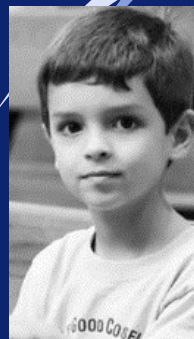


# OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL



Learn  
Live  
Love  
Serve



Preschool — Grade 8 Catholic School

Established 1957

# ***The OLG School Program – 60 Years Strong***

**Tradition of a Solid Catholic Education Enhanced and Energized  
To Meet the Needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Students**

## **The Whole Child Approach**

Development of the whole child: spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and social

## **Strive To Reach All Types Of Learners**

### **Use of Flexible Seating Options**

Allows for movement, keeps students minds focused and alert



## **Multiple Modality Approach By Teachers**

Personalize their approach to meet the needs of individual students

## **Academic Support Center**

Staffed by specialists in Special Education, Reading and Math

## **STREAM**

Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art & Math  
Elements of our Core Curriculum

## **Adaptive Standardized Testing**

3 times per year

Focuses on academic growth of each child

## **Health and Wellness and “Virtues in Practice” Program**

Promotes overall well-being and moral formation of our students



## **Advanced Math Program**

Grades 3-8

8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates often qualify for high school level Algebra and Geometry courses





## Mission

Our mission is to instill and foster lifelong learning which promotes growth in the Catholic faith and emphasizes academic excellence inspired by Our Lady of Good Counsel and the teachings of St. Francis de Sales.



## Philosophy of Learning

Our school affirms Catholic identity and instills deep-rooted spiritual values for our entire community.

Education is geared toward the development of the whole child: spiritual, emotional, physical, intellectual and social.

We foster a structured and safe environment that encourages acceptance of each individual.

We work in partnership with parents who are the primary educators of their children.

Teachers address the diversity of learners through differentiated instruction.

Building on their fundamental knowledge, students are challenged to utilize higher order thinking skills.

Students are empowered to think for themselves and take ownership of their learning.

Our integrated curriculum challenges students to explore and apply concepts to become productive citizens in a global society.

## Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel School!

For 60 years OLGC has provided an excellent education in a dynamic and supportive Catholic environment. In 2005 we were honored to be among the 295 schools (public and private) recognized as a National "No Child Left Behind" – Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. We are blessed with a faculty of outstanding teachers and a community of dedicated parents who make OLGC a shining example of the best of Catholic education.

Our entire parish is committed to maintaining a challenging academic environment at OLGC School. As a result of this parish commitment, we have a state-of-the-art library and media center, an academic support center, dedicated classrooms for the study of art, music, and computer science, a science lab, band room, and gymnasium. Our 25-acre campus affords a variety of outdoor activities during the school day.

We encourage you to consider becoming part of the OLGC School community. We believe that we have the faculty, the curriculum, the facilities and the program to provide a quality Catholic education for your child(ren). Thank you for your interest in Our Lady of Good Counsel School.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Matthew Hillyard, O.S.F.S.  
Pastor

Adrienne Jewett  
Principal





# PRESCHOOL

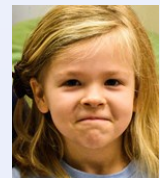
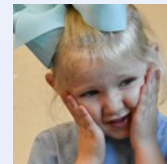
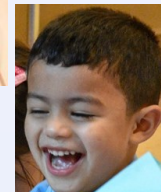
*Typical Preschool Schedule*  
Full Day 8:00am—2:45am  
Half Day 8:00am—12:30pm  
Extended Day 2:45pm—5:00pm



Arrival  
Morning Meeting  
Centers and Art  
Circle Time  
(Calendar, Weather, Topic of the Day)  
Snack and Quiet Book Time  
Playground  
Class activity  
Songs and Story  
Lunch  
Playground  
Rest Time  
Activity Time  
Pack up and Dismissal



*Specials are held in the morning. Specials include Creative Movement every other Tuesday, Music every other Wednesday, and Chapel every other Wednesday. In addition, each class has Library and P.E. at the big school once/month.*



*Be who you are and be that well.*

## KINDERGARTEN

### Typical Kindergarten Schedule

Full Day 8 am -3 pm

#### Morning

Opening Activities

Math

Specials (1x/wk) Art/Music/Library/  
Computer Lab/ Science Lab/ Spanish

PE (2x/wk)

Snack & Story

Language Arts

Recess (20 min)

Handwriting

#### Afternoon

Lunch (25 min)

Religion

Rest Time (20 min)

Recess (20 min)

Science/Social Studies

Closing Activities



### OLGC SCHOOL CURRICULUM FOR ALL GRADES

6 Core Academic Subjects and  
8 Specials Classes each week

Art

Health & Wellness

Library

Music

Physical Education

Science Lab

Spanish

Technology



#### Preparation for Entering Our Kindergarten

Parent Orientation in May

"Come & See Kindergarten Day" in June

Kindergarten Summer Playdates

#### Special Kindergarten Activities

Show and Share

Star of the Week

100<sup>th</sup> Day Celebration

Field trips

Thanksgiving Prayer Service

Reading Buddies

Perform at Senior Citizen Luncheons

Prayer Partners





## Lower Elementary Grades 1-3

Focus on core curriculum areas such as Language Arts with particular emphasis on Reading, Writing and Math

Differentiated instruction to accommodate varied abilities among the students

Push in support from Reading and Math specialists to engage advanced learners as well as support students who might be struggling

Hands-on Science Lab once a week

Introduction to cursive writing

Use iPads, Osmo and other technology resources to enrich instruction

Social Studies focus on community

Begin Sacramental preparation and focus on the Ten Commandments



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Grades 1-3

Grade 1 Mother's Day Tea

Grade 2 Posada

Grade 2 First Eucharist Mass and May Crowning

Grade 3 State Fair Day and All Saints Day Mass

Grades 1-3 Field Trips





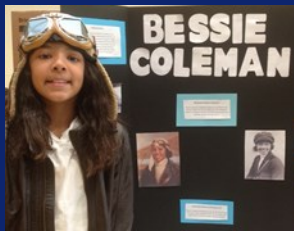
## SPECIAL EVENTS Grades 4-5

Grade 4 Colonial Day

Grade 5 Biography Day

Grade 5 Christmas Story Performance

Grades 4 and 5 Field Trips



## Upper Elementary Grades 4-5

Emphasis placed on reading to learn as opposed to learning to read

Focus on creative writing of all types in grade 4 and novel studies in grade 5

Content rich learning in various academic areas and in-depth study of Science and Social Studies

Cursive writing is required

Strong organizational and study habits are introduced and modeled

Introduction to note-taking skills as well as time management with an increase in homework expectations to reinforce learning happening during school

Great foundation of content material heading into rigorous academics of Middle School

Exposure to technology use through a classroom set of iPads and Chromebooks

Delve deeper in their knowledge of the Catholic faith, specifically in parts of the Mass





## Middle School Grades 6-8

Academic independence nurtured & higher order thinking skills fostered

Holistic education-mind, body & spirit

Cross-curricular projects

Differentiation and small group instruction

Study skills taught

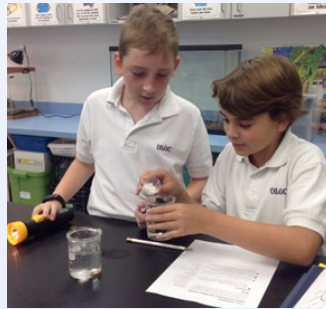
Strong foundation in math-advanced math offered including Algebra and Geometry

iPads for all Middle School students

Enrichment classes for all middle school students

Strong preparation for the rigors of high school

Many leadership opportunities such as Student Council, safety patrols, altar servers, prayer partners and more



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Grades 6-8

Grade 7 Passion Play

Grade 7 Science Fair

Grade 8 Theater

Grade 8 Graduation Mass & Awards

Gr 6, 7 and 8 Field Trips



### *OLGC School Pledge*

As a caring faith community we agree to:

Love one another

Include everyone

Respect the thoughts and feelings of others

Admit our mistakes

Forgive others

Show compassion

Play fairly

Be problem solvers

Politely resolve our differences

Treat everyone the way we want to be treated

Try to do one kind act each day

Try to follow Jesus in all we do

Pray to our God for help.

**SERVE**



# SCHOOLWIDE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

## Extracurricular Activities

Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts  
After School Classes  
(Chess, Coding, Robotics, Dance, Yoga, Nature Study)

## Sports

CYO Basketball  
CYO Track  
CYO Tennis  
CYO Volleyball  
House League Basketball



## Traditions

Prayer Partners  
Catholic Schools Week  
Wildcat Spirit Days  
Halloween Parade  
Christmas Music Program  
Band & Choir Concerts  
Book Fairs  
Wildcat Spirit Days  
Health & Wellness Day  
Field Day  
International Day  
Middle School Information Night



## Liturgies

Weekly School Masses  
Stations of the Cross  
Reconciliation  
First Friday Visitation  
Celebrate Families Mass



## Service Projects

Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Christmas Giving Tree  
Adopt A Family  
Confirmation Projects  
Other Service Projects

## Social

Celebrate Families Reception  
Trunk or Treat  
Family Bingo Nights  
Half-Day Activities  
Family Fun Nights  
Annual Auction Gala

## Co-Curricular Activities

Student Council  
*Wildcat Tales* Newspaper  
Yearbook Staff  
Computer Club  
Science Club  
Peer Tutoring  
Band  
Choir



## SUPPORT

The **OLGC PTO** supports our school in many ways. From volunteers to fundraising to social events and family activities, our PTO is an integral part of our program.

Our **Extra Curricular Activity Program (ECAP)** for K through grade 8 and the **Extended Day Program** for Preschool are available 5 days a week. The program fee structure can be found on our website.

## COMMUNICATION

Both the Principal's newsletter *The Wildcat Weekly* and the PTO's *Weekly Chatter* are emailed to parents on each week during the school year. Announcements and other news are sent via email as needed.

Back To School Nights are held in early September for all grades.

Report cards are sent home 3 times a year at the end of each trimester and a Parent-Teacher conference is held at the end of the first trimester.

Parents in grades 5-8 monitor their students' progress 24/7 via an online portal.

## Life After OLGC . . .

### High Schools Most Often Attended by our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduates

(in no particular order)

**Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School**

**Paul VI High School**

**Gonzaga College High School**

**Georgetown Visitation Preparatory  
School**

**Oakcrest School**

**The Heights**

**Flint Hill Preparatory School**

**Various Public &  
Other Private Schools**



Tuition Rates for the coming school year are available in January on our website. Several tuition payment plans are available to choose from. Tuition assistance is available to those who qualify.

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