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## CRUSADER CONNECTION

**WE'RE BACK!**  
**So great to see everyone!!**



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



Dear Parents!

Blessings and peace! What a remarkable first week of school! It's been good to be back in the routine and hear the joy of our students echoing through the hallways.

Thank you for the many ways you helped the week go so smoothly with the behind the scenes preparation of your children. We could see it and are grateful!

Couple things to note from this week:

- **Parent Leadership Team:** We have some new faces on our parent leadership team. You can learn more who's on the team below. We're looking forward to another amazing year of community.
- **Used Uniforms:** if you have uniforms which you'd like to donate to the uniform closet, please drop them off at the main office. Thank you in advance!
- **Safe Environments:** remember to make sure you have completed your safe environments certification. Parents have to meet requirements to participate in field trips, volunteering and in-school events. More information is below.
- **STAR Test:** The testing window begins on Wednesday, August 27th and goes until September 11th. More information is below,

Have a wonderful weekend! May Jesus make His presence known!!

In the Heart of Mary,  
Karen

## UPCOMING DATES

### August

- 25 Pre-K 1st day, 1/2 days until Tuesday, Sept. 2nd
- 27 STAR Testing Begins
- 29 - Sept. 1 Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL

### September

- 2 Full Days start for Pre-K
- 5 **THEME DAY: Detroit Lions or Blue Day**
- 8 All School Mass at 8:00am at the Church
- 12 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 17 Picture Day (Jostens)
- 19 **Spirit Dress Down Day**

- 24 Parent Leadership Team Meeting, at church 6 - 8pm
- 26 **Spirit Dress Down Day**
- 29 Prof. Dev. Day, No School



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.



## **SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**Please remember...ALL parents must be certified to chaperone a field trip, volunteer in the school or attend classroom parties.**

**Make sure you're up-to-date!! THANK YOU!!**

## **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](http://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](http://olgcp parish.net/safe-environments)**

## STAR TEST BEGINS

STAR testing begins next week. Students will be tested in Math and ELA in homerooms. Teachers use test results to guide instruction in students strength and weaknesses. Score Reports for parents should be available in early October.

**5th - 8th Grade:** August 27 - September 4th

**1st - 4th Grade:** September 2 - September 11th

## ROOM PARENTS

We're looking for room parents for the 25 - 26 school year! These parents collaborate with homeroom teachers and help coordinate classroom events/parties. Sign up below if you're interested in helping out. Just a reminder, room parents must be safe environment certified. Looking forward to an amazing year of classroom activities!

**Room Parent Sign-Up**

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**



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



**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

## Check out our online Spirit Store!!

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

**Shop Spirit Store**

## HOT LUNCH

September Order Window Open Until  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

**Order Hot Lunch**

**Volunteer in Lunchroom**

## **STAFF UPDATE**

### **Music Teacher, Jeff Mom**

We are excited to announce that Jeff Mom has joined the team as our new music teacher. Mr. Mom has just finished his music education degree with Grand Valley State University. Throughout his coursework, he has spent time in both the elementary and secondary classrooms and is eager to share his love for music with our students. Welcome to OLG, Mr. Mom!

### **Admissions, Dayna Pina**

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Dayna Pina in her role as our Admissions Director. While Mrs. Pina will not be working with us, she will still be sharing her gifts as a mom in the community. Thank you Mrs. Pina for welcoming so many students and families into our community!! We will be posting the position soon.

### **CGS Teacher Posting**

We are posting for a CGS teacher to fill Mrs. Gaylord's position. If you know of any Level I Catechists send them our way!!

## **PARENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**MEET THE NEW PLT FOR THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR**





### **Liz Burr - President Co-Chair**

I'm the proud mom of two boys—Charlie (5th grade) and Bennett (2nd grade)—and our family has been part of the OLGC community for over six years. My husband RJ and I feel incredibly grateful to be raising our children in such a faith-filled, supportive environment. We love this community deeply and are committed to helping it continue to grow in connection. My hope for our school is that every family feels seen, supported, and invited into the beautiful mission of OLGC.

### **Donna Pompa - President Co-Chair**

My daughter Mariana is in the fourth grade and has been at Our Lady of Good Counsel School since kindergarten. My husband Rob is a physician and I am an intensive care nurse, now a stay at home mom. We live in Northville and love being active parishioners at OLGC. I joined PLT because I wanted to be involved in a meaningful way and an engaged participant in my daughter's school experience. I enjoy serving and being a part of our school community. My desires for our school are that we develop Strengthened partnerships among students, parents, faculty and priests. By working together as a community we can ensure our school continues to thrive in Catholic faith and academic excellence. Parents play a vital role in this journey, bringing valuable ideas and teamwork.

### **Rick Goff - Vice-President**

My wife, Sarah, and I have five children: Charlie (4th grade), Clare (3rd grade), Connor (K), Liam (Pre-k 3), and Lauren (2 years old). I am a CPA working for UHY and Sarah is a RN but is currently dedicating her full time to raising our kids. I wanted to continue my

involvement in our school and support the faculty along with the rest of the PLT. I believe it is more important than ever that our children receive an authentically Catholic education where they can grow into a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus. I pray that God continues to bless our school so that we can raise saints who in turn can share the Gospel with others. I also pray that we become stronger as a community as we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, and in the process, we support our faculty and fellow parents throughout the year.

### **Araceli Peters - Secretary**

I live in Plymouth with my husband, Paul, and our five kids, Paul(Senior), Amina(Junior), Michael(Young 5s), Isaac(Pre-K 3) and Maria(1yr old). My husband is the Director of Facilities at FGR and I work part-time as the Childcare Coordinator at our parish. The school has been a great blessing to our family over the past six years. This will be my 5th year serving on the PLT. I love being able to do my part to give back and inspire future leaders in our school. It is an honor to serve both the parish and school. Although our school has been through many changes over the past few years, I believe that we are on the right path to making it the best for our community. I am confident that with the involvement of our parents, and our leadership, the school will continue to provide a Life Changing Encounter with Jesus to our families.

### **Joe Buehler - Treasurer**

Hi, my name is Joe Buehler. My wife, Kaelyn, and I are blessed with four boys who are current and future Crusaders: Tripp (2nd grade), Henry (Kindergarten), George (Pre-3), and Archie (1 month old). I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, surrounded by a big, loving (and loud!) family, with two siblings and over 30 cousins. I'm incredibly grateful to my parents, who sacrificed and prioritized my Catholic education from K-12 at St. Susanna and Moeller High School (also Crusaders!). Those years were truly invaluable to both my faith and academic formation. I feel a deep connection to OLGC, not only because of our four boys, but also because Kaelyn and her sister, Olivia Hedges (Switala), once walked these very same OLGC halls. In 2016, after living abroad in Zurich, Switzerland, Kaelyn and I put down roots in Plymouth. We purchased a home on Auburn Street just a few blocks from the school and joined the parish shortly after. Through prayer and discernment, I've spent much time reflecting on how I might better offer my time and talents to OLGC. I feel a strong calling to join the PLT. I look forward to the year ahead, to share my experiences, to be a beacon of a growing community, and to support the mission of faith and academic formation of our bold young leaders.

### **Jennifer Busser - Fundraising Chair**

This is my third year on PLT as Fundraising chair. My son, Bobby, is in 5th grade this year. I

joined PLT because I wanted to give back to the school community that has done so much to support my son. My desire for the school this year is to create more engagement with families. We all have special gifts that can help make this community stronger!

### **Alyse Tollison - Hospitality**

Hi, my name is Alyse Tollison, and I'm excited to be part of the PLT this year. My husband Kyle and I have two boys—Joey in 5th grade and Henry in 1st grade—and we truly enjoy being a part of this wonderful school. I also have the privilege of working as a substitute teacher at OLGC, which gives me the opportunity to see firsthand the amazing things happening in the classrooms every day. I joined as the hospitality chair because I love helping others feel welcome and connected. Whether it's supporting staff or organizing events, I believe small gestures of kindness can have a big impact and create a strong sense of community. One of my goals this year is to find fun and creative ways to make our teachers/staff feel appreciated and acknowledge all their hard work and dedication.

### **Courtney Greenup - Events**

Hi! My name is Courtney Greenup, and I am a proud mom of two boys who attend Our Lady of Good Counsel. I absolutely love being a part of this incredible school community and doing what I can to help it grow. I joined the Parent Leadership Team because I truly enjoy being involved in school life and sharing my time and talents to make a difference. Supporting the students, families, and staff at OLGC is something I'm passionate about, and I'm always looking for ways to make our school even better. I'm especially excited to help bring more fun and meaningful events and opportunities for your children to get involved in and to strengthen the sense of community and faith we all share. Looking forward to a great year ahead!



#### **Young 5's**

Starting off the year right with independent reading time.  
*Thank you, Mrs. Francus!*



#### **6 - 8th Grade**

Team building has begun with our 6-8th graders. We're looking forward to an exciting year of their leadership.  
*Thank you, 6-8th grade team!*





## COMMUNITY

# SAVE THE DATE

## Parent Night

Wednesday, September 24  
6:00 - 8:00pm

Vision Cast  
Accreditation Update  
Parent Leadership Team Update





# *Coach Wanted!*

OLGC  
Volleyball



We are looking for a Coach for the girls  
7th and 8th grade varsity volleyball team!

7th and 8th grade varsity volleyball team!

Season Length: August 11<sup>th</sup> through mid-October

Practice schedule: Two days a week of your choosing

Game Schedule: Typically twice a week

If interested, please reach out to Sarah Francus  
francuss@olgcp parish.net

All Coach's must complete a Protecting God's Children course and a  
successful background check



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We'd love to welcome your K-12 daughter to our troop this year!  
Examples of past activities include campouts, overnights at  
area museums like the Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Center,  
the Pinewood Derby and a mother/daughter tea.

Come gain new skills, grow in faith, serve your  
community and build lasting friendships!

For more information,  
please contact Laura Hickey:

**ahgmi0312@gmail.com**

404-502-5722



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- \* *Cocktails* 6:00 PM
- \* *Dinner* 7:00 PM
- \* SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

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KINDLY REGISTER AT [BELOVEREVOLUTION.COM/FUNDRAISER](https://beolverevolution.com/fundraiser).

## 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

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