



CRUSADER CONNECTION

WELCOME BACK!!

We look forward to seeing these smiling faces soon!



FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL
MISS ERVIN



Dear Parents!

August Blessings!! It's that time of year again...Back-to-School!!! Although some

of us may be more excited than others, I am overjoyed and look forward to seeing everyone again. It's way too quiet in the hallways and I know it's going to be another amazing year!!

As we ease back into the school year, you'll notice a more complete calendar of events for the year in the upcoming dates section. We will also be highlighting the major events on a google calendar which you will be able to sync with soon. Stay tuned for that. Of particular importance will be our Curriculum Nights...

- 6 - 8th grade parents: August 13th 6 - 8pm in the Commons
- Y5 and Kindergarten: August 18th, 9 - 10am at Meet the Teacher
- 1st - 5th grade parents: August 20th, 5:30 - 7:30pm

The admin team has been busy all summer hiring for our open positions. You'll want to take note of our Staff Update section to meet our new staff members before you see them at the back-to-school events. I'm always excited to welcome new members to our amazing OLG team and family. God is good!!

I'll have more information for you next week, but know you all remain in my prayers. May Jesus fill your homes with peace as we begin the transition back to school. God is good!!

In the Heart of Mary,
Karen

UPCOMING DATES

August

- 11 Teachers Return for Professional Development
- 13 6 - 8th Grade Curriculum Night 6 - 8:00pm in Commons
- 15 Crusader Kick-Off at Church, 12 - 2pm
- 18 Meet Teacher

- 9-10am Kinder Round-Up (for parents and students)
- 10-10:30am A - L

- 10:30-11am M - Z
- 10:30 - 11:30am: Pre-K

- 19 First Day for Y5 - 8th grade: ½ Day, 8:00 - 11:10am
- 20 1st - 5th Curriculum Night: 5:30 - 7:30pm in Main Campus
- 25 Pre-K 1st day, 1/2 days until Tuesday, September 2nd when full days start

September

- 2 Full Days start for Pre-K
- 8 All School Mass at 8:00am at the Church
- 17 Picture Day (Jostens)
- 24 Parent Leadership Team Meeting, at church 6 - 8pm
- 29 Prof. Dev. Day, No School



Parent Calendar 25 - 26.pdf



Crusader Kick-Off
Friday, August 15th
12:00 - 2:00pm

Mass for the Assumption (12pm in main church)
Slip-n-Slide (soccer field)
Sweet Treat (Kona Ice Truck)

Bring a lawn chair and a towel for after Mass and join the staff in kicking our year off right. Let's pray and play our way into the new school year!

Note: please make sure students are dressed appropriately for Mass. Swimsuits must be worn under other clothes.



Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School

NEW Uniform Options Available through Schoolbelles!

All of the new items you've loved from the



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

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SCHOOL CODE: S0510

Staff Updates

Office Manager: Sylvia Brewer

We excited to welcome Mrs. Brewer as she joins the OLGC family after working for over 20 years in the corporate world mainly in Human Resources. She is now eager to use her gifts for ministry as our office manager and is excited to meet all of the staff and families. Mrs. Brewer has been shadowing Mrs. Falzon throughout the month of July and is eager for the school year to start. Welcome, Mrs. Brewer!!

Spanish Teacher: Katherine Marteney

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Marteney to the team as our Spanish teacher. She comes to us with 8 years of experience at St. John Lutheran School in Rochester. Mrs. Marteney also has three children and we will be welcoming, 1st grader, Eleanor, and 3rd grader, Evelyn, to the Crusader family this year with hopes for her 2 year old to join us in the future. Welcome, Mrs. Marteney!

Special Education Teacher: Jamesena Ingram

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Ingram to our team. Mrs. Ingram is a former Crusader parent and is excited to come back to her home parish to share her experience and gifts with us. These past 28 years, she has worked in special education in private and public schools, most recently leading the department at Divine Child High School. She is excited to meet all of our students and families. Welcome, Mrs. Ingram!!

Young 5's and Kindergarten Assistant: Moya Vaughan

We are excited to announce that Berkley Shared Time is partnering with us to offer assistance to our Y5's and Kindergarten program. Mrs. Vaughan will be remaining

as a part of the team but will be focusing her energy in the Y5/Kindergarten classrooms as a teacher assistant. We are delighted she will be with us every day and grateful to God for the many ways He provides for our needs. Welcome back, Mrs. Vaughan!

Pre-K 3 and 4 Teacher Assistant: Elise Feola

We are excited to welcome to our Pre-K team, Elise Feola. Miss Feola has been working with us in our latchkey program this past year and is a recent graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville. Miss Feola will be working with our Pre-K 3 and 4 students with Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Savastano-Quigley. She will also be helping out to teach catechism in our CGS Atriums.

Gym Teacher Update

Katie Lehnis will be undergoing hip surgery before school returns and so we will be welcoming Ceasar Mickens as her long-term sub until Mrs. Lehnis is ready to return. Mr. Mickens has subbed for us many times and we are excited to have him with us to begin our school year. Please keep Mrs. Lehnis in your prayers as she takes time to heal. We will certainly miss her as we begin our year but are happy to have a familiar face for our students.

We are still in the hiring process for a lunchroom supervisor and music teacher. Please keep these positions in prayer!

Back To School

Classroom Supply Lists

As you plan for the 2025 - 2026 School Year, check out the classroom supply lists.

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LISTS

Latchkey Registration

Our Latchkey Program is designed for our Main Campus students aged 5 years old to 6th grade. After you register, more information will be sent to you.

Register for Latchkey

Summer Homework

Check out Grade Level Summer Reading Lists

 Summer Homework (2).pdf

 Summer Reading Tic Tac Toe choice board.pdf

Other helpful homework links

- Choose a developmentally appropriate book
- Order Academic Workbooks
- Order math flash cards to add/subtract
- Order math flash cards to multiply/divide

Activities for the Whole Family

 Activities for the family .pdf



ChildCare

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**OPEN
HOUSE**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 • 11AM - 2PM

All are welcome to visit our Child Care rooms to see what we do, how you can help, and how to sign up your kids. Come chat with a volunteer and grab some snacks too!

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 Environments Certification

Who Needs to be Certified

- **Anyone who works in a parish/school:** priests, administrators, teachers, coaches, catechists, lunchroom/recess monitors, assistants, after-school club moderators, etc
- **Anyone who volunteers in a parish/school:** room parents, chaperones for field trips, volunteers in the classroom or attends classroom events

Steps to Be Certified

1. Background Check
 - Complete authorization form (return to child's school)
 - Copy of driver's license (submit with authorization form)
 - May take 5 business days to complete
2. Protecting God's Children Workshop
 - Go to www.virtusonline.org
 - Register for a course
 - Complete the course
 - May take 10 business days to update your child's school after course is taken



**NOTE: Safe Environments recertification must be done every three years.
See olgcp parish.net/safe-environments**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WEBPAGE

School Website

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