OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL SCHOOL

Learn
Live
Love
Serve

Preschool — Grade 8 Catholic School
1957–2018
The OLGC School Program – 60 Years Strong

 Tradition of a Solid Catholic Education Enhanced and Energized
To Meet the Needs of 21st 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

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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
8th 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.

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**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 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
8:15am—2:45am

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.
**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

**Special Kindergarten Activities**
- Show and Share
- Star of the Week
- 100th Day Celebration
- Field trips
- Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- Reading Buddies
- Perform at Senior Citizen Luncheons
- Prayer Partners

**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
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
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 6 Medieval Day
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.
**SCHOOLWIDE ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

**Extracurricular Activities**
- Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts
- After School Classes
  - (Chess, Coding, Robotics, Dance, 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
- Out of Uniform Days
- Health & Wellness Day
- Field Day
- International Day
- Middle School Information Night

**Liturgy**
- Weekly School Masses
- Stations of the Cross
- Reconciliation
- First Friday Visitation

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

**Social**
- Muffins for Moms
- Donuts for Dads
- 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
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 ECAP After School Program for K through grade 8 and the Extended Day Program for Preschool is 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 Thursdays 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 8th 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 2018-19 will be available in January. A variety of tuition payment plans are available to choose from. Tuition assistance is available to those who qualify. See our website for more information.

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OLGC School admits students of any race, color and national origin.