



CRUSADER CONNECTION

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL
MISS ERVIN



Hello Parents!

Blessed Advent! What a beautiful concert this past Thursday! It was wonderful to see so many of our families!! Thank you for sharing your children with us. They are the JOY in every day and teach us so much about the awe and wonder of this sacred season. I am grateful too for the gift of our amazing staff and teachers who always inspire, encourage and care for our students. God is good!

Just one reminder for the week:

1. **Advent Retreat, Friday, December 19th:**

- Starts with 8:00am All School Mass at church
- Students should only bring water bottles
- Snacks and Pizza lunch will be provided
- Dismissal: at church starting at 3:00pm from the gym

Thank you to all those who gave donations for families at Holy Trinity Parish in Detroit. I know your generosity helps others experience the love of Jesus in a tangible way while providing for their needs. We are blessed!!

We are halfway through the Advent and I hope all are enjoying the season. This 3rd Sunday of Advent, may we all rejoice in anticipation of the Lord's coming! He is near!

In the Heart of Mary,

UPCOMING DATES

DECEMBER

- 19 All School Mass, Advent Retreat, **Theme Day: Red and Green**
20 - Jan 4 No School, Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 5 First Day back from Christmas Break
5 - 6 Pre-K Conferences, no school for Pre-K students only
9 End of 2nd Quarter, **Spirit Dress Down Day**
12 Middle of the year Star Testing begins
14 Open Enrollment for Current Families
16 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
19 No School, M.L.K Day, Prof. Development Day
23 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
24 - 31 Catholic Schools Week
28 All School Mass, Bishop Monforton will be with us
31 Winterfest
31 Open House - 10:00-12:00 School and Pre-K



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.



ALL SCHOOL MASS 25 - 26

MASS DATE

FEAST DAY AND CELEBRATION

10/29/25 NEW Date	All Saints Festival after Mass (date changed from Oct. 31)
11/19/25	October Virtue Victors and Solanus Casey Relics
12/8/25 Mass at 9:30am	Immaculate Conception, students will be bused from and to school
12/19/25	Christmas Retreat, November Virtue Victors
1/28/25	Catholic School's Week: Bishop Monforton, December Virtue Victors
2/18/25 Mass at 9:30am	Ash Wednesday, students will be bused from and to school
3/11/26	February Virtue Victors
3/30/26	Lenten Retreat
4/22/26	March Virtue Victors
4/29/26 NEW Date	May Crowning (date changed from May 1)
5/13/26	Streamer Day and April Virtue Victors
6/3/26	Last Day, May Virtue Victors, Field Day



IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOLLOW THE STAR

ADVENT RETREAT, DEC. 19TH

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

- All School Mass at 8:00am
- A Living Nativity Play

LOGISTICS FOR THE DAY

- Drop off and pick-up at Church.
- Students can bring water bottles.

- A Living Nativity Play
- Community Service Project
- Grade Level Adoration
- Pizza Lunch and snacks provided
- Pick-up in Gym at 3:00 - 3:10pm

- No need for backpacks.
- Volunteers and guests sign in at the walking track.
- Pre-K: see information from Pre-K team



Parent volunteers needed! Make sure your Protecting God's Children requirements are up to date.

Sign up [HERE](#)



**OLGC OPEN HOUSE
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, January 31, 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm**

**Both Pre-K and Main Campus
will be welcoming guests!**

RSVP for Pre-K Open House

**RSVP for Main Campus Open
House**

Tuition Assistance 2026 - 2027 School Year

Re-Enrollment will begin in January. As such, the AOD Tuition Assistance Application opens on Monday, December 15th. All AOD scholarship information will be uploaded on the new website below. **This website has changed since last year and has been updated with the 2026-2027 Information.** See the link below.



TUITION ASSISTANCE

A Catholic education requires considerable sacrifice and gives families an opportunity to unleash the Gospel within families. Our goal is to ensure that any family seeking an excellent Catholic education for their children can have one. To that end financial assistance is offered to families through two programs:

1. Archdiocese of Detroit Tuition Assistance Program
2. OLGC's Catholic Education Fund (formerly the Vollbrecht Scholarship Fund)

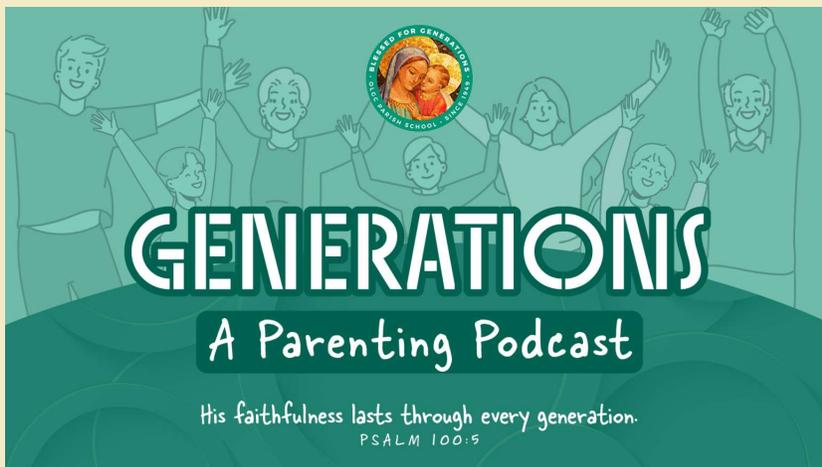
ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT TUITION ASSISTANCE:

- Application Opens: December 15, 2025
- Application Closes February 27, 2026
- Apply Online
- Requires an application fee

OLGC CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

- Fill out the AOD's Tuition assistance application first
- Apply online for OLGC Scholarship through our financial assistance webpage
- Application Window: February 2 - March 13, 2026
- Tuition assistance through the OLGC Scholarship Fund will be considered on a financial need basis.

AOD Tuition Assistance



This month Mrs. Fitch and Mrs. Lesnau discuss the emotional roller coaster of development!

[Listen Now](#)

HOT LUNCH

Order Window Open
Dec. 5 - 15th

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

[Volunteer in
Lunchroom](#)

CLASSROOM FEATURES

3rd Grade

Our 3rd Graders are in independent reading groups discussing their books!

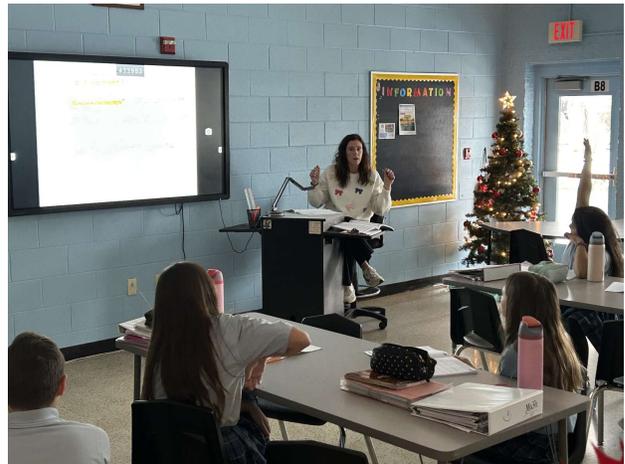
Thank you, Ms. Croskey!



6th grade

Our 6th graders are learning about integers and absolute values.

Thank you, Mrs. Tarchala!



CYO

All our games are away this week!!
Home games coming soon!!

COMMUNITY

**Congratulations to our Robotics Team who placed
15th in their first ever Robotics competition!!
Way to go, Cruaders!!**

- Overall Stats: We tied for 15th out of 32 teams (in the robot run portion); our robot was coded to have a max possible score of 230 and we achieved 210 twice
- We completed 4 robot runs (6 missions per run), presented our innovation project and robot design to the judges.
- The innovation project/presentation received feedback from judges and the boys emphasizing how well they worked together-which was a major component of this program.



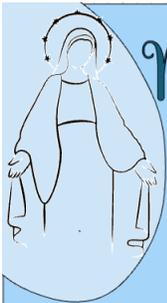
**OLGC School Community Events
2025/2026**

TRUNK-OR-TREAT	OCTOBER 17TH
FALL JR. HIGH NIGHT	OCTOBER 17TH
SKATE NIGHT	OCTOBER 27TH
FALL BASH	NOVEMBER 7TH
PISTONS FAMILY NIGHT	DECEMBER 5TH
CHRISTMAS CAROL ART FAIR	DECEMBER 6TH
WINTERFEST	JANUARY 31ST
DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE	FEBRUARY 28TH
SKATE NIGHT	MARCH 2ND

TRIVIA
SPRING JR. HIGH NIGHT
STAFF VS 8TH GRADE BASKETBALL
MOTHER & SON EVENT

MARCH 28TH
APRIL 17TH
APRIL 24TH
MAY 9TH

Save The Date



Mom's/Women's Rosary

Thursdays
8:00am-8:45am
in the Parish House

Don't know how to pray the rosary?
-We can teach you!
Don't have a rosary?
-We will have extra!

"For where two or three are
gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of
them" Matthew 18:20



Christmas Carol Art Fair

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School

December 5th
through
January 14th

Located in the lower level hallway outside of the social hall



NEW SCHOOL YEAR
NEW OLGC SWAG

A massive thank you to all of the families who have ordered from our spirit stores! Thanks to your



Updates to our spirit store for the 2025/2026 school year

All products ship in 1-2 days of order placement, no more waiting weeks for your gear to arrive
New "Plymouth Crusaders" logo
New "Home of the Crusaders" logo

Check it out!

<https://bsnteamssports.com/shop/2dKTNcHuqf?scrlybrkr=da1d7270>

**Purchase Items
Here**

incredible support and school pride, we've earned enough to give a generous gift to every single member of our dedicated school staff!

**THANK
YOU!**

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBPAGE



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

Light meal at 5:30 pm, training begins promptly at 6 pm until 9 pm

Questions? Email hickeyl@olgcp parish.net

[School Website](#)

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