



## CRUSADER CONNECTION

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL  
**MISS ERVIN**



Dear Parents!

Blessings and peace! It was a week full of grace! Thank you to all those who attended All School Mass on Wednesday and came out that evening for our Parent Night. It is always a gift to be together!

I'd like to focus this message on a safety update as we respond to the challenges of our times. While we are still refining our timeline for implementation, Parish and School leadership have been consulting with law enforcement, other schools and the Archdiocese seeking wisdom to address the increasing concerns for violence in our society.

In light of this, we are moving toward:

1. Hiring security personnel to be on-site: at our school during our school hours (7:30am - 3:30pm), for our after school programs at the school/church (i.e. latchkey, CYO and religious formation, 3:30pm - 9:00pm), and for our Sunday liturgies. Personnel will be retired law officers assigned to us so they can establish relationships with our community. Their goal is to be unobtrusive but also present, wearing plainclothes uniforms to fit in but attentive to the comings and goings and capable of addressing safety concerns. By bringing in security professionals, we can partner with them, utilizing their experience in security as we live our daily life.

2. Exploring facility enhancements to add more cameras and reinforce our windows and doors for all of our facilities.

Our funding for these initiatives will come from:

1. School Campus:

- Start-up costs for security for this school year will come through funding from the Fall Bash. While we haven't finalized costs, we anticipate around \$75,000 being necessary for just the school campus.
- Ongoing costs for security personnel at the school will be assessed per family and rolled into tuition costs.

2. After School Programs: Fees will be assessed for our after school programs to subsidize costs for latchkey, CYO, religious formation, etc.

3. Initial upgrades for our facilities will come from fundraising efforts and grant writing.

4. Parish subsidy

In the midst of these sobering realities, I am reminded of the words of Isaiah: *"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you"* (Is 41:10). As we develop practical solutions, we are called to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as disciples, steadfast in the mission of faith entrusted to us as we share the Gospel and address the evils of our society. There are so many blessings and graces which God is pouring into this community, let's not lose site of the beautiful gifts we have been given. If you weren't with us at Parent Night, you can catch the highlights in the video below.

Have a wonderful weekend full of Fall adventures. May Jesus overwhelm you with His peace!

In the Heart of Mary,  
Karen

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

Check out our Parent Night from October 1st. You can hear more on the safety initiatives and our Vision Cast as Miss Ervin reviews our goals and school improvement priorities.



SCHOOL VISION CAST



## UPCOMING DATES

### OCTOBER

- 10 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 16 Picture Retake Day (Jostens)
- 17 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 24 First Quarter Ends, **Theme Day: Michigan/Michigan State (green or blue)**
- 27 5th grade retreat at Church, 8 - 1pm
- 29 All School Mass, All Saints Festival

### November

- 7 Fall Bash  
**Theme Day Dress: Fall Bash Green Out**
- 13 Parent Teacher Conferences ½ Day
- 14 PT Conferences, No School

17 - 24 Blessed Solanus Casey Relics are here!  
19 All School Mass  
21 **Spirit Day Dress**  
26 - 30 Thanksgiving Break



School Calendar, 25 - 26.pdf

### **OLGC SPIRIT DAYS**

On designated OLGC Spirit Days (every Friday!) students may dress in Crusader apparel (gym clothes or Crusader team apparel). Students can wear Crusader/sports t-shirts and/or sweatshirts with school or gym uniform bottoms.

### **OLGC THEME DAYS**

On designated OLGC Theme Days, students may dress according to the theme listed. On these special days, students may be out of uniform while following guidelines outlined in the student handbook.



# Purchase Tickets

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!**

**Purchase Tickets**

**This year proceeds will go towards:**

**Security for our Campuses  
Scholarships for Students**

*Join us for a fun-filled evening of food, fellowship, and dancing, with both a live and silent auction!*

# How to Help

Our Fall Bash requires many hands to help make it happen! Thank you for providing some of our auction items through the wish list or signing up to be a volunteer.

**AMAZON WISH LIST**

**VOLUNTEER**

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VOLUNTEER

**PURCHASE OFF  
WISH LIST**

**Volunteer for Fall  
Bash**

# Sponsorships

**Thank you in advance for becoming a corporate sponsor for our Fall Bash or for helping us get those sponsorships!! Looking forward to an amazing event!!!**



2025 Fall Bash Donor letter.docx.pdf



2025 Fall Bash donor form.docx.pdf

## GENERATIONS Parenting Podcast

OLGC is launching a podcast for parents to discuss the challenges we face in the digital age to raise our children in the faith. A new podcast will be released the first Friday of the month as Miss Ervin interviews members of our community, parents, clergy, and teachers on topics for parents.





# GENERATIONS

## A Parenting Podcast

His faithfulness lasts through every generation.  
PSALM 100:5

[Listen Now](#)

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN COURSE

For all parents who'd like to chaperone or volunteer  
This course is required to be Safe Environments certified.



## Protecting God's Children Course

*Required for all volunteers*

In order to protect our youth and most vulnerable from sexual abuse, all volunteers are required to complete Protecting God's Children. Join us for an upcoming training at Our Lady of Good Counsel in the Social Hall!

**Wednesday, October 22 • Register at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org)**  
Light meal at 5:30 pm, training begins promptly at 6 pm until 9 pm

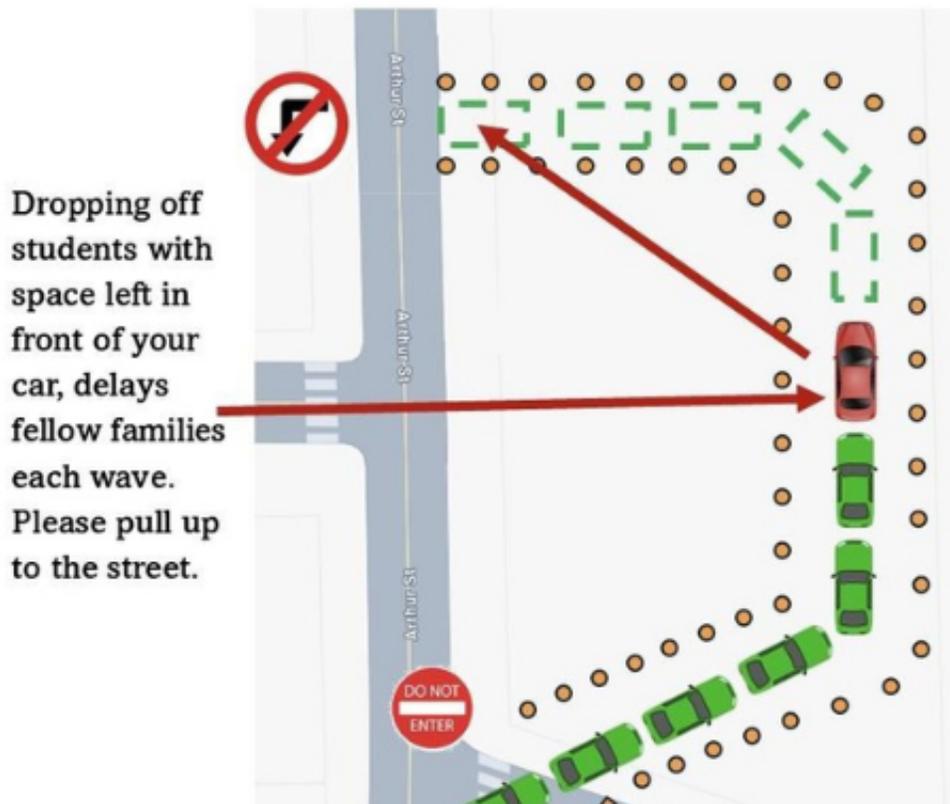
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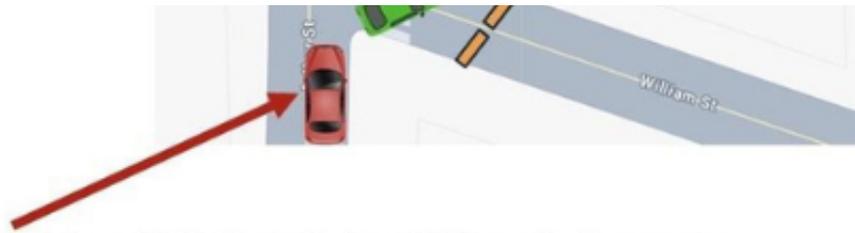
# Morning Drop-Off Reminders

Please review these guidelines so morning drop-off can go smoothly.

1. **Pull all the way to the first open space** to drop your child(ren) off so the line can fit 12-15 cars and move faster.
2. **Students should exit the right side of the car/truck/van** to ensure their safety.
3. **Once students exit, they should walk on the other side of the cones** and not through the middle of the parking lot for their safety.
4. Please **refrain from dropping your students off on Arthur street** and use the parking lot. This ensures safety and cuts down on delaying the line movement as well as a back-up on Penniman.
5. **Turn right as you exit the parking lot.**

Thank you for helping to make our arrival safe and effective by doing your part.





Dropping off students before Willams is dangerous. Please wait for the traffic to flow through the parking lot. Additionally, dropping off before Willams, and exiting north on Arthur, delays the families exiting from the parking lot

**PICTURES ARE READY TO ORDERED!!  
Follow the Instructions below!**

# **PICTURE DAY**

**Wednesday, Sept. 17**

**Retakes are Oct. 16**

**View and order at:**

**<https://shop.jostenspix.com>**

**School Name: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL**

**Event Code: FE78025**

**Student Name**

**Need Help: 1-877-515-1447 option 1**

Please don't wear green as they use a green screen.



2025 Fall Portrait Day.pdf

## HOT LUNCH

Order Window Opens

October 10th  
for November

Order Hot Lunch

Volunteer in  
Lunchroom

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

October's Virtue is Modesty

# MODESTY



I'm grateful for my strengths and choose to use them quietly.



I listen to others before I talk about myself.



I get dressed in



I choose clothes that

private.



I stay faithful in the background, knowing God brings the right spotlight when needed.

fit me nicely.



I lead with quiet confidence and allow others to shine.



### 1st Grade

Our 1st graders are discovering Life Sciences with predators and prey as they try to capture their cotton ball.

*Thank you, Mrs. Fallu!*



### Kindergarten

Our Kindergarteners are putting the 5 senses into practice as they investigate them in the world.

*Thank you, Mrs. Kowalski!*





# CYO UPDATE

## GO CRUSADERS!

25 - 26 CYO Calendar

Registration  
Basketball & Bowling

Come out and Cheer on our Crusaders at  
home this week!



### Soccer

*Home Field: OLG Church*

**Saturday, October 4th**

OLGC vs. Holy Trinity at 11:00 AM

### Football

*Home Field: FGR*

**Saturday, October 4th**

Fans are encouraged to wear pink in support of breast cancer awareness

Freshman Blue vs. St. Regis at 8:30 AM

### Volleyball

*Home Court: OLG Church*

**Friday, October 3rd**

JV Gold vs. St. Pius at 5:00 PM

Varsity Gold vs. St. William at 6:00 PM

Varsity Green vs. St. William at 7:15 PM

**Thursday, October 9th**

Varsity Gold vs. St. Francis at 6:00 PM

Varsity Green vs. St. Francis at 7:15 PM

### Cross Country

**West County**  
Home Course: Cass Benton  
**Thursday, October 9th**  
JV at 6:00 PM & Varsity at 6:30 PM

## COMMUNITY

OLGC Parish School  
**Trunk or Treat**

Join us for a community Trunk-or-Treat!  
Friday, October 17th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM  
OLGC Parish parking lot

School families are invited to trick-or-treat, or get creative and sign up to decorate your vehicle trunk and hand out candy  
Pre-sale admission tickets are available until October 13<sup>th</sup> for just \$10/car  
Costumes encouraged!

Come hungry!  
Hot dog, chips  
& drink  
package will be  
available for  
\$5

Contest for the  
best decorated  
car!

Admission on  
the day of the  
event will be  
\$15/car  
CASH ONLY

Our DJ for the  
evening is  
sponsored by  
The  
Bartisan



The parking lot will be closed for the safety of the kids during this event. No leaving & no drop off's

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

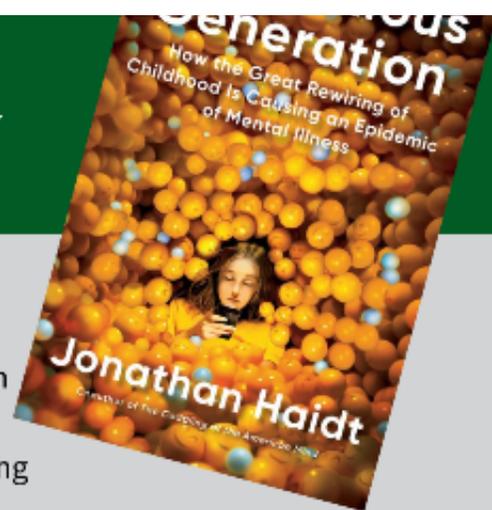
## FOR PARENTS

**FG&R** FATHER GABRIEL RICHARD  
HIGH SCHOOL • ANN ARBOR • EST. 1868

Father Gabriel Richard High School  
invites you to join us for a

The Anxious  
Go

discussion of  
**"The Anxious Generation"** by  
Jonathan Haidt



Evening will include:

- A presentation by FGR staff
- Audience discussion will follow the presentation
- The same presentation will be given each evening
- Discussions may vary each night
- Join us for one or both evenings

This event is free and open to the public.

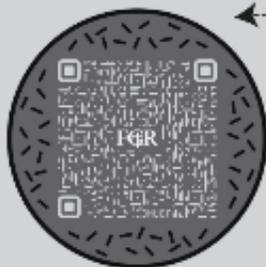
Two Opportunities:



Monday, November 3  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
FGR MPR



Monday, November 10  
6:00 - 7:30 pm  
FGR MPR



Two hundred free  
copies of the book will  
be gifted to those who  
sign-up by scanning  
this QR code

Please RSVP here:



Father Gabriel Richard High School 4333 Whitchall Dr. Ann Arbor, MI, 48105 [fgrhs.org](http://fgrhs.org)

**SKATE NIGHT**



**Monday, October 27th**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

GRAB YOUR SKATES AND YOUR FRIENDS! OUR FIRST SKATE NIGHT OF THE YEAR IS GOING TO BE A TOTAL BLAST!

**Crusader Theme Night!**

**Wear your Crusader gear, green or gold**

**\$10/person**

**Admission includes skate rental**

Skatin' Station  
8611 Ronda Dr. Canton 48187

**Boots & Bandanas**

# JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT

**Friday, October 17th**  
**7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**In the OLGC Church JP II Room**

**Cost: \$20 per person**

Tickets can be purchased through Monday, October 13th

Join us for a night of fun with friends! Dinner, games, prizes & everyone's favorite DJ. Wear your favorite western themed attire for a chance to win a prize!

Please note: Cell phones will be checked at the door and can be collected at the end of the evening

**Register for Junior High Night**

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School

### **NEW Uniform Options Available through Schoolbelles!**



We have an updated account team and they are monitoring your orders closely through the summer to assure on time delivery and clear communication.

All of the new items you've loved from the pop-up shop are now available through Schoolbelles!

- Dry Fit Polos
- Jogger Style Gym Pant
- Wicking ¼ zip Fleece Pullover

**WWW.SCHOOLBELLES.COM**  
**SCHOOL CODE: S0510**

**UNIFORM CLOSET**  
*hours*

<b>AUGUST 18TH</b> DURING MEET THE TEACHER	9AM-12PM
<b>AUGUST 20TH</b> BEFORE CURRICULUM NIGHT	5-5:30PM
<b>AUGUST 25TH</b>	9-11:30AM

**Check out  
our online Spirit  
Store!!**

<b>AUGUST 25TH</b> <small>DURING PRE-K FIRST DAY</small>	8-11:30AM
<b>SEPTEMBER 16TH</b>	1-3PM
<b>OCTOBER 16TH</b>	8-10AM
<b>NOVEMBER 13TH</b> <small>DURING PT CONFERENCES</small>	11AM-3PM
<b>DECEMBER 10TH</b>	1-3PM
<b>JANUARY 19</b>	8-10AM
<b>FEBRUARY 20TH</b>	1-3PM
<b>MARCH 19TH</b>	8-10AM
<b>APRIL 22ND</b>	1-3PM
<b>MAY 11TH</b>	8-10AM

The store is open year round and all orders ship within 1-2 days of placement!

**Shop Spirit Store**



**NEED ITEMS OUTSIDE OF THESE HOURS?**  
PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE AND COMPLETE THE UNIFORM CLOSET REQUEST FORM. VOLUNTEERS WILL PACK, LABEL, AND DELIVER ITEMS IN A BAG TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER TO BE BROUGHT HOME

## SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Make sure you're ready for the 25 - 26 school year and up-to-date on meeting the safe environments requirements.

All parent volunteers must have completed the Safe Environments Requirements. Please note: parents are not able to attend classroom parties or chaperone field trips without certification.

If you have been certified prior to 2020

- Access it through your **VIRTUS account**. Email **Laura Hickey** with questions.

If you have never been certified

- **Click here to register for a new account** and learn about training.

NOTE: Certification requires a copy of your driver's license and background check. For more information, check out our webpage.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBPAGE**

[School Website](#)

[Follow us on Instagram](#)

**WE EXIST TO OFFER A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND EQUIP LEADERS TO TRANSFORM THE CULTURE.**

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