



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Welcome Parents!

It was so nice to see many school families attend our Ash-Wednesday Mass this week. We invite all parents, grandparents, and extended family to attend Mass on Wednesdays at 9:00 am, where the students have an active role in Mass. Please know that if you attend a student-led Mass, you are welcome to have your child sit with you for the duration of Mass. I am very proud of how well students listen during Mass and I burst with pride when students answer Father's questions correctly. I think you would enjoy the experience if you are able to attend. There has been so much growth in the spirituality of our students. Our staff has noticed a big difference from the beginning of the school year.

Home & School Meeting

Thank you for helping with the flow of traffic by keeping the parking spots in front of the gymnasium clear. Entering from the East (Church side) and exiting toward the west (school side) has also improved arrival and dismissal. This was an excellent suggestion made by a parent at our February Home and School meeting. This was an easy fix that improved our school. Please join our next Home and School meeting on **March 4th at 5:00 pm** to share your ideas.
Meeting ID: 897 6983 1285
Passcode: 060536



Academic Progress

We are halfway into marking period #3. This marking period traditionally seems to be the time that student progress may slip. I apologize that MP #3 or Q3 was not visible to the parents until yesterday. Thank you to the parent that brought this to our attention so we could fix it. You should now be able to see current grades for this marking period. We encourage parents to take preventative measures by monitoring student progress with on-line grading for grades 3rd-8th or checking daily folders for grades PreK-2nd and staying in contact with your child's teacher via email. Together, we can achieve growth/progress for all students.

Online Grading

Online Grading links using the FACTS Family Portal:

- FACTS Family Portal
- Student
- Grades

If you are struggling to see grades online, please call the office and we will be happy to assist you.

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OLLRCS School Calendar

School Closures

School closures due to inclement weather will be announced on 9&10 News and a parent alert text will be sent out before 6:30am.



2021-22 Student Registration!

Student Registration information for next school year.

OLLRCS has been blessed with amazing students/families this year! We have 3 of our 4 classrooms completely filled and a waiting list in 2 of our 4 classrooms. Our school office has already received inquiries for the upcoming school year and indicators show we will be at our full capacity in some sections. Classrooms will be capped at 15 students in grades 1st - 8th and 18 students in PreK/K for next year, assuring class sizes maintain a small teacher-student ratio.

We encourage you to register your child through our FACTS family portal and pay the \$100 registration fee plus the \$10 FACTS fee as soon as you are eligible to do so if you intend on returning. As you can see below, we are giving our existing families first priority to re-enroll for the next school year. There is a \$50 refund for registering before the end of this school year.

- Open registration for returning families begins April 19th
- Open registration for parish families begins May 3rd
- Open registration for all families begins May 10

Once a section is filled, students will be placed on a waiting list. Additional sections will open when/if OLLRCS hires a highly qualified teacher that possesses the loving, caring, hard-working, and extremely dedicated qualities that our existing teachers have. OLLRCS is committed to providing a high-quality academic and spiritual education with small class sizes encompassed in a safe environment. We can not save spots for returning families past May 2nd as enrolment opens up for parish families and the general public on May 10th.

We would like to thank Mrs. Patti Gruber for her ministry at the OLL Parish and School. Her dedication has been extremely beneficial to Our Lady of the Lake. We wish her the very best as she begins the next chapter of her life.

Please Welcome Mrs. D, Ms. Rebecca, and Mr. Matt



Mrs. D is the new morning PreK/K aid that was needed as we added 5 additional students to the class in 2021.

Ms. Rebecca comes to OLLRCS with teaching experience in middle school and high school English.

She is our assistant secretary in the front office. Mr. Matt joins our staff full-time, doing the enormous job of cleaning/maintenance of our school and church. We are very blessed to have them share their talents at OLLRCS!

Lenten Season!

Lent is meant to be a time of repentance. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord. We invite you to join your child/children to sacrifice or give up a luxury, favorite food, or pray more for the next 38 days!

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." ~ Hebrews 13:16

Upcoming Talent Show

March 17th, 2021

- We have 10 acts signed up for the Talent show on March 17th at 1:00 pm.
- Auditions are Tues, March 2nd & practices are March 9th & 16th during school in the afternoon.
- Click [Registration & Rules](#) link to access the required forms.
- Information regarding adult attendance will be sent home with the students in March.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

You have one more week to sell pizza kits! The winning class will receive a pizza party provided by Little Caesars. You will earn a half-hour of service credit per pizza kit sold. Anything you sell beyond your 100 hour service hour obligation will support our school operations. You do not have to participate in selling the Pizza kits if you do not wish, but it is an easy way to earn service hours if you have not met your obligation. Your service hours are recorded in the Family Portal through the FACTS system. Pizza kit ordering forms need to be turned into the school office no later than Friday, Feb. 26th. Please direct additional questions to John Cook, Cindy Cook, or Carrie Milburn as they have graciously offered to head up this profitable fundraiser.



We have 13 more school days until our next Accelerated Reading (AR) Certificates are distributed. Please encourage your child to be reading AR books every day!

Help Needed

- Lunch/Recess help needed daily.
- Support our script card program by either purchasing or spreading the word. Please click the link below to our school website for more information on our script program. There are numerous gift cards available for purchase.

[Script Card List](#)

UPCOMING DATES

- Feb 19: Final week to sell Little Caesars Pizza Kits
- Feb 24th: Student Mass
- Feb 25th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- Feb 26th: All Pizza order forms are due today!
- March 2nd: Talent Show auditions during school
- March 2nd: Dress down day in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday and National Reading Month. Students may dress up as any character from a Dr. Seuss book.
- March 3rd: Student Mass
- March 4th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- March 4th: 7:00 pm Home & School Zoom Meeting
- March 4th: Little Caesars Pizza kits order forms due!
- March 5th: No school/Teacher Inservice day



I am so very excited to go tubing with your child today. I hope the students and chaperones have as much fun as I know I will. A huge thank you to our office staff, Rosemary, Jessica, Patti, and Rebecca for organizing this event with many permission slips, driver lists, etc. There are truly so many behind the scene people that help make our school function smoothly including many of our parent volunteers. "Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough to me. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 989-366-5592, email me at mjohnson@ollrcs.org, and/or consider joining our Home & School zoom meeting on March 4th!

May God bless you and your family,
Mrs. Michelle Johnson