuesday 2/2: Essential WORKER APPRECIATION DAY:

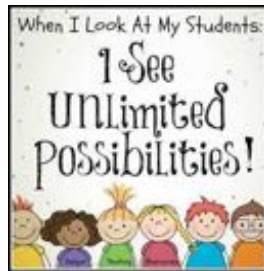


Wednesday 2/3: Peace Day  
Prayer Service in grade levels



Thursday 2/4: STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY

Free dress and more!!!



Friday 2/5 Family Appreciation Day:



Bingo Night with PTSG  
Take a photo of your family doing something together  
and send it to your teacher