

Welcome to Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic School



Starting the school year: Grades K-8

Below is what to expect for the first few weeks of school in the 2023-24 school year

Getting Ready!

- [Back to School & School Supplies](#)
- Any remaining paperwork in [SchoolAdmin](#) - Note: [Certificate of Immunization](#) required before students can start school.
- [Uniforms / Dress Code](#)
 - The uniform exchange will be open at the August 23rd Ice Cream Social
 - New uniforms available from [dennisuniform.com](#) (our school code is XSO245) including cardigans, pullovers and sweater vests.
 - Sweatshirts and fleece vests can be purchased online: [OLG Website](#)
 - OLG Bulldog "Spirit Wear" (to be worn on designated days) can be purchased online: [OLG Gear Store](#)
 - *Shoes* should be appropriate for recess and PE. No boots, open-toed sandals or Crocs for safety purposes.

* What does **full dress uniform** mean? The formal full dress uniform (blues) 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 and special events. More details can be found [here](#)

- [Safe Environment / Protecting God's Children](#). All volunteers are required to be up-to-date on the Archdiocesan Safe Environment requirements. This includes a [Virtus](#) account, background check and training attendance.

Save the Dates!

August 23rd (Wednesday) - Ice Cream 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 30th (Wednesday) - 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 7:00 am)
- Parents: PO sponsored coffee reception time at the Walmesley Center gym 8:30-9:00 am
- **All-School Mass 9:00 am** for grades 1st to 8th and parents (please join us!) - Students in full dress uniform*
- **Please pack a healthy snack & water bottle** every day. No [lunch](#) on the 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, Sept 6 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.

Info/Curriculum Nights

Find out the great plans our teachers have in store for your children. (Parents only)

- Aug. 23rd for **Preschool** families 6:00-7:00 pm
- Sept. 7th for **Kindergarten - 5th Grade** 6:30-8:00 pm
- Sept. 14th for **6th- 8th Grades & Pre-K** 6:30-8:00 pm



Arrival / Dismissal

Please drive slowly and
be aware of small children!

- 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 8:30 am, 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 the teacher... watch the [How to Carpool video](#)**
- 10 minutes after dismissal time, students who haven't been picked-up will be escorted to [EDC](#) .
- *Wednesdays are 2:15 pm early dismissal. There are also some ½ days (noon dismissal). Consult the [School Calendar](#) for details.*



Lunch & Other Health & Safety Protocols

- Please provide lunch for your child or order lunch online: [School Lunch Information](#) .
- Recess & bathroom use is staggered throughout the day so that class cohorts are maintained as much as possible. Our maintenance staff continues with extra building and high touch area cleanings.
- 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.



Parent Org (PO)

Parent Organization meetings are generally the 2nd Tuesday of each month. All parents are part of the PO and welcome to attend meetings.

[School Commission](#) meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month.



Key School Web Resources for Families:

[Resources for Parents](#)
[Newsletters](#)
[Required Family Volunteer Hours](#)
[Annual School Fund Drive](#)
[Tuition & Tuition Assistance](#)

[Online Calendar](#)
[Parent Org](#)
[Volunteer Preferences Form](#)
[Ways You Can Help](#)

Questions?

[School Office](#)
[PO Chair](#)

[Homeroom teachers](#)