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Weekly Bulletin

April 30, 2020



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Happy Birthday to the following students and teachers:

- Genevieve Lynch 5/20
- Royal Kemp 5/19
- Sophia Dixon 5/18
- Demarius Anderson 5/18
- Isla Novak 5/17
- Brooklynn Whitehead 5/17
- Jeremy Palmer 5/16
- Mrs. Kirk 5/16
- Lillian Velasquez 5/15
- Ja'Quari Hobbs 5/13
- Josie Woeste 5/13
- Rylee Enda 5/12
- Andrew Dietrich 5/11
- Caroline Lawson 5/10
- Anthony Holley 5/8
- Carlos Cardona-Rojas 5/7
- Aaliyah Newell 5/6
- Sophie Davis 5/6
- Kaden Boston 5/5
- Brendan Blunk 5/4
- Kealan Davis 5/2
- Zachary Sukovaty 4/30

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Let Us Be Agents of Hope

In 1940, during World War II, C.S Lewis wrote about the "problem of pain," the problem of suffering and the meaning of life. He was a great Christian thinker and philosopher on the human spirit. One of his central beliefs was that we do not know why suffering or evil exist but that the bigger picture is a deeper wisdom steeped in mystery and hope. As we all are coping with this new normal in the time of the COVID19 virus, each one of us is looking for answers, for solutions and for meaning to this growing fear and global crisis. The world as we know it is different and as things evolve and intensify, we are asked to constantly adapt to closures and disruption to our regular patterns of work, school, routine and social lives. In other words - uncertainty, doubt, anxiety and the sense of "what is next" and "how can we get through this" dominate our minds. Indeed, where is God in all of this and what is happening around us?

From a health and physical perspective, we can understand the realities of the virus and the real fears of its spread and the way in which it has affected people across the world. However, what are the *spiritual dimensions* of this virus and its spread? In this time of change and adjustment, we are being asked to lockdown and practice self-isolation and social distancing. We are asked to work from home as much as possible. This all seems so strange and restrictive. The thought of being isolated from our regular friends, work colleagues, the students we teach, and the people we associate with every day is not only inconvenient but distressing.

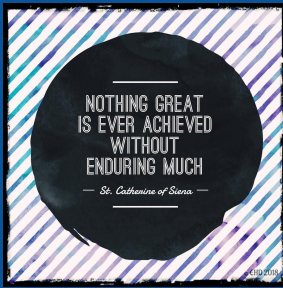
Through all of this –from the exhausting job of our own work commitments, to working with our kids on school work, to managing the family, to shopping in ways we've never done before – perhaps we could find in this time an opportunity - an invitation to discover and be surprised. Maybe we might see this time as a *spiritual retreat time* - where we could rediscover our interior lives; where we could rediscover that spiritual compass and contemplate the natural wonders of our being.

Our spiritual lives do matter. We all have a sort of "a spiritual DNA" imprinted in us that cries out during these times of distress and desolation. We ask: *What is this all about? This a doesn't make any sense!* It is worth asking, then, at this point: how can we remain positive in the light of the health fears that surround us? None of us have a "crystal ball" or a prediction meter to project into the future, but we do - as Christians - have the guarantee that each of us is made in the image and likeness of a loving God - created out of goodness and sacredness. During this time, let us continue to be agents of hope and may everyone keep safe looking out for one another. Here are 7 suggested ways to continue to build on your spiritual lives during the next few months.

- 1) **Keep a spiritual journal:** write small quotes, memories or inspirations you may receive throughout a day or the week. Remember to always date your entries which do not need to be long!
- 2) **Say prayers:** this can take on any form that expresses your intentions for yourself and others in the world.
- 3) **Go for a spiritual or thoughtful walk:** a spiritual walk can be long or short and generally is an opportunity to take things in; contemplate nature and listen to the sounds of things around us.
- 4) **Read a book or novel:** Often reading novels and autobiographies are wonderful ways to connect with the spiritual. Literature and real-life stories often give and leave a spiritual message for us to reflect on.
- 5) **Digital Fasting and Silence:** take time out and find that stillness and silence that is so important. Switch off the phone and other devices each day for a period of time suitable to you where you are not distracted.
- 6) **Writing an affirmation email or letter:** writing a kind email or letter to someone to encourage them and support them is a wonderful way to affirm the deep spiritual connections that we have as one human family. Each person has gifts and talents to be shared and admired. There is nothing more tangible and beautiful to hold a letter from another; post offices still exist and sending them are another way you can offer support to people during this time.

Hang in there – we are all in this together! *Our Lady of Grace, Pray for Us!*

Mark Friedman, CRE



We all have a lot of questions after learning of the governor's extension of our OLG~HOME Virtual Learning for the remainder of the 2020 school year. It can feel overwhelming to all of us, but we want you to know the OLG faculty and staff are committed to your children and your families. We are working hard to find answers to these questions, and we are looking forward to continuing our partnership with you to find creative solutions to problems which arise due to our current situation. Here are some questions from last week's parent Q and A and answers which we believe may be helpful now:

Will there be any tuition reimbursement for school days missed?

We haven't missed any days at OLG. We have continued to provide education for our students in the way we were legally allowed to during this pandemic. We have followed our curriculum and state and archdiocesan requirements. This situation is considered a calamity, the same way a natural disaster (snow days, tornado, etc.) would be.

As a reminder to families who utilize the Ed Choice Scholarship: If your child receives the EdChoice Expansion scholarship, their tuition is paid in full through this program. If you are on the "regular" EdChoice Scholarship, \$4650.00 of your tuition is paid through this program. The state has not given any indication they will be asking for this back from non-public schools because of the calamity classification. If you have specific questions about your account, please email Mr. Desmier at mdesmier@olgcs.org.

Here are some topics we are currently working on and will have answers in the very near future:

- Report cards
- Material drop off/potential pick up
- Graduation
- Last day of school~Mass, Circle Song

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to ask any general questions you may have about OLG. Questions which pertain to the community as a whole will be answered in the Weekly Bulletin. If you have specific questions about your child or family, please reach out via email to the teacher, business office, or Mrs. Kirk.



Meal Money Will Carry Over- Any money on your student's lunch account will automatically carry over to next school year. If you would like a refund of any pre-paid money, please email the cafeteria(clawson@olgcs.org).

Outstanding Balances- Emails will be going out to parents whose students have outstanding meal balances. Payments can be made on-line through K-12 Payment System or mailed in to the school with a check.

Graduating 8th Grade Accounts- Money remaining in graduating 8th grade accounts will automatically be transferred to a younger sibling in the same household. If there is no sibling, the cafeteria staff will be contacting 8th grade parents to make arrangements for a refund or to donate to a fund to help our families with student meal debt.

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Your Information

Please make sure your information is correct in both Option C and Final Forms. If you have moved this school year or contact information has changed, we need to know. This helps us ensure all information from school gets to the right place. Thank you!



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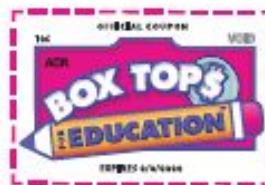


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