

CELEBRATING

70

*Years of Grace*

OUR LADY  OF GRACE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Schedule of Events

8:30 - 9:30 AM **5K Family Fun Run**

9:00 - 12:00 PM **Marathon Celebration, Midway Activities & Music**

5:00 - 6:00 PM **Mass with Archbishop Hebda**

6:00 PM **Reunion Gatherings by Decade**

6:30 - 10:30 PM **Rock the School**

7:00 PM **Concert with The R Factor**



# OUR HISTORY

# 1950s



Fr. Luis Forrey  
*Pastor*  
1946 – 1967



Sr. Mary St. Jude  
*School Principal*  
1949 – 1955



Sr. Mary Laurentina  
*School Principal*  
1955 – 1961



**115**  
Students  
Enrolled



**165**  
Families  
in the Parish

## Do you remember?

Sr. Mary Robert playing  
dodgeball with the students

Girls wearing navy blue felt  
beanies emblazoned with the  
OLG logo to daily Mass

Silence in the lunchroom until  
after bag lunches were eaten

Fr. Forrey personally delivering  
report cards

Convincing Fr. Forrey to allow  
“athleticism”

The Church Garage burned to the  
ground thanks to the Boy Scouts

Fr. Forrey’s  
“antidisestablishmentarianism”



The Basement Church, 8 school rooms and the convent are built for \$450,000. OLG School opens its doors to 115 students for the first time. Seven Sisters of Mercy make up the original Faculty and Staff of OLG School.



First 8th Grade class graduates 12 students



The Upper Church, auditorium, 4 more classrooms and new convent were built. The old convent is converted into 4 classrooms. The cost for this project was \$500,000.

# 1960s



Fr. Joseph Baglio  
Pastor  
1967 – 1976



Sr. Mary Roseline  
School Principal  
1961 – 1967



Sr. Mary Bernice  
School Principal  
1949 – 1955

## Do you remember?

The bowtie... and the “end of the bow tie”

10 cent plastic book bags, and the birth of the mini-boggan

“Lake OLG” when the lower parking lot would flood over every spring

Mr. Tarka’s “sawdust”

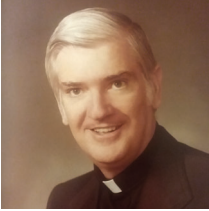
Princess Kay of the Milky Way

Ribbon ties for the girls and beans for Mass and confession

Sr. Roseline’s lunchroom bells (and eat every bite)



# 1970s



Fr. Paul Slattery  
*Pastor*  
1976 - 1978



Fr. Eugene Pouliot  
*Pastor*  
1978 - 1985



Sr. Regina  
*School Principal*  
1972 - 1976

Sr. Susan Dunwald  
*School Principal*  
1976 - 1979

Sr. Jane Carroll  
*School Principal*  
1979-1981

## Do you remember?

Chuck Lewensten, Pat McGrath and the birth of the boys and girls athletic programs and fields.

George Carthage and Schola Baumtrog's School of Art

Sr. Jean's stories

Flooded Parking Lots

Jumping out of windows

Fines for not wearing ties

The tornado at Camp Foley



The church was renovated to give it orange carpeting throughout.



The sport's program officially got started. The OLG "Raiders" were born and proudly wore the purple and white.



The athletic fields were added to campus to support the sport's program.

# 1980s



Sr. Jane Carroll  
*School Principal*  
1979 - 1981

Sr. Dolores Hannon  
*School Principal*  
1981 - 1983

Ms. Jeanette Kleve  
*School Principal*  
1983 - 1985

Mrs. Barbara Smrdel  
*School Principal*  
1985-1991

Fr. Robert Cassidy  
*Pastor*  
1986 - 2002

1984

Sr. Marilyn Ward taught 2nd Grade on the last year that a Sister of Mercy taught at OLG

1986

The Church and Commons area were built for \$4,700,000.

1988

First OLG School Reunion timed with the Edina Centennial Celebration

## Do you remember?

- Jumping out of windows
- The snowfight on Flathorn Lake
- When Tomie de Paola autographed our books
- Sr. Jane's communication envelopes
- Girls Volleyball champs
- Marathon
- The Year of the Library
- Class prophecies and wills
- Green M&Ms
- The scoliosis test
- The 8th Grade Play
- "Oh son"
- Mrs. Stifter's "Thinkers"
- Mrs. Trenary's candy bribes
- The original OLG Crest designed by Principal Barbara Smrdel

# 1990s



Fr. Robert Cassidy *Pastor*  
1986 - 2002

Mrs. Maureen Trenary *School Principal*  
1991 - today

## Do you remember?

Class prophecies and wills

Keeping squirmy Kindergarten buddies in line at Mass

Dissecting frogs before lunch

The Reading Couch

The 8th Grade Play

FNO Dances

WOLG Radio

Marathon

The OLG "Raiders" were renamed to the OLG "Royal Crusaders"





# 2000s



Fr. Bob Schwartz  
*Pastor*  
2002-2014



In 2001, the US Department of Education named OLG a “Blue Ribbon School” – A National School of Excellence. The distinction recognized OLG’s excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement and community support.



Built two-story middle school, Grace Room (now Cassidy Hall), school library, school office, K-5 computer lab and faculty lounge  
Cost of building project 2001: \$2,600,000.



In 2009, the US Department of Education named OLG a “Blue Ribbon School” – A National School of Excellence for a second time! School are only eligible to win this distinction three times.

## Do you remember?

The change to green polos for uniforms

September 11, 2001

Peter Pan for the 8th Grade Play

The first ever teachers vs 8th Grade basketball game



# OUR SCHOOL TODAY



Fr. Kevin Finnegan  
*Pastor*  
*2014 - today*



Mrs. Maureen Trenary  
*School Principal*  
*1991 - today*



We are a two-time **Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award Winner**.

Our Middle School students completed over **3,000 service hours** in 2017-2018.

The 2018 8th Grade Students tested in the **top 1% of the nation** in both **Reading and Math**.

Over **200 students celebrate first sacraments** annually: Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

While 58% of our students are from Edina, our **students come from 27 cities** for their OLG education.

There are **25 students** in each **Kindergarten classroom**.

We have **10 Teacher Assistants** serving in our K-8 Classrooms

We have **3 classrooms** per grade level and a **One-To-One Technology Program** so that every student has a computer or tablet.

Our **Parent School Organization has 40 committees** in the areas of Classroom Support, Service, Fellowship, Fundraising and School Support.



CELEBRATE  
WITH US

# 5K Family Fun Run

## 7:30 - 9:30 AM

Help us kick-off the 70th Anniversary Celebration, 70 Years of Grace with a 5k Race. Participants are invited to walk or run. The course will begin at the OLG North Parking Lot and will head south along the frontage road, looping back north on the frontage road and will finish in the OLG North Parking Lot after completing two laps where they are invited to join the OLG Marathon Celebration Activities.

Check-In will begin at 7:30 AM at the OLG North Parking Lot near the start line. Each registration will include a T-Shirt and water after the run. Cost is \$30 for participants 16+, \$15 for participants under 16 and free for all 2019-2020 OLG School Students. All students who wish to race must still complete the online registration form.

## SCHEDULE

7:30 AM - Check-In

8:30 AM - Race Kick-off

# Marathon Celebration

## 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Every year the school participates in the Marathon for Non-Public Education Fundraiser. This year's Marathon kicked-off on Friday, September 6 with a fun-filled student pep rally and ended on Friday, September 20. *This year we raised \$100,474.38 which is 103% of our goal!* Marathon gives students, school families, faculty members and friends an opportunity to show their school pride while generating important financial support for OLG School programs. Join us for donuts and coffee as we celebrate the end of another successful year of our Marathon for Non-Public Education Fundraiser.

# Midway Games

## 7:30 - 9:30 AM

Following the 5K, join us for midway activities, games and snowcones while enjoying the music of *Wondercure* featuring OLG Alumni, Mike Lupo '74!

## Games will include:

Candy Playland Obstacle Courses

Ultimate Ninja Warrior Obstacle Courses

Light Speed interactive game

Dunk Tank

# Celebration Mass

## 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Please join us for our Celebration Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday as we give thanks to the Lord for 70 Years of Grace. Archbishop Hebda will be presiding. Members of the Middle School Choir and OLG Teachers will sing during the liturgy. Following Mass, join us for Rock the School. Alumni are also invited to reconnect and enjoy the company of others who graduated from your decade at the Reunion Gatherings.

OLG School is part of a strong Catholic community deeply committed to the spiritual growth of each of its students. We engage students spiritually in ways that are challenging, instructive, and relevant to their lives and their future.

# Reunion Gatherings by Decade

## 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Following Mass please join fellow Alumni to reconnect and enjoy the company of others who graduated from OLG during your decade. There will be wine, soft drinks and light refreshments. Free admission, however registration is required. Come, meet and mingle before you join others at Rock the School.

# Rock the School

## 6:30 - 10:00 PM

Continue Celebrating 70 Years of Grace with Rock the School which will include a concert performed by Minnesota band The R Factor, an indoor reception with beer and wine, food from KCM Asian, Gastro Truck, Food Trip and late-night treats provided by Dude Donuts! The R Factor is an 11-piece band who will be playing all the hits from the 1950s through today! Registration is \$60 and includes a meal and drink ticket and concert admission. Food will be available 6:30 - 9:00 PM.

### KCM Asian

Jumbo Pork Egg Roll, 5  
Chicken Dumplings and  
2 Cream Cheese  
Wontons

OR

2 Veggie Spring Rolls  
(GF), 2 Pork Spring Rolls  
(GF), 2 Cream Cheese  
Wontons

### Gastro Truck

Chicken, Veggie or Pork  
Tacos served with  
Chips and Salsa

### Food Trip

Black Angus Burger  
with Fries

OR

Caprese Sandwich  
with Fries

OR

Grill Cheese with Fries

OR

Seasoned Tots  
with Queso

### Dude Donuts

8:30 - 10:00 PM  
Standard Raised

OR

Raised with chocolate,  
toffee and salted car-  
amel

OR

Raised with buttercream  
and Oreo pieces.

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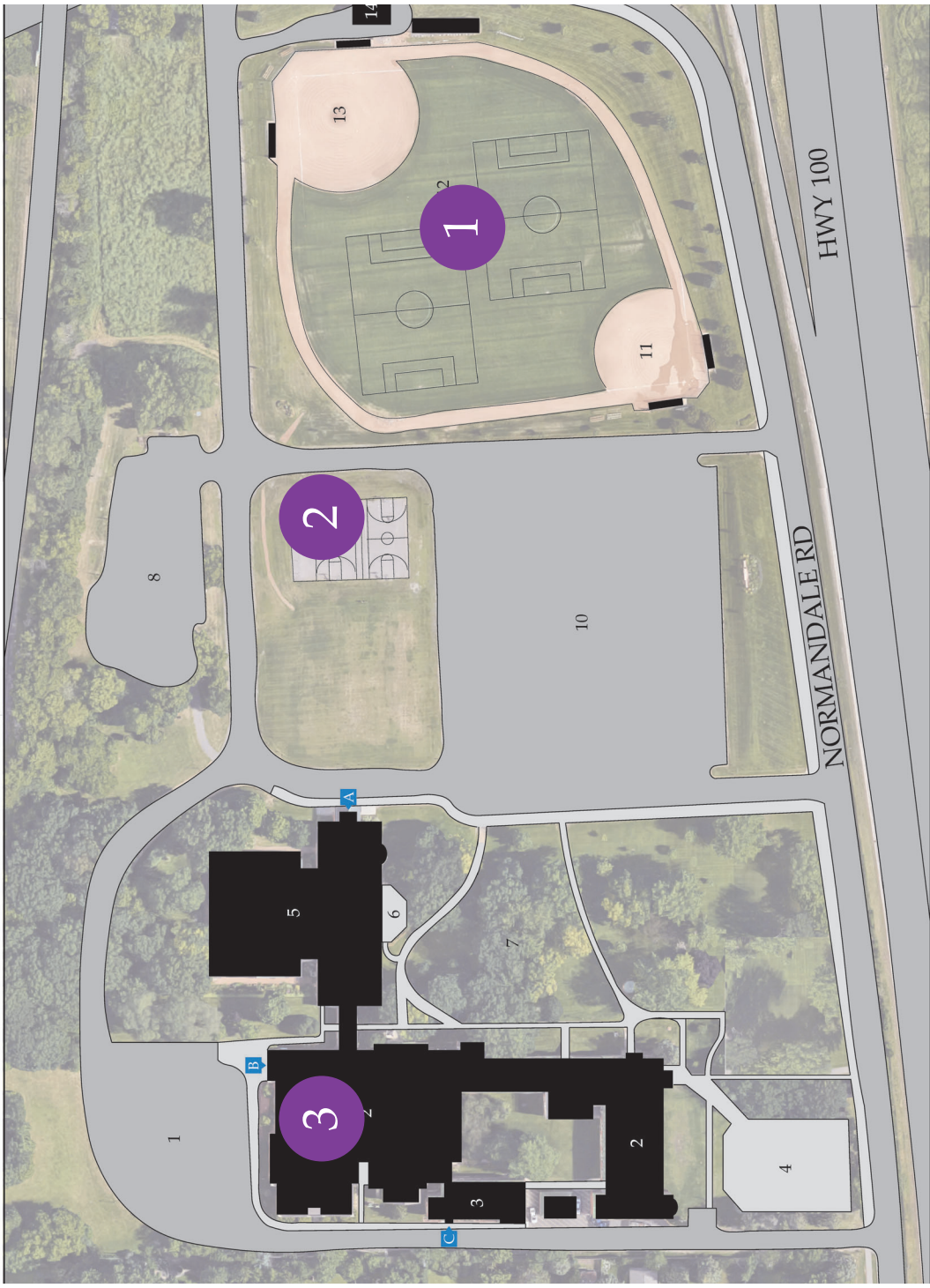
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how we will continue to celebrate 70 Years of Grace!  
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