

OLG Parent Organization Letter from the Chair

August 17th, 2020

Hi OLG Parents,

As members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG) School you are also members of the Parent Org (PO) and we would like to invite you to get involved in the 2020-21 school year. The PO's mission is to raise money through fundraisers such as the Jog-a-Thon, Charleston Wrap, Scrip, Box Tops, Thriftway Receipts, Fred Meyer Rewards, Pizza Friday's, Spirit Wear and the Auction. These are undertaken so we can:

- Provide the school with \$125,000 annually to defray tuition rates and pay for school operational expenses such as utility bills
- Pay for fun events such as Beers & Brats, Halloween Carnival, etc.
- Pay for school events and coordinate volunteers

The PO is also an active group acting as liaisons between the OLG staff and parents.

It has been a busy summer for the PO volunteers and OLG staff, see some of the work listed below:

- Transitioning from Maestro to Greater Giving software and adding software to have on line auctions
- Work filling open roles on the PO
- Jog-a-Thon planning
- Signing the contract and planning for the Charleston Wrap fundraiser;
- Moving Spirit Wear to an online store (in progress)
- Uniform Exchange and creation of a Google doc request form (in progress)
- Creation of Box Tops How to Video
- A contingent plan for Pizza Friday's when it is safe;
- Auction planning with completed graphics and save the date postcard
- Face mask ordering for staff, students and for sale to the OLG Community
- Work to redefine the Class Parent Role to a Parent/Teacher Liaison Role during distance learning

Thank you to all the PO Volunteers and OLG Staff that have worked so hard since spring to set the PO up for a great 2020-21 school year.

The meeting notes from the first PO Meeting of the school year are attached and you can listen to the recorded meeting at: The Facebook Group. Parents must answer the three questions to get approved.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bulldogfamilies>

Meetings are the second Tuesday evening of every month at 6:30 pm via Zoom, the link is on the OLG School calendar. Please mark your calendars and join us.

There are still opportunities to get involved and earn volunteer hours, contact your Class Rep. or email me at olg.parent.org@gmail.com. We have such a strong and creative community and we would love to have your input and participation.

Much has been going on to ensure that we enter strongly into our school year; I want to thank you all for your continued commitment, dedication, hard work and change management during this unusual time.

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