

Our Lady's School

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Principal's Desk

Responsible and Safe Internet Use

Dear Parents,

The Internet is a powerful tool that allows our children to reach out to new sources of knowledge and cultural experiences. We want our students to be able to use this resource to develop the skills and knowledge they need to be successful in the future. As parents and educators, we provide guidance for our children so they can use this technology in a safe and responsible way. At school we have installed software to limit access to certain inappropriate sites, as well as blocking social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace. Although we use this "blocking" technology to help us provide a secure learning environment, the most effective tools available to us to promote appropriate use of the Internet are **education, communication** and **supervision**.

We want our children to be protected from material and individuals that might compromise their safety and well-being. We also want to make sure we are aware of how our children use technology to communicate with one another. As the primary educators, parents establish the guidelines for Internet and technology use at home. While these guidelines might differ from home to home, we should all share a commitment to encourage positive use of technology. Posting negative or inappropriate comments about others online is a form of bullying. This type of behavior does not reflect the Catholic values of the school and in certain cases they can have legal consequences. We encourage you to take an active role in discussing and monitoring your children's use of the Internet at home, so we can help them use technology in a safe and responsible way. I have included a "Family Internet Safety Game Plan" as one resource to prompt discussion and promote Internet safety in the home.

Sincerely

Soccer Coaches Needed

In less than a month, we will begin our co-ed soccer season. One of our parents has volunteered to take the lead as our soccer coach, and a few other parents have volunteered to assist. However, with the large number of students who play, we are asking for additional volunteers. If you are interested please contact Mr. Hickey at the school (619) 233-8888.

Join us for Our All-school Mass

On **Friday, March 4**, our school community will have an all-school Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church @ 11:15 a.m. We invite you to join us for this Mass. The students are required to wear formal uniform. It is a minimum day with noon dismissal from South Campus.

Educational Sunday Mass

On **Sunday, March 6**, the Kindergarten and 5th grade will have our monthly Educational Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church @ 9:15 a.m. Students need to wear their formal uniform and they should arrive at 9:00 a.m. to assemble and prepare for Mass. We encourage students in all grades and their family members to attend. All students wearing formal uniform at the Mass will be allowed to wear free dress the following Monday.

South Campus Mass Reminder

Each Wednesday our South Campus students have the opportunity to attend Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe church. If student arrive after 8:00 a.m. they should report to the after school resource room or enter in the back of the church. Fr. Bob asks that you not enter the entrance by the altar after the Mass has started.

Help Support Our Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts from Our Lady's School will continue selling cookies to support the troop. The girls will be selling cookies after our all-school Mass on Friday, March 4. Mrs. Merchan, the troop leader, will also be available during the week if you would like to purchase cookies.

Winter Sports

Volleyball

Congratulations to our JV and Varsity teams for a successful season!

Varsity Basketball

Sat., March 12 vs. St. Patrick's @ 10:00 a.m. at Mater Dei H.S.

Sun., March 6: (St. Augustine Tourney)-OLS vs. St. Joseph 1:30 p.m.

JV Basketball

Sat., March 5: (St. Augustine Tourney)- OLS vs. Our Lady of Grace @ 2:45 p.m.

Important Dates:

- **Friday, March 4: All-school Mass 11:15 @ OLG Formal Uniforms/ Minimum Day**
- **Sunday, March 6: Educational Sunday @OLG 9:15 a.m. Grades K and 5**
- **Wednesday, March 9: Ash Wednesday**