

# THE NAVIGATOR



**The Gala is April 30th !!!**

Ahoy, me buccaneers! We would like to invite you to our 2016 Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School Gala, which will take place Saturday, April 30, 2016, at the OLG Gym & Performing Arts Center from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

*Arrr! We be having a Pirate Gala this here year with ships & sails and mermaid tails! Join us for a tropical adventure as ye race your fellow scallywags to find the treasure. There will also be a nice steak dinner, fit for the Captain himself, entertainment and excitement as ye join the Royal Navy...*

## *In Search of the Blue Pearl*

Tickets are \$60 per person. Tables also may be reserved for ten people. Please contact the school office for additional information at phone number: 361.552.6140 ext. 6.

*Maybe you have seen this invitation.*

*Maybe you are coming.*

*Maybe you are thinking about coming.*

*Maybe you are wondering exactly what it is all about.....*

*Let me shine some light on the subject for you.*

You will have a wonderful catered dinner, beer and/or wine/champagne if you desire, laughs and good fellowship. **You will also have a chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card.** The evening will involve a game of sorts with clues, mystery, fun, and a play written by Theresa Dent which will be acted out by local community members. *This is not your normal dinner theater....it is a labor of love by all involved.*

This annual event benefits the teachers of OLG. These certified teaching professionals work at a salary that is less than 75% of what they could earn in a public school. They make this school the incredible place it is. Your ticket price covers your food, drink, table and dish rentals, etc. The real fundraising comes from the incredible silent auction items and table sponsorships. There are no "administrative fees" and no profits made. Once all expenses are paid, the balance becomes bonus checks for our team of devoted educators.

This is a very worthy cause and one I am honored to support. I hope you will join us on April 30th.

*Rhonda Cummins*

Outreach Chairman, School Advisory Council

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*Giving of their treasures:*

**Thank you to our financial donors for their gifts and memorials to our school**  
**We appreciate the support shown by the following since September:**

**In Memory of Robert Hochstein**

Robert E & Margaret Clegg  
Chris & Julie Kelley  
Debbie Kocar

**In Memory of Billy Bull**

Mary Kasper

**In Memory of Mary Escobar**

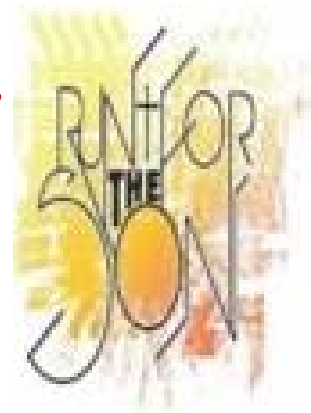
Jimmie & Lorene Roznovsky

**General Support of the School**

Sather Financial (in honor of Rhonda Cummins)  
Armando Lopez, Jr & Ana Laura Campos De Lopez  
Gordon Maertz  
Dr. Thao M. Truong  
The Sursum Corda Foundation  
Raymond Butler, DBA Butler Consulting  
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**“5K RUN/1 MILE WALK FOR THE SON”**

OLG parish will be sponsoring a 5K run/1 mile walk on the morning of **Saturday, April 16, 2016** at the Bauer Community Center. Registration fees are \$30.00 per person and after April 1 fees are \$40.00 per person. Forms are now available in the parish office or the narthex of the church or by calling Elizabeth at 361-652-1723 or Sarita at 361-676-0204. Strollers will be allowed for parents with babies or toddlers who would like to participate.



There will also be a BBQ and Bake Sale. BBQ tickets now available in the parish office. This parish event benefits the Our Lady of the Gulf Capital Campaign.



**Remember the “new” school sign?**

*Thank you* to all who have supported our sign with your commemorative bricks. Several new ones were recently installed by the Morenos.



Spaces are still available on the school sign to honor a loved one or event. Be a part of Mariner history with a brick of your own. Call the school office for details.

## A note to our "Founding Father"

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic School. It is only appropriate to say "Thank you" and honor the man who had this dream and worked to make it a reality: Father Dan Morales.

It was a bold and maybe brash priest who had the vision of starting a school back then, with all the headaches and rewards.

Look how the vision has taken on new life. We thank God for Fr.

Dan. Janet Weaver

By starting this school, Father Dan not only gave me a place to learn and grow throughout my primary education but inspired me to give back by becoming a teacher. Kassie Burke

My first memory of Father Dan is he standing on a ladder trying to fix the wiring on one of the light fixtures in the school. He greeted me with a huge smile and said "Welcome to OLG School". Janie Ortega



Father Dan has touched countless hearts by his brave action of starting this school. His courage in taking the risky steps of opening a Catholic school has made an impact on every student who has sat in these desks, every teacher who has shared their knowledge, every parent who has believed in us, and all the parishioners who have and who continue to support the wonderful dream that has become a necessary establishment in so many lives today. Susan DeLaGarza

Father Dan is the heart and soul of OLG School.

Kathy Anderle



Fr. Dan gave many reasons for starting a school here, even though the odds were against him. But I believe one of the reasons he started the school was because it gave him a place to be a KID again. Theresa Dent

To this day, when I see Fr. Dan I see him as a Father, a protector, a leader, a guide, a loving presence.

Marcy King



Father Dan is a great leader in faith, education, and community. Father is a role model in living God's words. Richard Chen

I am extremely grateful to Fr. Dan for establishing such a firm Eucharistic identity for the parish school by having the entire school attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass every morning to begin the day. Having Mass with the students of the school each morning is one of the highlights of my day everyday! And because we have the assistance of the students available to us, our daily liturgies during the school year are much richer. We are able to celebrate the various feast days of the Church with the proper solemnity due to them. - Fr. Tommy



You really are our "super hero".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qdNoZu-gwk>



Thank you for founding our school and all your other great works.  
The Lord be with you and your family. Now and always.

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## MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

We are a Catholic educational community providing opportunity for growth in the Light of Christ. Students are challenged spiritually, morally, socially, intellectually, and physically to develop their greatest potential.

### ALL FAITHS WELCOMED

#### BACKGROUND

- Founded in 1996
- Pre-Kinder—8th Grade
- Daycare 18+ months
- Class size limited to 16
- Fully Accredited
- After School Care
- Breakfast Program

#### 2015-16 ENROLLMENT

|        |     |
|--------|-----|
| 8th    | 11  |
| 7th    | 13  |
| 6th    | 15  |
| 5th    | 12  |
| 4th    | 12  |
| 3rd    | 16  |
| 2nd    | 14  |
| 1st    | 10  |
| Kinder | 14  |
| PK-4   | 15  |
| Total  | 132 |

### FREE STUDENT TRIAL DAYS

#### EDUCATIONAL COST PER STUDENT 2016-17

- Annual Tuition and fees paid:  
By parishioners .....\$2,875  
By non-parishioners ....\$3,275
- Flexible payment plans
  - Rates are adjusted for families with multiple children enrolled.
  - Remainder of tuition is subsidized by an endowment fund and the parish.
  - Financial billing through FACTS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Strong Moral Environment
- Advanced Technology
- Excellence in Instruction
- High Behavioral Standards
- Leadership Opportunities
- School & Community Pride
- Hands-on Learning
- Challenging Academics
- Full Day PreK4 program

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

#### FACULTY PROFILE

Student to teacher ratio .....13:1  
Avg. years of teaching experience ...15  
Avg. years of service to OLG .....6

*All core teachers certified by TCCED/TEA*

### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- Art, Choir, Music, Spanish
- Middle School Athletics
- Accelerated Reader Program
- Title Program - Catapult Learning
- Apple, Chrome and Linux 1:1 Computer Platforms
- Federal Free/Reduced Lunch
- Curriculum Enriching Field Trips
- Community Service Projects
- 4-H Afterschool Club
- Junior Master Gardeners
- Academic Competitions