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Dear OLGC School Families,

As I stepped outside into the sunshine today, I am reminded of the simple joys that God graces us with each day. While the way we work and learn has changed, the spirit of what makes OLGC so special has in no way diminished. God is using this time to strengthen our school family and grow to trust in Him evermore. Our community's collaborative spirit and collective greatness is stronger than ever! With this in mind, my message today is about celebration. For, despite our current situation, we have so much to celebrate.

May Crowning

Our school was blessed with a special event to honor our Blessed Mother on Monday. Thank you to the families who joined us in the parking lot or joined us virtually as we adored Jesus, prayed a rosary together and crowned Mary. Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel by crowning Mary is a beautiful tradition for our school. This year, it was extra special because we had to think creatively on how we could still gather and honor our Blessed Mother. Our staff and students did a remarkable job participating in this event. If you missed the event, you can still watch it on our YouTube channel here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9hfzr37>
Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

Teacher Appreciation Week

OLGC Teachers are Heroes! Next week, we have daily opportunities to acknowledge the incredible team of teachers we are blessed to have at OLGC as we celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Week! Our teachers are fully committed to the mission of our school, and they LOVE your children and families! This unique opportunity to teach through distance learning has proven that our teachers are phenomenal. They have sacrificed the needs of their own families; many are juggling parenting, supporting the learning of their personal children, managing the uncertainties and difficulties of COVID-19, and remaining dedicated to serving our school families no matter the enormous measures. Their expertise, professionalism, and passion for teaching and sharing their faith is inspiring. We are blessed to have the very best educators working with and praying for your families! Please see below for specific details on how you can celebrate our incredible teachers!

Giving Tuesday

OLGC Parish School is participating in the Nationwide Giving Tuesday on May 5th. While we can't come together during these challenging times as we had planned, maintaining our school and its rich history remains a priority. The Giving Tuesday fundraiser is in lieu of the previously planned Fun Run and Trivia Night fundraisers. I am excited to share that OLGC Parish School has already raised \$3,550. Thank you for encouraging friends and family to support our school!
bit.ly/OLGCgivingtuesday

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Celebrating the Class of 2020

The OLGC Class of 2020 is a special group of 59 students we look forward to celebrating in the weeks ahead. These students are particularly resilient as they face a different end to OLGC than planned due to a global pandemic. We are doing our best to find new and creative ways to ensure meaning, success, joy and celebration for our eighth grade students!

During the week of May 25th, there will be special activities planned for our eighth grade students. These will include a parade, autograph signing day, class video and special breakfast. In addition, we look forward to honoring our Class of 2020 on June 4th with a celebration. More details will be shared on how our school family can give our students' achievements and time in our school the fullest celebration possible. They deserve it! Please join me in praying for our eighth grade students as they prepare for high school and continue God's incredible plan for their lives!

Looking Ahead

While we continue to focus on the here and now to ensure we sustain strong teaching and learning, we also are focused on the future. I am engaged in weekly conversations with our Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic Schools leaders to hear the very latest guidance and resources available. As we do not yet have guidance from health and government officials as to what schools will and will not be able to do for summer and beyond, we are planning for various scenarios, so we will be ready no matter what. In addition, I participate in ongoing conversations with Father Michael and my leadership team to identify the supports, safeguards, structures, logistics, financials, and guidelines that will be necessary to reopen safely when the time is right. God has incredible plans for our school and we trust in His mission to offer a life-changing encounter with Jesus.

Despite the challenges, the seemingly endless Zooms, and balancing work and family all happening in the same place and time, I continue to be amazed at the resiliency of our students and staff, the creativity of our teachers, the supportive nature of our families, and the generosity of our community. I am so grateful to each of you, and pray for your continued health daily. Together, united with God, we will get through this! May God continue to strengthen our parish school family and grant us His peace.

In Christ,
Melissa Hunt, Principal

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