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# THE WEEKENDER

A Newsletter for OLG School Families and Faculty  
Official OLG School Website: [www.olgschool.net](http://www.olgschool.net)

November 16, 2007

Dear OLG Parents and Students,

We want to thank you so much for the outpouring of love and prayers for John and our family. We are very touched by your generous donations. Many of you shared your stories and experiences which really has buoyed our spirits. We keep you all close in our hearts and your love has truly strengthened us as we walk through this time. John is recovering- it is a slow process- he is doing amazingly well. We will continue to update our Caringbridge page. If you wish to follow his progress, the site is [www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnskinner](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/johnskinner). Thank you so much. We are blessed to be a part of such a wonderful, Jesus-centered community. Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving.

Love,

Mrs. Deb Skinner

## **PROPOSED SCHOOL BOARD CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

The School Board has voted on a provisional change to the School Board Constitution and By-laws. The final vote will be taken at the December meeting. The revised Constitution and By-laws are available in the school office or on the website, [www.olgschool.net](http://www.olgschool.net). If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Clare Sercombe, Chair, Policy Committee, School Board at 952-996-9473 or [sercombe@gmail.com](mailto:sercombe@gmail.com).

## **BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR**

It's Barnes & Noble Bookfair time! Come to B&N at the Galleria for our annual bookfair on Thursday, November 29th from 9am-11pm. It's a great way to get a jump on holiday shopping and support our school at the same time. B&N will donate a percentage of all sales from that day directly to our school library. All books, music, games and more are included. Vouchers may be found at all registers the day of the bookfair and must be used in order for OLG to receive credit for purchases made. If you are unable to stop in the store on Nov. 29th, you may phone in your order and mention OLG is to receive credit. Bring the family out to see Santa and hear the OLG Choir sing. Thanks for supporting our library and happy shopping! Questions? Contact [aclancy@comcast.net](mailto:aclancy@comcast.net) or [klgresham@comcast.net](mailto:klgresham@comcast.net).

## **EMERGENCY PHONE TREE DRILL IN LATE NOVEMBER**

There will be an Emergency Phone Tree drill the week of November 26. The Caller will call your Emergency Phone Tree contact list until they reach a person. If they do not reach a live person, they will leave a message on Contact 1's voicemail stating that today we had a test run. This is a test run to make sure that every family is contacted. At registration, we made all of the updates for this year's phone tree list. We are conducting a practice run to ensure everyone is contacted so that we know we are truly prepared in case of a real emergency. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Allen at 612-202-7776 or Candy Link at 952-474-0212.

## **2ND GRADE FAMILIES PARENT-CHILD MEETING FOR RECONCILIATION**

Second Grade parents, please remember to attend one of two sessions with your second grader on Wednesday, November 28th. Meeting times are 4:30 and 6:30 pm and will begin in the Church. This is a parent-child preparation session for reconciliation that will include time for parents and children to be together as well as activities that the children will be doing while the parents are receiving information about celebration of these sacraments. If you have questions please contact Regina Neville in the Faith Formation office at (952) 929-3317, ext. 162 or [reginaneville@olgparish.org](mailto:reginaneville@olgparish.org) <<mailto:reginaneville@olgparish.org>

## **CALLING ALL WRITERS!!!**

Do you like to have a story idea or noteworthy news? If you do, please submit it to the Grace Gazette for publication! Drop it off in the GRACE GAZETTE box on Mrs. Nilsen's desk or email your article to the Grace Gazette at [regerkw@aol.com](mailto:regerkw@aol.com). The deadline for the first edition is Wednesday, November 28th.

## **REQUEST FOR VIDEO**

There has been a wonderful turnout for Dr. Kahn's monthly lectures. Apparently there has been some interest for parents who cannot make the time slot of 8:45 to possibly have the lecture taped and put copies in the library for future use. If there is anyone who attends the lectures on a regular basis that could tape the sessions, we would sincerely appreciate your help. Please contact Katie Mork at [kamork@comcast.net](mailto:kamork@comcast.net).

## **REQUEST FOR ART SUPPLIES**

The Art Department is in need of gift wrap to use for upcoming origami projects. If you have any donations, please leave them in the art room or the office. Thank you very much!

## **WANTED: Playground Volunteers**

The playground is in need of an additional parent volunteer on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. Please contact Anne Stedman if you can help.  
[Astedman01@msn.com](mailto:Astedman01@msn.com)  
952-920-5703

**DEER HEARTS NEEDED!**

This year the 7th and 8th graders will be dissecting deer hearts again. If you deer hunt, or know someone that does, please save the heart. You can drop the heart(s) in my room anytime. Please freeze the heart until you bring it in. If you have any questions please e-mail me at [rikkibush@olgschool.net](mailto:rikkibush@olgschool.net)

**OUR LADY OF GRACE EXTENDED CARE PROGRAM ANNOUNCES THE CHRISTMAS BREAK RELEASE DAY PROGRAMMING**

Date Due By:December 14th

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we will be offering Full Day Care ( 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) on the following dates

Wednesday	December 26,2007	Roller Gardens (* indoor skating and roller blades)
Thursday	December 27, 2007	Playworks * indoor playing fun!
Friday	December 28, 2007	MN Center for Book Arts book exploring
Wednesday	January 2, 2008	Cinema Grill *movie and pizza
Thursday	January 3, 2008	Chaska Community Ctr.*Swimming Fun!
Friday	January 4, 2008	MN Zoo for Animal Fun and Adventures

Please return this sheet along with the parental release form and payment. The cost of the program is \$ 36.00 per child per day.

Names:

_____	#Days _____
_____	# Days _____
_____	# Days _____

\*\*\*\* Make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace

\*\*\*\* Remember to send a packed Lunch for your child!  
If you should have any questions, please let me know.

Sharon Hierlmaier  
Extended Care Director  
Our Lady of Grace Catholic School  
612-240-3514  
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Our Lady of Grace Extended Care  
Parental/ Guardian Consent Form and Indemnity Agreement

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Initial the dates that applies to your son/ daughter:**

___ Wednesday	December 26, 2007	Indoor skating and Roller Blading @ Roller Gardens
___ Thursday	December 27, 2007	Indoor climbing fun and exploring @ Playworks
___ Friday	December 28, 2007	Cinema Grill * Movie and Pizza
___ Wednesday	January 2, 2008	Brunswick Zone* Bowling & Lazer
___ Thursday	January 3, 2008	Chaska Community Ctr.*
___ Friday	January 4, 2008	Animal Fun at the MN Zoo

**Individual(s) in Charge:**

**Mrs. Sharon Hierlmaier/ Staff**

**Estimated time of departure and return: 12:00 - 4:00**

**Mode of transportation to and from event: School Bus**

**Student cost: \$ 36.00 per student per day**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or guardian's name Child's Name

to participate in the above named activity and I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/ school and the Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis from any claims or law suits brought against the parish/ school/ Archdiocese of St. Paul/ Minneapolis by myself, my child or others, that arise out of any behavior by my child at the event/ activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expense incurred by the parish/ school and Archdiocese in defense of such a claim/ law suit.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT:** In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone Number)

Medication my child is taking at present: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Health Plan Carrier Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

As parent or guardian, I agree to all of the above stated considerations and conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
( Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

### SNOW IS IN THE AIR! WELL, ALMOST!

Winter is inevitable, so why not enjoy it?

Sign up for Snowbusters 2008 and have fun downhill skiing or snowboarding with your friends from OLG. Whether you are a beginner or an “old pro,” you can learn new skills and have some fun!

Skiing and snowboarding lessons are available on Mondays and Wednesdays. An activity bus is available to transport students from OLG to Hyland Ski & Snowboard Area.

- \* Snowbusters is for OLG students in grades 3-8.
- \* Sign-up early as the lessons and bus fill-up fast.
- \* Contact Hyland Hills directly for programs for younger students.
- \* 763-694-7800

Complete the attached registration form and return it to school by Friday, December 14th.

### SNOWBUSTERS 2008

How do I register? Look for the registration form attached to the weekender, or pick one up in the office. Fill it out and return it to school with your payment no later than December 14<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation letters will be sent home after Christmas Break.

Can I sign up for both Mondays AND Wednesdays? Yes. However, Snowbusters is offered as a package – so substitutions, make-up, and refunds will not be available

Do I have to sign up for lessons? What if I have a season pass? No, you can just get a lift ticket if you don't want the lessons. If you have a season pass, just deduct the lift ticket expense from the form.

What if conditions are questionable? Too Warm? Too Cold? No Snow? Hyland should be able to make snow even if it's warm outside. The hill only closes if it is 30 below zero or if the wind chill is 40 below zero. As long as Hyland is open, Snowbusters is on. Instructors are very good about taking hot chocolate breaks on frigid nights.

I'm riding the Snowbusters bus and have my own equipment. Where do I store it? Equipment can be stored during the school day across from the gym. Do not bring your equipment on the morning school bus. It needs to be dropped off at school or parents can bring it to Hyland.

How do I get to Hyland? Ride the Snowbusters bus or arrange your own ride there. As soon as class is dismissed, Snowbusters bus riders should retrieve their gear from its' location by the gym and carry it out the doors across from the gym to be dropped off at the van that will transport it to Hylands. Then immediately board the bus parked near the front church doors.

Where do I check in? Students riding the Snowbusters bus will receive their lift tickets as they board or on the bus. Students who get a ride to Hyland should check in at the OLG table inside the chalet for their lift ticket. Rental forms for both groups are also available at the OLG table in the chalet.

What time do lessons begin/end? Lessons begin promptly at 5:00pm and end at 6:30pm. Parents/Guardians are responsible for meeting their children as soon as the lessons are over. Lift tickets are good for the entire evening so students can continue skiing/snowboarding after lessons with adult supervision.

Are there chaperones? Yes, there will be parent volunteers in the chalet and on the hills. However, Hyland is a busy public place and students are on their own much of the time, when not in lessons. Remember that students will be dropped at Hyland over an hour before their lessons will begin. You are welcome to be there to watch your child if they are a new or young skier/boarder.

Questions? Contact Kathleen Lomauro 612.644.9037 or  
[lomauros@comcast.net](mailto:lomauros@comcast.net)  
or Karen Lanz 612.306.9677

## **LOST & FOUND**

Please check the Lost and Found items located on the main floor by the elevator for your child's missing things. There are many sweatshirts and other outdoor clothing without names, so please come in and claim them.

## **OLG MOMS RUNNING CLUB**

Hey OLG Moms,

Have you been thinking about beginning a running program but don't know where to start? Or do you love running and have years of experience, but would love a group to run with? We invite you to join the OLG Moms Running Club! Running has been clinically proven to reduce stress, boost energy levels and strengthen (not weaken, as you may have falsely heard) joints and ligaments. Harvard Medical School also recently released a study stating aerobic exercise actually generates brain cells and makes us smarter. Take some time for yourself and join us Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:45 at Gear Running Store, 4406 France Avenue South, 952-926-2604. It does not matter if you've never run before; we welcome beginners and look forward to spreading our love of running to you. After our runs, we will hit Caribou next door for some coffee and well earned treats. For those who feel ambitious, we would like to set a goal of running The Winter Waddle 5k race, December 28th at 7 pm, around Lake Calhoun. After the race, area restaurants and Whole Foods will be sponsoring deals and specials for the runners and spectators, and it is always a very fun evening. Bring your friends! We call it the OLG Moms running club, but all are welcome. If you are interested, shoot us a note and we'll give you any details you need.

Thank you,

Katie McCollow - [Katie.Mccollow@mac.com](mailto:Katie.Mccollow@mac.com)    Jeanie Murphy - [jeanievmurphy@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanievmurphy@yahoo.com)

## **9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB DINNER DANCE**

Please mark your calendars for the 9th Annual Men's Club Dinner Dance. This event will take place Saturday, February 2nd at Interlachen Country Club. For volunteer opportunities and/or auction items for donation, please contact Amy Flanagan at 952-922-1055 or [amyflanagan@comcast.net](mailto:amyflanagan@comcast.net).

## **OLG MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE PREORDERS:**

It's almost that time of year again for the OLG Men's Club to open their annual Christmas Tree lot. Once again, the Men's Club will be selling award winning trees, garland and wreaths at great prices. Get a head start by completing the Christmas Tree Pre-Order form included below. All proceeds raised are used to maintain the OLG Athletic Fields. The Christmas Tree Classic is sponsored by the OLG Men's Club. If you would like to volunteer to help us at the tree lot this year, please complete the volunteer request form at: [www.olgmensclub.org](http://www.olgmensclub.org).

## **UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS**

You can designate your United Way contributions to Our Lady of Grace School. All you need to do is write the name and address of our school on your pledge card or attach a separate piece of paper. Please think of us when you are selecting your United Way designated recipient. We appreciate the donations that Our Lady of Grace School has received from the United Way.

## **OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**

### **SHARE A LIFE**

Would you consider sharing your home with a cultural exchange student? We hope to place 35 university students from Niigata Women's College in Japan. This unique program introduces Japanese students to life in the United States by requiring classes and field trips in a university setting, while providing a home stay environment to enrich and extend the experience beyond the classroom.

Saint Paul Intercultural Institute [www.spii3.com](http://www.spii3.com) <<http://www.spii3.com/>>

A summary of the program:

- February 23rd-March 18th, 2008
- Students attend classes at Bethel University, Monday through Friday
- Students go on a group retreat one weekend
- A stipend of \$200 is paid to each host family
- There is a carpool/van to help with driving Contact: Lynnea West  
952.974.0918  
[lynnea.west@earthlink.net](mailto:lynnea.west@earthlink.net)

## **HAVE YOU HEARD? FREE FAMILY CENTER BOOK STUDY, "NO" BY DAVID WALSH**

Have you been wondering how and when to say “no” to your kids and make it stick? Have you been thinking of reading Dr. David Walsh’s latest book on this subject, but haven’t found the time or the incentive? Join Jean Breitenbucher, L.P. and Laurie Denn, M.A. in a two-part book study of *No: Why Kids’ of all Ages Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It* for an engaging overview and discussion of this helpful parenting book. First session is Dec 3 and second session is Jan 14, from 6:00-8:00 PM. The book study is FREE and childcare is available for a small fee with registration. Call 952-848-3949 or stop by the Family Center office to register. (Books available from the EFC office for \$12)

**EXCERPT FROM ORIGINAL THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION**

*“I...invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe...a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens. And I recommend to them that...they do also...commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.”*

Abraham Lincoln, 1863

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Nov.

<b>19-23</b>		Thanksgiving Vacation
<b>28</b>	<b>W</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade First Reconciliation Parent & Child
<b>29</b>	<b>TH</b>	Barnes and Noble Book Fair 9:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.

<b>Dec.</b>	<b>3,4,5</b>		Santas Secret Shop
	<b>5</b>	<b>W</b>	Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. Grades 6,7,8
	<b>7</b>	<b>F</b>	Mid Term Reports
	<b>11</b>	<b>T</b>	Christmas Concert Grades 3,4,5, 7:00 p.m. Church
	<b>11</b>	<b>T</b>	Reconciliation 10;a.m. Grades 3,4,5
	<b>12</b>	<b>W</b>	Spanish Mass 9:00 a.m. Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	<b>13</b>	<b>TH</b>	Christmas Concert Band/Middle School Choir Grades 4-8 7:00 p.m. Grace Room
	<b>18</b>	<b>T</b>	Christmas Concert K,1,&2 7:00 p.m. Church
	<b>19</b>	<b>W</b>	School Mass and Christmas Luncheon
	<b>21</b>	<b>F</b>	Christmas Vacation begins at close of day
<b>Jan.</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	School Resumes
	<b>18</b>	<b>F</b>	End of Quarter
	<b>19</b>	<b>S</b>	Catholic High Schools Testing
	<b>21</b>	<b>M</b>	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)
	<b>25</b>	<b>F</b>	Report Cards
	<b>26</b>	<b>S</b>	Benilde St. Margaret Testing
	<b>27-Feb. 2</b>		Catholic Schools Week "Light the Way"
	<b>30</b>	<b>W</b>	Whole Community Catechesis OLG Parish 6:00-7:30 p.m.
	<b>31</b>	<b>TH</b>	Grades 6,7 Vocal Music Concert 7:00 p.m. Gym

**\*Dr. Steve Kahn 651-426-4297\*Health Services 952-929-5463 Ext 116**

**\*Emergency Line 952-334-4185**

**\*Athletic Office 952-929-5463 Ex 157\*Attendance 952-929-5463 Ex 236**

**\*Extended Care 612-240-3514\***

**Our Lady of Grace School**

**2006-2007**

**5051 Eden Avenue, Edina, Minnesota 55436**

**Our Lady of Grace School  
Parent School Organization  
Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2007  
6:30 p.m. – School Library**

Amy Garrity called the meeting to order. Debbie Harper opened with a prayer.

**Board Members Present:** Amy Garrity, Amy Clancy, Debbie Harper, Sheila Folkestad, Kelly Kirsch, Heather Rocheford, Jen Williams, Amy Kolar, Shannon Hansen, Anne Stedman, Kim McIlwain, Lisa Dow, Kathleen Nevells, Molly Torrance, Amy Purmarlo, Lori Wagener, Lucia Copland, Pat Sharkey, Angela Graf, Mary Jo Cole, Elaine Nikrad

**Principal's Report:** Elaine Nikrad

Mrs. Nikrad talked about the Pilgrimage of the Rosary that was at the St. Paul Cathedral on Friday 10/5. It was very moving. The OLG choir sang. Archbishop Flynn presided along with a bishop from Ireland. OLG would like to participate again in the future.

**Marathon:** Kelly Kirsch & Anne Stedman

Marathon was a huge success this year despite the wet weather. The gross to date is almost \$89,000. There are still outstanding matching grants. The expenses are at \$ 2,300 with a few outstanding bills. The second track for bikes and scooters was very popular.

**Gift-wrap:** Amy Kolar

The gross sales to date are at \$16,600; OLG receives half of the gross. They are going to send out reminders closer to the holidays to hopefully boost sales. The on-line ordering went well; especially given it was the first year of the new process.

**Secretary's Report:** Sheila Folkestad

The minutes from the September 18, 2007 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Debbie Harper

The report presented is as of 9/30/07. The main items to date are Registration, Gift-wrap, and Marathon.

**Committee reports:**

Service Coordinators:

Rueben Lindh will happen before Thanksgiving. Each child will be asked to contribute one dollar and one food item. The money will cover the cost of the turkeys.

Library: Lucia Copland

There 102 volunteers for the Library this year. Some of the upper grades have only 2 volunteers instead of 3. Lucia is working with the volunteers to ensure that Mrs. Jackson has at least 2 volunteers for each class.

Art Masterpiece:

The program is off to a good start this year.

Bravo:

There is an option this year of Techno Bravo. This is a laptop and projector that is available for grades 1 - 4.

Playground: Anne Stedman

When the weather becomes colder, another volunteer will be requested to help with outdoor wear.

PCN: Amy Pumarlo & Lori Wagener

The first talk was successful. The next talk is Roxanne Lehman on Monday 11/5. She is speaking on Navigating the Turbulent Teen Years. It will be at Southview Auditorium. It was requested that people attending would fill out the form identifying which school they represent.

Emergency Phone Tree:

There will be a test of the phone tree this fall.

Boxtops for Education: Lisa Dow

The boxtops need to be postmarked as of 10/31. There will be another collection due the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. There are other options for gaining credit for OLG at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

Jr. Great Books: Mary Jo Cole

The program is going very well this year. Having Jr. Great Books in the fall instead of the winter is a good choice. The program has even more participants than last year.

Hospitality: Angela Graf

They are preparing for the Veteran's Day event which will be Friday 11/9 at 2 pm. They are also working on the Parish Staff luncheon on 12/10.

Health Liaison: Pat Sharkey

There will be vision screening on Thursday 11/8 and hearing screening on Friday 11/9. The makeup for both is Thursday 11/15. The volunteers are all organized to assist with the screenings.

Band Liaison: Mary Jo Cole

This is a new position for the PSO this year. The goal is to boost the strength of the band program overall. There was a meeting held with the band parents last week that went well. There is a beginning band for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. 4<sup>th</sup> graders were added to the program this year. The band will be performing at the Veteran's Day event on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November.

Barnes & Noble: Amy Clancy

There is a change in the percentage that OLG will receive this year. In prior years it has been 25% of sales. This year it will be 20%. The choir will perform.

Family Resource Net: Kim McIlwain

There have been five families or individuals that they have served already this year.

Sports Wrap: Jen Williams

The presentation is posted on the bulletin boards.

Community Service Coordinators: Beth Scott & Karen Doll

There are 69 middle school students who are participating in the Middle School Service club. They have had a couple of events already this year. The students are asked to complete 5 events in the fall and 5 events in the spring. Any event longer than 3 hours will qualify as two events. Last year they were asked to complete 12 events in the year. The Birthday Blitz family service project is ready for Saturday 11/10.

Santa's Secret Shop: Shannon Hansen

They have all the volunteers in place. Shannon has 4,000 items purchased and needs 2,000 more.

Spirit Shop: Jen Williams

There will be Spirit Shop on 10/26. There will be a flyer sent home next week for holiday orders. The orders will need to be in by 11/1. The merchandise will be ready in for pick up in early December.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Folkestad

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 13th**

**9:30 a.m. School Library**