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UPCOMING CALENDAR

December

18 Advent Prayer Service 8:45a

18 Band Concert 7pm

EVENTS

Final Advent Prayer Service

Monday, December 18th at 8:45am

All are welcome to join us for our final Advent prayer services.



Beginner/Intermediate Band Concert

Monday, 12/18 at 7pm

Join us and hear the sounds of the season performed by our 4th-8th grade band students!



K-2 Christmas Vocal Music Concert

Tuesday, December 19th at 7pm in the Church

Students in kindergarten, first and second grade are excited to present their Christmas concert on Tuesday! 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 classrooms for dismissal following the concert. Students should wear their "Sunday best" to the concert.

Questions? Email Mrs. Cook at esthercook@olgschool.net.

All School Mass Time Change

Wednesday, December 20th at 10:30am

Join us for our all-school Mass at 10:30am on Wednesday, December 20th! This time is different than normal due to the luncheon following.

All School Christmas Luncheon

Wednesday, December 20th

The All School Christmas lunch is coming up! Volunteers are still needed - sign up [here!](#) Please notify your child's teacher of any dietary restrictions or if they are bringing lunch from home.

Here is the Menu:

- Fresh Sliced bagged apples
- [Izze Sparkling Juice](#) (grades 5-8 only)
- [Apple and Eve Juice boxes](#) (grades k-4)
- [Dominos Pizza in cheese and pepperoni](#)
- [Kemps Pop Jr popsicles](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snowbusters Sign Up is Next Week!

SNOWBUSTERS is an after school skiing and snowboarding opportunity

19 Christmas Concert gr K-2
20 Advent Mass and Luncheon
25-29 No School - Break

January

1-5 No School - Break
8 School Resumes
9 PSO mtg 9:30a
10 School Mass 9a
11 Thurs. AM Rosary 7:55a
15 No School - MLK
17 School Mass 9a
18 Mid School Open House 7p
24 School Mass 9a
26 No School - Staff Retreat
27 First Reconciliation
28 Begin Cath Schools Wk
30 Late Start 10:35a
31 CSW Mass

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ATTENDANCE

Call the the 24-hour hotline
952-929-5463 ext. 236
or ellieharristhal@olgschool.net prior
to 8am to inform us that your child is
absent or tardy. Parents should keep
children home from school an extra
24 hours after a fever.

WEEKENDER SUBMISSIONS

- Deadline is noon on Thursday
- Submit to [Adam Groebner](#)
- OLG reserves the right to edit
information for space/content.



a available to our OLG students in Grades 3-8 at Hyland Hills Ski Area. Students have the option to rent equipment and take lessons or just go out & ski or board with their friends. The program runs after school on Monday & Wednesday: Jan 17th, Jan 22nd, Jan 24th, Jan 29th, Jan 31st, Feb 5th, Feb 7th, and the last session on Feb 12th. Sign up will be available in next week's Weekender! PARENT & STUDENT VOLUNTEERS are needed and will be on Sign Up Genius soon! Questions? Contact Mara Stelzer mara.stelzer@genmills.com 952.240.0234 or Tammy Hartman tammyhartman@clearchannel.com 612.360.7960.

Library Volunteers Needed for Tri 2!

Join the fun in the library this trimester! Check out open spots and sign up [here](#).

Sending JOY to Africa Through Soccer!

By Friday, December 22nd

Father Neil and Ghana Mission Travelers are looking for soccer gear. Please bring your new or gently used soccer equipment-balls, pumps with needles, uniforms and shoes of all sizes to the bins outside Cassidy Hall. We are happy with any donation, but are especially looking for Edina and Eden Prairie soccer clubs discontinued jerseys. Our hope is to have enough jerseys in a couple of colors to outfit a full team. Thanks for your generosity. For further questions or if you would rather donate cash to this cause, please contact [Christina Barberot](#) for more information.



Middle School Service Club

Upcoming Events

December 15th - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 17th - Sunday School Donut Day
January 4th - Feed My Starving Children
Sign-up through [Sign-up Genius!](#)

Junior Great Books

Register Now

Don't miss out on this popular reading enrichment program for grades 1-6 offered by the PSO. Program runs for 6 weeks beginning in February, meeting once a week during lunchtime; cost is \$10. Sign up your student today to secure your spot! We also need more parent volunteers to help assist in the classrooms. See [Sign-Up Genius](#) for more information and to register your child or volunteer. Please sign up by Jan. 8th. Questions? Contact berger.carolyn@gmail.com or annamarielima@gmail.com.



Deer Hearts Needed

Hunters, and family/friends of hunters, we need your help! Please save your deer hearts during your hunting trips, and donate to OLG so our 7th grade can dissect them during our heart unit. Hearts can be frozen and dropped off at school anytime! Questions? Contact [Caroline \(Haik\) Rossow](#)

Lunch Payment - FYI

Paypams, the online lunch payment system, will temporarily not be accepting payments. Please send payments with your child. Checks should be made to IDS #273.

January Release Days

Registration Due Friday, 12/22

Don't forget about the release days in January! Sign up due before Christmas Break! OLG students can join the fun at:

- January 15th: Fun Zone
- January 26th: Children's Museum

Click [HERE](#) for the form to register. \$51 per child/per day.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Get Your Gala Raffle Ticket!

Raffle Drawing on Jan 14th!

The OLG Men's Club is selling raffle tickets after all Masses this weekend to promote its Winter Gala and to raise money for parish and school projects. Tickets are \$100 each and only 150 tickets will be sold. The first prize winner can select any live or silent auction item offered at the February 10th Gala whether you attend or not. The second prize winner will receive four Wild vs. Lightning tickets on the glass plus parking and access to the Audi Club - a first class MN Wild experience. The drawing will be held on January 14th (no need to be present to win). Questions: Please contact Jenny Helmer at jennyzielgerhelmer@hotmail.com

Support the Men's Club Gala

This year's Gala will be held on **February 10th, 2018** and tickets will go on sale in early January. Proceeds will support renovations to create a multi-purpose music and fine arts space that will benefit both our OLG students and the Parish at large. Your support is needed to help accomplish this worthy cause! Event sponsorship opportunities are available and can be secured by contacting [Adam](#)

[Groebner](#) before **December 18th**. Auction item donations can be made by contacting [Doug Fulton](#) (Silent Auction) or [Mike Rogalski](#) (Live Auction) before **February 1st**. Finally, stay tuned for details on an exciting Gala raffle with incredible prizes. Thank you for considering one of the many ways to support the cause!



Two Days Left of Tree Lot!

We are in the final days of the 2017 OLG Men's Club Tree Lot. To those of you that have purchased, thank you! Proceeds from all your purchases go directly back into the OLG, St. John Paul II and Cristo Rey communities. To those of you that are still looking for that perfect tree, we have over 100 left that are looking for a good home!



Remember, in addition to selling trees, we are also collecting new/ gently used, clean winter boots & coats; new hats, gloves and socks; newborn infant diapers and big boxes of dry breakfast cereal that will be distributed to community organizations.

Lot hours: 4-8PM today, 9AM - 8PM on Saturdays and Sundays from 10AM to until mid-afternoon.

We are still looking for volunteers to help take down the lot after

close on Sunday. If you're available, please sign up here: [Sign Up](#)
A huge thank you to the extended OLG community, Edina and surrounding areas that allow us to help them celebrate their Christmas seasons. It is such a pleasure to be able to be a part of this special holiday. We also need to thank the 100's of volunteers who give time and effort to make the lot a possibility; without the people working to plan, coordinate and staff the lot, none of this would be possible.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Family Faith Event - Save the Date

Wed, January 17, 6:00pm in the Church

"From Bland & Bored to Salt & Light" presented by Joe Roueche, who serves at NET Ministries in St. Paul and has been featured on Relevant Radio, and has spoken at hundreds of events and parishes. Raising children in the Catholic faith can be overwhelming to say the least. But the truth is: parents have far more influence on children in matters of faith than they will ever know. Save the date and come discover how to set your faith ablaze and to become, in the words of Pope Francis, "more fully human and more than human"! Limited childcare (age 1 to 5) is available in the nursery, please email [Stephanie Lloyd](#) to reserve a space (include child's name/age).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MN 4th Grade Passport

4th Grade Students Ski For Free!

The Minnesota Ski Areas Association (MSA) wants to give Minnesota kids a chance to get out, have fun and get healthy this winter by hitting the Minnesota Slopes! MSA has created a statewide program that provides every 4th grader the opportunity to ski for free. Your passport includes a minimum of two visits to each resort. For more information call your local ski area and they will be happy to tell you any restrictions they have on the 4th grade passport. MSA charges \$19.95 for the passport (to cover printing and shipping). Visit [here](#) to learn more!

Educational Outfitters Sale

December 18 - 31, 2017

20% off School Uniforms and accessories!

In Store and Online at: minnesota.educationaloutfitters.com

St. Thomas Academy Open House

Sunday, January 7th, 2018 at 1pm

Join Us for an Open House at Saint Thomas Academy! We invite families interested in learning more about Saint Thomas Academy to attend an upcoming admissions open house on Sunday, January 7, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. STA is Minnesota's only All Boys, Catholic, college preparatory, military/leadership school in Minnesota. For the schedule and to register, visit: www.cadets.com/OpenHouse or call 651-683-1516.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!

Santa's Secret Shop Thank You!

A huge thank you to the many committed volunteers and those who supported Santa's Secret Shop. We met our goal and raised over \$20,000 which will be used to help JP II build a playground. There will be a groundbreaking ceremony in April and all will be invited to attend. What an amazing experience as OLG continues the long standing tradition of "Kids Helping Kids" through this magical event. A huge thank you to the SSS chairs for their time and dedication to provide us with another great



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