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This Week at OLGC May 6th, 2009

Dear Parents,

Happy Mother's Day! On Sunday, May 10th we will all celebrate our mothers on Mother's Day. We hope our mothers enjoy the many gifts and cards created by their children to show their appreciation for all that they do. I would like to thank all our OLGC mothers for the many talents they share and the many hours they give to our school.

STM Chancellor Music Festival

Congratulations to our OLGC Choirs on a job well done in singing today at the Chancellor Music Festival. Our Primary Choir received Gold and our Intermediate Choir received Gold. Great work! The adjudicator had great praise for our musical numbers and director.

Thank you, Mrs. Ilieff for all your hard work and for bringing home the "GOLD".

Grade 2 First Communion

On Saturday, May 9th at 10:30 a.m. our Grade 2 students will make their 1st Communion. We wish all our Grade 2 students the best as they receive Jesus for the first time.

Track & Field – Bear Creek Meet – May 7th

This is our first meet of the season and our students are looking forward to competing. Track attendance will be taken at 9:00 a.m. at Bear Creek. Please don't be late. Students need to be picked up from Bear Creek at 2:00 p.m. Thank you for your support.

Track & Field 2009

This year 5 Track Meets have been planned for the OLGC Track & Field Team. Please note that no busses are available and we will need parent drivers. Here is the list of Track Meets once again. Please ensure you have transportation for your child.

- Bear Creek Invitational – Thursday, May 7th
- Coquitlam Town Centre Invitational – Tuesday, May 12th
- Holy Cross High School Invitational – Tuesday, May 19th
- Knights of Columbus Invitational – Saturday, May 23rd
- CISVA Track Meet – Tuesday, May 26th and Thursday June 4th

***** Parent volunteers are needed at the Bear Creek, Coquitlam, Knights of Columbus, and CISVA Track Meets.**

Work hours will be given. Please see Mr. Egitto to sign up.

*****We will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 12th and we will depend on parent drivers for transport to the Coquitlam Meet.**

Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 4th-10th. Teachers have been reviewing fire, earthquake and intruder procedures. Please spend time talking with your children about local risks and hazards, and working on a family emergency plan to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours.

Kindergarten Open House

On May 14th, Mrs. Campanile and Mrs. Palitti will run our Kindergarten Open House for next year's Kindergarten class. As a result, there will be no Kindergarten class this Thursday, May 14th.

Parish Education Committee Elections

2009 PEC Nominations are invited and will be accepted by our PEC Nominating Committee. The required nomination forms will be available for pick up at the school office as of May 4th, 2009. *Completed forms must be submitted in a sealed envelope and addressed to "The Nominating Committee" and left at the school office no later than 3pm on May 14th, 2009. Eligibility to either nominate and/or be nominated includes the following:* practicing Catholics who have reached the age of twenty-one (21), who are registered, active, participating members of the parish. *Only those individuals eligible to hold office are eligible to nominate.* The following are not allowed to nominate and/or be nominated; teachers and principal of the school, past employees of the school until three full calendar years have passed since the termination of employment, employees of the parish and/or school, spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters of persons covered as above, all other teachers/principals employed by the C.I.S.V.A. Please note: Non-Catholic spouses of practicing Catholics are eligible to VOTE (but, not to nominate).

Holy Childhood Mass- Gr. 6

Our Grade 6 class attended this year's Holy Childhood Mission Day Mass at Corpus Christi and presented a cheque for \$2500 for those less fortunate.

Replenish School Supplies

There are two months left in the school year. Please ensure that your children have their basic school supplies at school in order to complete their daily work. Also, please return all novels, textbooks, and dictionary that are at home.

Don Bosco Sports Camp

The 3rd annual Don Bosco Sports Camp will take place this July. One week or two week camps are available. Please contact Mr. Egitto if you are interested.

Floor Hockey Jamboree

This Friday our Grade 5, 6, and 7 will play in a friendly floor hockey tournament against St. Bernadette. The times are as follows:

Gr. 5- 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Gr. 7- 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Gr. 6- 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Uniforms

We will be holding a uniform ordering day on Wednesday, May 13th at the following times:

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Absentee Notes

Please send your child's absentee notes as soon as they return to school with the correct **date, reason for absence,** and **parent's signature.** All notes need to be **handed in by May 15 due to our school audit.**

Grade 5 Swimming at OLG

Our Grade 5 class will be participating in swimming lessons at the North Surrey Recreational Center Pool in May and June. Have fun and be safe Grade 5.

Volunteer Supervision (for work hours)

We are in need of school supervisor for May 28th and ½ day on May 29th. Volunteer hours will be given. Please contact the office if you can help. Thank you.

Student Supervision

Students should not be left on the school grounds before 8:15 a.m. or after 3:15 p.m. as there is

no supervision. Please ensure your children are picked up by 3:15 p.m. When you are on supervision duty please be vigilant in watching the students closely.

OLGC Knights in Action

Congratulations to Michael Gazzola for being this week's Knight in Action.

OLGC Staff Book of the Month

I Love You Forever, by Robert Munsch

Curriculum Development and Assessment Pro –D – May 29th

On May 29th our teachers will continue developing curriculum and improve assessment. As such, students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. All Kindergarten students need to attend the morning Kindergarten and should be picked up at 12:15p.m., as well. Please ensure prompt pick-up on this day. Thank you.

Work Hours

We are in need of helpers to clean the Auditorium floor with a cleaning machine prior to Saturday's 1st Communion. If you can help, please contact Brian through the OLGC Office.

Reminders:

- May 15th- OLGC Feast Day – **No school**
- May 18th – Victoria Day -**No School**
- Work Party Saturday, May 16th & 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Confirmation practice – May 14th 6:30 p.m.
- Confirmation – May 23rd 7:00p.m.

Attachments:

- H1N1influenza virus letter and information package
- May Hot Lunch Order Form

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Dear Parents,

We are writing to you concerning the recent spread of the H1N1influenza virus (previously referred to as swine flu). There are a relatively small number of confirmed cases in British Columbia and, to date, all have been mild, and the individuals are recovering.

In response to the spread of the H1N1virus, it is recommended we:

- Continue all educational programs and school activities as per usual;
- Allow travelers who are well and returning from Mexico or other flu-affected areas to participate in regular school activities. Only people who are ill should stay home;
- Continue all field trips as planned.

Good personal hygiene, specifically frequent hand washing, continues to be the most effective way to prevent the spread of flu viruses to individuals:

- Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your sleeve, not your hands. Use a tissue to wipe your nose and throw the tissue in the trash after a single use;
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry with an air hand drier or a single-use paper towel;
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as this is how germs are commonly spread.

Actions if you or others become ill:

- Stay home if you get sick with mild illness and limit contact with others to keep from spreading the virus;
- People who are ill should stay home until they are well enough to resume their regular activities;
- students are not required to obtain a medical note before returning to school;
- Do not wear face masks if you do not have flu symptoms. Masks are not a medically effective means to prevent the spread of the H1N1 virus and, in fact, can create other complications.

More information is available at:

- HealthLinkBC online: www.HealthLinkBC.ca or by telephone by dialing 8-1-1
- BC Communicable Disease Control: www.bccdc.org
- BC Government: www.gov.bc.ca/govt/swine_flu.html

We will keep you informed should medical health officers change any of their recommendations to us.

Sincerely,

Gerard Wright
Principal