



October 2014

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News from the **KNIGHTS**



Emergency Preparedness

We are required by law to have 6 fire drills and 2 lockdown drills each year. Students are taught how to respond during these drills before any take place. These drills are necessary and as a school community we understand that this may be scary. It is important that your child follow the instructions from the teacher and the visual aids that are located within the school. It is extremely important that your child take these drills seriously.

Course Overviews

Your child has brought home a course overview for each of their classes. Each overview, provides to you as a parent, information regarding the course such as units of study, resources used, learning skills, classroom expectations, how the course will be evaluated and the break down.

Please take the time to read over these overviews and discuss them with your child. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the overview, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher to discuss them further.

Yearbooks are in!

The yearbooks are in and will be sent home with your child before the long weekend. A big thank you to Mr. Bock and the yearbook club for creating a wonderful book, full of memories.

News from Guidance

Grade 12 Graduates – There will be a parent information session on Oct. 9th, at 7:00 pm in the school's theater. This important parent session will outline everything that you need to know as a parent for graduation and post-secondary options.

O'Gorman Student Organization – Fundraiser

Fresh from the Farm fundraiser will be started on Monday, September 29th and will go until October 15th. This is an excellent fundraiser that benefits our school as well as people in our community.

This fundraiser did extremely well last year and we hope to reach our goal or even surpass it.

OSO will also be selling Italian sausages and school clothing. More information on these items will be sent home shortly. Your support is appreciated!

Sister Fay Edmonds Tournament – Celebrates 25 Years

Our Knights hosted several senior and junior girls' basketball teams on October 3rd and 4th. Congratulations to both teams on a successful tournament! Go Knights!

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Terry Fox walk

Staff and students took part in the Terry Fox assembly and walk on September 26th. The school community collected \$428.95 which will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Great job Knights!

Attendance

Regular attendance is critical to academic achievement and overall student wellbeing. When a student misses school or is late for class regularly, this has a direct and serious impact on learning—and it causes disruption in the classroom. We want to work with families to ensure each student is getting the most from his/her school year. For this reason, attendance will be monitored closely and parents will be notified when attendance becomes a concern. It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure each student arrives on time and is in attendance regularly.

Catholic Parent Council Meeting – Parents Helping Parents

The next Catholic Parent Council Meeting will take place on Thursday, October, 16th at 6:00 in the Library. At this time, we will review the role of council, begin establishing our goals and select future meeting dates.

Reminders:

We have been having difficulty reaching some of our parents. Please ensure that you update the school with new phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

Please remind your child that food is not to be consumed outside of the cafeteria.

Finally, all students must be in proper uniform for the duration of the school day. Thank you for your continued support for these reminders!

Thanksgiving Liturgy

We will be celebrating our Thanksgiving liturgy with Father Pat on Wednesday, October 8th at 1:15 in the school's theatre.

Thanksgiving message

God, Creator, we celebrate your overflowing love, and we give thanks to you for all that we have, all that we are. May we offer thanks to you by sharing what you have blessed us with, our talents, our graces and our faith. May we live in your light and in your love during this season, and during all seasons of life.

Amen.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends!

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Monthly Virtue: Gratitude

October's virtue is GRATITUDE, how apropos that we will be celebrating Thanksgiving in just a few short days. Our quote for this month is *"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad"* Psalm 118:24. "Thanks" is a simple word, but it is a precious fountain of faith in God, and it fills our hearts with a readiness to cherish everything we have. Although the world is currently experiencing economic challenges, and we may have difficulty saying thank you for some of our hardships, sometimes this can release us from that sense of entitlement that can prevent us from really seeing God's grace in our daily lives. The choice to be grateful is not always without effort.

How to Show Gratitude

1. Give thanks to God for every day He gives us.
2. If we expect others to be grateful for what we do, we should show appreciation to others.
3. Everything we have to be thankful for comes from God.
4. Remember the story of the lepers who Jesus healed and think of how many returned to show their gratitude.

Grey Sisters – Provides a piece of History!

The Grey Sisters have provided a piece of history to our school community. These displays, which will be mounted in the school library, showcase their history with O'Gorman High.



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