

## Starting the school year: Grades K-8

Below is what to expect for the first few weeks of school in the 2022-23 school year

### Getting Ready

- **Paperwork** - Note: [Certificate of Immunization](#) required before students can start school.
- **School supplies** - [2022-2023 lists \(available soon\)](#). Bring supplies to your child's classroom on August 24<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm.
- **Uniforms / Dress Code**
  - The uniform exchange will be open at the August 24th School Supply Drop Off.
  - New uniforms available from [dennisuniform.com](http://dennisuniform.com) (our school code is XSO245) including cardigans, pullovers and sweater vests.
  - Sweatshirts and fleece vests can be purchased online: [OLG Website](#)
- **Safe Environment / Call to Protect**. All volunteers are required to be up-to-date on the Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements. This includes a [Virtus](#) account and training attendance.

### August 24<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) - **School Supply Drop-Off & Social** 5:30-6:30 pm

(If you are new to the Preschool/Pre-K, there is a [mandatory orientation](#) 6:00-7:00 pm)

### August 30<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) - **First day of school** 8:30 am-12:00 pm

- **Full uniform\*** the first day of school
- Drop off time is between 8:15 to 8:30 am (Extended Care starts 7:30 am)
- Parents: PO sponsored coffee reception time at the Walmsley Center 8:20-9:00 am
- **All-School Mass 9:00 am** for grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> and parents (please join us!) - Students in full dress uniform\*
- **Please pack a healthy snack & water bottle** every day. No [lunch](#) on first day.
- **NOON Dismissal!** The first day is a *half day* - your child will be ready for pick up at noon at the drop off location. (*NO Extended Care on this first day*).
- Heads up! **Wednesday, Aug 31st is early dismissal at 2:15 pm** (Each Wednesday is 2:15 pm dismissal; other school days dismiss at 3:00 pm: consult the [School Calendar](#) for any exceptions)

\* What does **full uniform** mean? The formal full dress uniform for Grades K-8 must be worn with the logo sweatshirt, vest, cardigan sweater or fleece. Formal full dress is required for all-school masses for grades K-8. More details can be found [here](#)

### Arrival / Dismissal

- School hours: 8:30am-3:00pm (*Wed 2:15pm*)
- **Tardy bell: 8:30am**
- Suggested entrance for K-3rd grade at South Door, 4th - 8th grade at Main Door.
- **After 8:30am, please sign your child in at the front desk**
- 3:00pm Pick-up: K at South Door, 1st-8th at the Main Lot carpool - **children will be released when eye contact is made by teacher... watch the [How to Carpool video](#)**
- 10 minutes after dismissal time, students who haven't been picked-up will be escorted to [EDC](#).
- *Most Wednesdays are 2:15 pm early dismissal. There are also some ½ days (noon dismissal). Consult the [School Calendar](#) for details.*

Please drive slowly and  
be aware of small children!

### **Lunch & Other COVID safety protocols**

- Please provide lunch for your child; no hot lunch at this time. We eat in the classroom (or other large space) in order to have adequate distancing while our masks are off.
- Recess & bathroom use is staggered throughout the day so that class cohorts are maintained, along with extra building and high touch area cleanings.
- Increased airflow measures means that your child should be dressed for the weather as we will be keeping windows open and utilizing outdoor learning and recess as often as we can.
- We limit outside visitors to keep our cohorts as safe as possible.
- We continue to follow public health guidelines and communicate revisions in the School Newsletter.

### **School Communications**

- The weekly School [Newsletter](#) is the primary way the school communicates with families via email. It is also posted on our School [Webpage](#) each week. Please be sure to read thoroughly for important information regarding school happenings and important announcements.
- You may receive emails from your [student's teacher](#), your [PO Classroom Rep](#), the [school office](#), or otherwise. We do our best to keep email communications limited and essential.
- [Online calendar](#) - event details and updates; *subscribe* online to keep up with changes.
- Occasionally hard copies of information will be sent home with the youngest child. Generally any hard copies are distributed on the first Thursday of the month.

*Acronyms in our common community lingo:*

OLG = Our Lady of Guadalupe

EDC = Extended Day Care

*(before & after school care)*

ELC = Early Learning Center

*(preschool & Pre-K classes)*

FCE = Family Communication Envelope

PO = Parent Organization *(that is all of us!)*

### **Info/Curriculum Nights**

Find out the great plans our teachers have in store for your children.

- Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> for **Preschool/Pre-K** families
- Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> for **Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for **6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

*Parent Organization meetings are generally the 2nd Tuesday of each month.*

*School Commission meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month.*

### **Key School Web Resources for Families:**

[Parent Documents & Links](#)

[Online Calendar](#)

[Newsletters](#)

[Parent Org](#)

[Commitment Hours & Volunteering](#)

[Annual School Fund Drive](#)

[FACTS & SchoolAdmin Overview](#)

### **Questions?**

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