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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)

December 14, 2007

## **ALL SCHOOL MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH (NOTE : MASS AT 11:00 AM)**

The annual All School Mass and Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. **Mass will be held at 11:00 am** followed by lunch in the Gym and Grace Room at approximately 11:45 am. Parents are welcome to attend Mass. The PSO (Parent Student Organization) will provide the lunch, which due to limited space, is exclusively for students, teachers and staff. The menu will include Pizza Hut pizza, chips, a cookie and a beverage (juice box for K-4<sup>th</sup> grade, soda for grades 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>). Students do not need lunch money. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Commers at [kcommers@comcast.net](mailto:kcommers@comcast.net) or Molly Emmer at [mollyemmer@comcast.net](mailto:mollyemmer@comcast.net)  
Have a very merry Christmas!

## **K-2 CHRISTMAS VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT**

Students in kindergarten, first and second grade present their Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the church. The students are very excited about sharing their songs of Christmas with family and friends. Students should arrive at their classroom promptly at 6:45 p.m. to line up and process to the church. They will remain in the church through the concert and then return to their rooms for dismissal following the concert. Students should wear their "Sunday best" to the concert. Questions? Email Mrs. Cook at [esthercook@olgschool.net](mailto:esthercook@olgschool.net)

## **ORDER YOUR DVDS OF THE 2007 CHRISTMAS CONCERTS!**

Available to order: DVD of each of the concerts. Cost is \$5 each and the order form is attached to this Weekender. Please turn in all money and forms to Mrs. Skinner by the Tuesday evening concert, December 18th. Mr. Fran Roby from BSM will deliver the DVDs to us on Friday, December 21. Any questions- please email me at [debskinner@olgschool.net](mailto:debskinner@olgschool.net).

## **REUBEN LINDH CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT**

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations thus far in this years Reuben Lindh service project. Remember that all gifts need to be in the classrooms this Monday, December 17th. We still have lots of opportunities for those who haven't participated as of yet or would like to do more so please contact your parent volunteers or call Susan Brown at 906-3005 or Tammy McGarvey at 927-6163. Thanks we hope to brighten the lives of 12 families this Holiday Season.

## **OLG BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR RAISES A RECORD \$4,767 FOR SCHOOL LIBRARY!**

Thank you to all OLG families and our very generous parishioners for supporting the OLG Bookfair on Nov 29th! The results are in and we have raised \$4,767.00 for our school library – a new school record! There were 325 transactions – 40 more than last year's total! Many shoppers came out all throughout the day and the school library and many classrooms benefited from generous purchases and donations by families!

Thanks to the OLG teachers for their "Wish Lists", Maureen Trenary and Nancy Jackson for their leadership in this event, Deb Skinner and the OLG choirs for providing festive music, Tom Sullivan (OLG Alumni) for Santa's appearance, Susan Brown for the new stickers and our parent volunteers previously mentioned last week. We also appreciated the help of many Middle School students who handed out flyers after all Masses over Thanksgiving Weekend! Happy Holidays and Happy Reading!

Amy Clancy and Krista Gresham – Event Co-Chairs

## **TO VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PARISH/TEACHER "COZY CHRISTMAS" LUNCHEON: THANK YOU!!!**

On Monday, December 10th OLG Parish Staff and Teachers were treated to a "Cozy Christmas" Luncheon. Our guests were able to take a moment out of the day to enjoy some sounds, scents and tastes of Christmas.

A big "thank you" goes to:

The set-up, server and clean-up crew: Laurel Burke, Katy Ehlen, Josh English, Amy Garrity, Jennifer Karlen, Denise Kennedy, Amy Minea, Pat Sharkey and Jen Williams.

Food donations of homemade side dishes, home-baked desserts and beverages: Suzanne Becker, Laurel Burke, Amy Garrity, Jennifer Karlen, Denise Kennedy, Amy Minea, Margo Mullany, MaryPat Santulli, Pat Sharkey, Mary Schied and Jen Williams.

We couldn't have done it without you! It was a blessing to serve with such a joyful group of people.

Angela Graf, Denise Hagge, Liz Dorn  
PSO Hospitality

## **PSO THANK YOU:**

The PSO would like to Thank:

- Susan Brown and Tammy McGarvey for the great job on Thanksgiving baskets.
- Angela Graf, Liz Dorn, Denise Hagge for the great veteran's Day program and the wonderful Parish and School Staff appreciation lunch. Thanks too for the great Project Blessings Brunch. It is always fun to see the different themes you have to set the mood.
- Shannon Hansen, Lynn Traun, Shelly Rerat and Sarah Knapp for the always fun Santa's Secret Shop. There were many happy shoppers with great purchases. I can't wait to open mine!
- Amy Clancy and Krista Gresham for all their work in pulling together the Barnes and Noble book Fair.
- Laurel Burke and Mary Jo Cole for organizing Jr. Great books

We appreciate the gifts of time and talent you give to us. You are an important part of making OLG a great school to attend.

The PSO would also like to thank Jerry's and Kemps for donating the treats for the OLG Field Day last spring. Please support them through your patronage.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,  
Amy Garrity  
PSO president

### **ADVENT WEEK ALL SCHOOL PRAYER SERVICE**

As is our tradition, we will mark every Monday in Advent with an all school prayer service. This year each week every student will be asked to "prepare the manger for Jesus" by writing a message on a piece of yellow construction paper (straw) which will be placed in a manger at the beginning of each service. The messages are as follows:

Week of December 17th 2:30 p.m: Write a good act you have witnessed this past week

### **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.

### **TWO EIGHTH GRADERS RECEIVE RECOGNITION FROM BENILDE-ST. MARGARET**

Robby Dorn and Madeline Lomauro were honored as Red Knight achievers during a luncheon on December 7 for their academic achievement, Christian service and leadership.  
CONGRATULATIONS ROBBY AND MADELINE!

### **COLD WEATHER NOTICE!**

Students are expected to have the proper cold weather clothing during the winter – coats, hats, gloves or mittens, and boots for snow. When the temperature or wind chill is below 0, the students will have indoor recess. This determination will be made by the school office. Please remember to always bring the appropriate winter gear to school. Thank you!

### **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**

#### **Special Reminder!!!**

Just a reminder for you. The Date Due for enrollment is this Friday, December 14th. Make sure to fill out the parent release form and payment and return it to school. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email me at [sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net](mailto:sharonhierlmaier@olgschool.net) or 612-240-3514

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

### **CHRISTMAS AT THE ACADEMY IS DEC. 19 CONCERT AN ANNUAL TRADITION**

It's become a holiday tradition! Enjoy holiday carols and music by candlelight during Christmas on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Academy of Holy Angels. There is no admission charge for Christmas at the Academy, but a freewill donation is accepted.

### **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 - [jeaniemurphy@yahoo.com](mailto:jeaniemurphy@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).

### **THE MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE LOT IS OPEN!**

The Men's Club will be operating the Christmas tree lot for the fifth year! Once again the Men's Club will have the finest Frasier, Balsam and Canaan Firs, White Pines, large and small wreaths, and garland. All funds raised are used for field upkeep, and for financial assistance for school extracurricular activities. **HOURS; M-F 4-8PM SAT/SUN 9AM-8PM**

### **ATTENDANCE HOT LINE: 952-929-5463 ex. 236**

Parents, please remember that we must be notified if your child will be late to school or absent. You may call the above number and talk to Jane Nilsen or leave a message on the attendance voice mail. If you prefer email, you may send notices to [janenilsen@olgschool.net](mailto:janenilsen@olgschool.net). It would be very much appreciated if you would indicate the room number or name of their homeroom teacher when reporting an absence.

### **BENILDE-ST. MARGARET INDUCTS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

Former OLG graduates recently inducted into the National Honor Society were honored at a ceremony held at BSM on Nov.5 They are seniors Thomas Knauff and Rachael Peck and Juniors Sarah Kollar, Marielle Mohs and Greta Wiessner.

### **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.

### **EDINA HIGH SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM**

Do you like horses? Do you want to participate in an Edina High School Team sport? Then look into

the Edina High School Equestrian Team! You don't need to have a horse to participate! There are no try outs – riders of all levels and skills are encouraged to participate. Students in grades 8 – 12 are eligible – our season runs from March through November.

High School Equestrian teams are designed for students who want to learn more about the equestrian disciplines of dressage, eventing, and hunters and jumpers. The team allows members to represent Edina high school in a sport they love while building new friendships. Edina team members can even earn a high school letter!

We are currently exploring adding additional equestrian disciplines including polo, endurance, saddle seat and western pleasure. For more information contact: Brigid Spicola at [bspicola@comcast.net](mailto:bspicola@comcast.net) <<mailto:bspicola@comcast.net>> or go to [www.MHSEA.org](http://www.MHSEA.org) <<http://www.mhsea.org/>> .

Team organizational meeting will be held in February!

### **OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR AND THE OLG SCHOLA CANTORUM EPIPHANY CELEBRATION CAROLS CONCERT**

The OLG Church and School invite you to an Epiphany Celebration Sunday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. Join the OLG Middle School Choir and the OLG Schola Cantorum at an Epiphany Celebration of Lessons and Carols to celebrate the Epiphany with Music, Singing, Food and Fellowship. McKenzie Torsch in 8<sup>th</sup> grade provided the artwork for all of the advertising for this event.

### **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)

*Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
Mystical Rose,  
make intercession for holy Church,  
protect the sovereign Pontiff,  
help all those who invoke you in their necessities,  
and since you are the ever Virgin Mary  
and Mother of the true God,  
obtain for us from your most holy Son  
the grace of keeping our faith,  
of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life  
of burning charity, and the precious gift  
of final perseverance.*

## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>Dec.</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>T</b>	Christmas Concert Gr. K-2, 7:00 p.m. Church
	<b>19</b>	<b>W</b>	School Mass at 11 a.m. 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

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