

# OLG NEWSFLASH

*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire... St Catherine of Siena*

## **Flipped Lunch**

After some study and discussion with other schools about the positive impact of “flipped lunch”, OLG students began this last Wednesday. What is flipped lunch? Students play for a period of time first and then sit and eat their lunch. This has already positively impacted the amount of food that was being thrown away!

## **NEW Junior High Math Program**

Students in grades 6-8 have a new math curriculum by McGraw-Hill, which is a continuation of the K-5 program. 6<sup>th</sup> grade math is an extension of the elementary program. While 7<sup>th</sup> grade has an Accelerated Pre-Algebra, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade has a very challenging Algebra textbook. In addition, an early morning Advance Algebra class taught by Mr. Ortiz is taking place for those 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who qualified for the class. Good luck to those students!

## **NEW P.E. Teacher and Athletic Director**

We would like to welcome Mr. Jonathan Saldana to our staff. He will teach P.E to students in TK through 8. In addition, he will act as our new Athletic Director. Mrs. Ana Gomez will assist Mr. Saldana as a parent liaison.

Currently, Mr. Saldana is taking signups for our fall sports, girls’ volleyball and boys’ football. If your child is in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is interested in playing volleyball or football, please encourage them to sign up with Mr. Saldana. Practices will start next week.

Coaches are still needed for boys’ A and B football. Please contact Mr. Saldana at [jsaldana@olgvikings.org](mailto:jsaldana@olgvikings.org) if you are interested in coaching.

## **Spirit Wear Thursdays**

Enclosed in today’s communication baggy you will find an order form for OLG spirit wear. Students may wear spirit wear **every** Thursday. If you don’t already have spirit wear, this is a great opportunity to order.

## **STAR Testing Window**

Students in grades 2-8 have begun STAR testing, which assesses students’ skills in reading and math. Students are assessed 3-4 times per year, and the results assist teachers in how to plan their classroom instruction for each student/class. STAR testing will take place from Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please try to make sure that your students are present, well-rested and have eaten a good breakfast.

## **La Fiesta Sign-ups**

**Save the Date: La Fiesta is on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.** La Fiesta sign-up sheets will be in your child’s class during Back to School Night. OLG School is in charge of five game booths. This is a great way to fulfill some of your service hours, so don’t forget to sign up.

OLG School Student Council will also be sponsoring the youth stage at La Fiesta. We will feature our students and their hidden talents at OLG’s Got Talent! See the enclosed flier for tryout dates.

## **Carpool Line**

Morning drop-off has been going well and we thank you for your cooperation. Our carpool procedures ensure the safety of all of our students. In the afternoon, if you have other family members, please review our carpool procedures and make sure that your children know who is picking them up to ensure that the after school line goes more smoothly.