



CRUSADER CONNECTION

**All School Mass
Friday, November 1st
8:00am**

FROM THE OFFICE OF OUR PRINCIPAL
MISS ERVIN



My dear families,

Blessings and peace! It's hard to believe but the 1st quarter ends today. Teachers will be finalizing grades and comments early next week. Grades will then be available for you next Friday, November 1st through your FACTS Family Portal.

This upcoming week ends with **All Saints Day on Friday, November 1st as we celebrate an All School Mass at 8:00am and host our Saints Festival.** We'll end Mass with our Virtue Victor ceremony and then move downstairs for the Saints Festival. Our 4th - 6th grade has been hard at work preparing the Saints Wax Museum and Saints Carnival for our younger students. Our Y5 - 3rd grade are going to have an exciting day with the Communion of Saints! Students will be bused back to school in time for lunch. It promises to be a day of extraordinary graces!

Thank you to all those who came to the open parent meeting with the PLT this past Wednesday. It was great to see everyone. In case you missed it, the presentation is below. Msgr. Todd updated the community during the Q/A on the parking lot

project. The fence line should be finished this weekend and the play structure installed in a few weeks. It's already looking beautiful but we're ready to have our students enjoy a new place to play! Thank you for all you did to make this happen.

And lastly, I was really struck by the first reading from Ephesians in the Mass for today. I thought it might be a good reflection as we near the election especially since in today's political climate it's easy to be overcome by anxiety or divided by differing political ideologies. St. Paul reminds us that our hope is in Jesus who unites us and calls us to love one another as beloved brothers and sisters. With this in mind, let us all lean into prayer in these days seeking the graces we need for our country, for ourselves to maintain peace, and for our community to preserve the bonds of unity. We can remain confident in the Lord as His peace takes root in our hearts and His love guides us. Come, Lord Jesus!

*Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit
through the bond of peace;
one Body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all. (Ephesians 4: 1 - 6)*

Have a wonderful weekend. May Jesus bless you richly!

In the Heart of Mary,
Karen

UPCOMING
DATES

OCTOBER

28 Second Quarter Begins

- 29 Grade Level Adoration
- 31 Halloween: **Theme Day**: wear orange and black

NOVEMBER

- 1 All School Mass: All Saints Day and Saints Festival at church, regular uniform day
- 5 Grade Level Masses
- 7 1/2 Day Dismissal Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon
- 8 Parent Teacher Conferences -NO SCHOOL
- 12 Grade Level Masses
- 15 **Spirit-Wear Friday**
- 19 Grade Level Masses
- 22 **Spirit-Wear Friday**
- 23 High School Placement Test at high schools
- 26 Grade Level Masses & Pre-K 4 Thanksgiving Feast
- 27 - Dec 1 Thanksgiving Break: NO SCHOOL



Spirit_ Theme Day Calendar 2024_2025.pdf

**UPDATED DATE TO ADVENT CONCERT
MOVED TO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH**



24 - 25 School Calendar CORRECTED.pdf



IMPORTANT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLT UPDATE

WAIT UNTIL 8TH: At our PLT Open Meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd, the PLT proposed for parents to discern the "Wait Until 8th" program. This is a national organization developed by parents to rally together and delay giving children a smartphone until the end of 8th grade. The intention is to protect children in their elementary and middle school years from the distractions and dangers of a

smartphone. By parenting together in this initiative, parents can establish a unified peer network which decreases the pressure to have a phone at an early age.

While there are other devices to stay connected with one's child, the average age for a child to receive a smartphone is 10 years old. The hope would be for our families in the younger grades to make the commitment before getting smartphones. There will be more discussion on this in the Spring but in the meantime, please check out the program and discern the fit for your family and this community.

Wait Until 8th Program

REPORT CARDS

- 1st Cardmarking ends on Friday, October 25th
- Grades will be made available through your FACTS Family Portal on Friday, November 1st.



 *Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish School*

SAVE THE DATE

 **PROTECT**
young eyes™



MONDAY, MARCH 17TH
6:30 - 8:30PM

OLGC CHURCH SOCIAL HALL

Learn more about the digital dangers in our world today and
how you can create safer digital spaces at home.

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In case you missed it, here's the recording of the presentation from the open parent meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd. Our topic was on the Education in Virtue program which we are implementing in the school.



Student Council Update

We have two initiatives in the works:

1. A **mission statement** for Student Government
2. A **virtue reward system** for teachers/peers to award spirit points to students who are growing in the virtue of the month. Students will be able to earn spirit points for their homeroom as another way to earn points for our year-long Spirit Challenge.

Stay tuned for more information next week. Thank you for your support!

HOT LUNCH

Order window opens November 10th

Window to order hot lunch is the 10th -
20th of the month before!

We need your help!
Sign-up for November - December

Order Hot Lunch

**Lunchroom
Volunteer Sign-up**

Virtue of the Month

October = Honesty

October and the month of honesty is ending this week. We'll have our Virtue Victor award ceremony at the All School Mass on Friday, November 1st. Below is a link to partner with us from home and learn more on our Education in Virtue program and to partner with us from home.

Resources on Education in

Resources on Education in Virtue Program

CLASSROOM FEATURES

2nd Grade

Our 2nd grade has begun their guided reading groups.

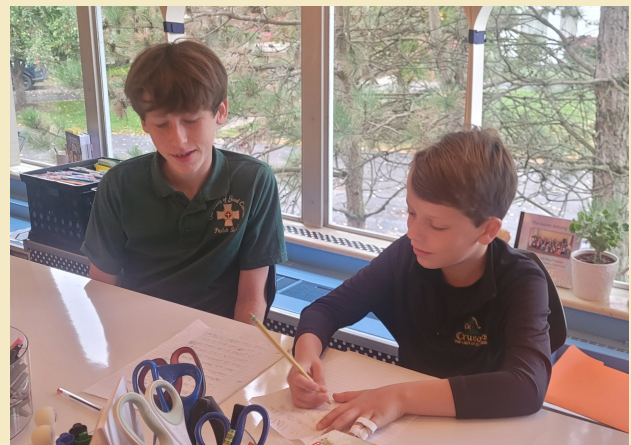
Thank you, Mrs. Beiser and Miss Schefka!



4th and Junior High

Our Junior High paired up with our 4th graders to peer edit their papers.

Thank you, Junior High and 4th grade teams!



Community

USED UNIFORM CLOSET
hours

SEPTEMBER 12TH	1PM-3PM
OCTOBER 15TH	8AM-10AM
NOVEMBER 7TH* OPEN DURING 1/2 DAY CONFERENCES	8AM-11AM
DECEMBER 12TH	1PM-3PM
JANUARY 13TH	1PM-3PM
FEBRUARY 11TH	10AM-12PM
MARCH 12TH	1PM-3PM
APRIL 11TH	10AM-12PM
MAY 12TH	1PM-3PM

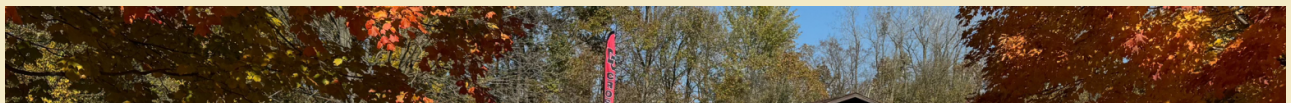
PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT VOLUNTEERS
WILL BE STAFFING THE UNIFORM
CLOSET AND MAY NEED TO LEAVE
PROMPTLY AT 3 TO DO PICK-UP.

QUESTIONS/CONTACT
HOLLYBOLESKI@GMAIL.COM
OR USE THE
GREEN AND GOLD FB GROUP

CYO SPORTS

**Congratulations to all of our
Fall Sports Teams on a wonderful
Season of Crusader Sports!**

*Special shout out to our Cross Country JV and Varsity
who are LEAGUE CHAMPS!*
CONGRATULATIONS CROSS COUNTRY!!





Way To Go Crusaders!

Media Highlight

The school decorated our parking lot with uplifting messages for Respect Life Month!

Thank you to our Campus Minister and Religion Teachers for making it happen!





In Case You Missed It

Highlights from Past Crusader Connections

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

All parent volunteers must have completed the Safe Environments Requirements. Please note: parents are not able to attend classroom parties or field trips without certification.

If you have been certified prior to 2020

- Access it through your [VIRTUS account](#). Email [Janet Rost](#) 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**

JOSTEN'S PICTURES

Safe Environments Certification

Who Needs to be Certified

Anyone who works in a parish (parish priests, administrators, teachers, coaches,

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Event Code: FE256424
Student Name
Need Help: 1-877-515-1447 option 1

- 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 olgcparish.net/safe-environments



MULTI-TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS

The MTSS process is used to provide interventions for students who may be struggling in an area of learning. Using standardized test scores (like STAR) and classroom data, the Learning Support Team works with classroom teachers to identify students who may need more intervention. Below is the flow chart for the process and types of interventions. Don't hesitate to reach out to your classroom teacher with any concerns you may have.



interventionflowchartparent2.pdf

WE EXIST TO OFFER A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS AND EQUIP LEADERS TO TRANSFORM THE CULTURE.

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