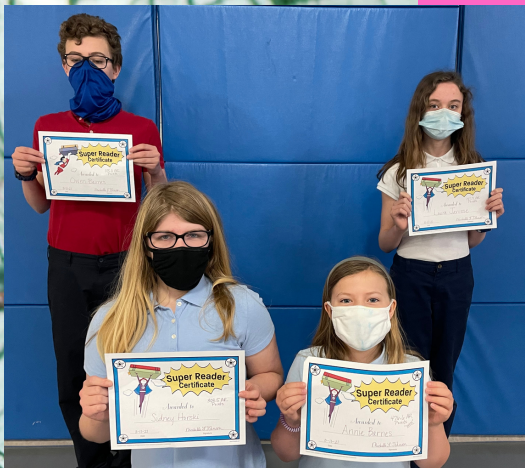


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you for doing your part to keep our students safe and learning in person at OLLRCS. It has been amazing how this school family has consistently put the safety of others above convenience for themselves. Michigan's coronavirus numbers have more than tripled this month. Please continue to take the necessary precautions to keep your family safe from the coronavirus. The week we return from spring break, temperature checks will be taken every day and we will do our best to encourage students to wear masks and hand sanitize frequently. Thank you for your support of our efforts to keep everyone safe.



Accelerated Reading

March 11th, we celebrated every 1st-8th grade student and 2 kindergarten students' reading progress with accelerated reading certificates. It is truly incredible to see how far our students have improved in reading.

Many students have jumped a full grade level or more and we still have a lot of school left to keep learning. Thank you for encouraging your child to read every day.

Academic Progress

The end of the marking period is this Thursday, March 25th. It is the last day before spring/Easter break.

Make sure your child has all his/her assignments turned in by this date. We return from break on April 6th and plan to send report cards home with your child on April 7th.

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.

2020-2021

OLLRCS School Calendar



Spring/Easter Break

Spring/Easter break is March 26-April 5th. We will return to school, Tuesday, April 6th. Please continue to take preventative safety measures so we can end our year with in-person instruction.



2021-22 Student Registration

Today, your child was sent home with a letter from the finance committee regarding 2021-22 tuition rates. Below is a link to the letter:

[Link to Finance Committee Letter](#)

Classrooms will be capped to 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 non-refundable \$100 registration fee plus the \$10 FACTS fee as soon as you are eligible to do so if you intend on returning.

- Registration for returning families begins April 19th
- Registration for registered parish parents/guardians from OLL and our sister parishes begins May 3rd
- 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 is able to hire a highly qualified teacher that possesses the loving, caring, hard-working, and 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.

Online Fruit Fundraiser to help with Service Hours!

Only one week left to sell fruit online, as the close of this fundraiser is Thursday, March 25th. For every \$12 the school earns, one service hour will be credited to your family's service hour account. After the conclusion of this fundraiser, your family's service hour balance will be applied to your bill if you are short on the required 100 service hours. Please read the "Lenton Season" below to donate service hours to families in need. This fundraiser is optional and you do not have to participate if you do not wish to. We thank Laura McNeill for providing the opportunity to earn service hours in a year that has been unpredictable and challenging.



Congratulations Thomas Janisse, who won our local catechism bee and will represent OLLRCS May 4th at the Diocese of Gaylord. Thomas and his twin sister went back and forth in the competition. He will compete with students from 17 other Catholic schools. Students are competing for tuition scholarships.

Lenten Season!

In the spirit of Lent, Father Peter Eke has graciously approved of allowing families with excess service hours to donate their extra hours to a family in need. Please consider donating your extra hours beyond the required 100 service hours to other families in need by calling the office at 989-366-5592. This has been a difficult year for many and your kindness will be greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick's Day Talent Show

This year's talent show was a huge success thanks to our talented MC and organizer, Mrs. Amy Galea-Ruff, parent stagehands, and the many students that shared their talents.

We had a wide variety of talent including singing, dancing, comedy, magic show, piano playing, a pogo stick performance, and a hilarious time warp video presentation. You can watch the talent show on youtube if you search OLL317. There are also many photos of the acts on our school facebook page.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser Updates

A huge thank you to all of those that helped sort 532 pizza kits yesterday.

The Cook family is graciously sponsoring a little caesars pizza lunch to the top-selling class, which was Mrs. Bawek's PreK/K class.

Mrs. Bawek's class collectively sold 171 boxes of Pizza. Students from Mrs. Bawek's class will not need to pack a lunch on Wednesday, March 24th.



"May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace."

Psalm 29:11



Recently, your child brought home the first edition of our student newspaper, "The Look Back". February's issue had some very well-written articles from Laura Janisse, Owen Barnes, Sidney Horski, and Trisha Kartz. I applaud their hard work and dedication in creating a school newspaper for us to enjoy.



UPCOMING DATES

- March 24th: PreK/K students Pizza Lunch reward
- March 25th: End of 3rd MP - Dress down day
- March 25th: No after school tutoring
- March 26th - April 5th: Spring/Easter Break
- April 6th: Return to school
- April 8th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- April 9th: Dress down day - 2nd Friday of the Month



Help Needed

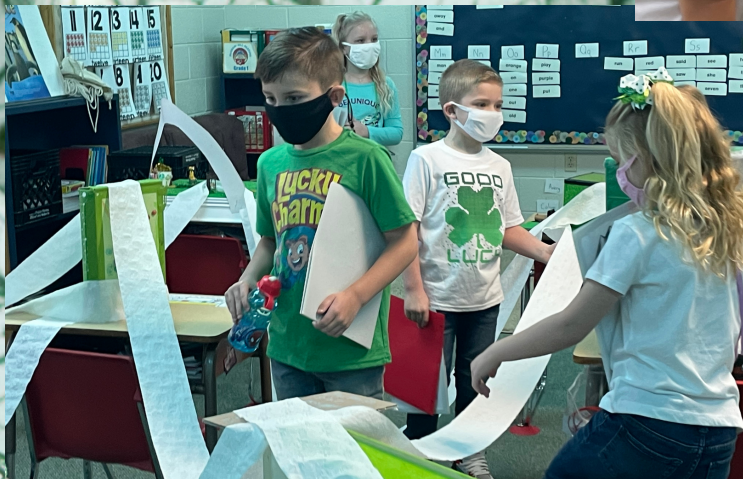
- Lunch/Recess help needed daily.
- Mrs. Denise Strauss needs help hiding eggs for the March 25th Easter egg hunt planned at 1:00. Thank you to those that have donated candy.



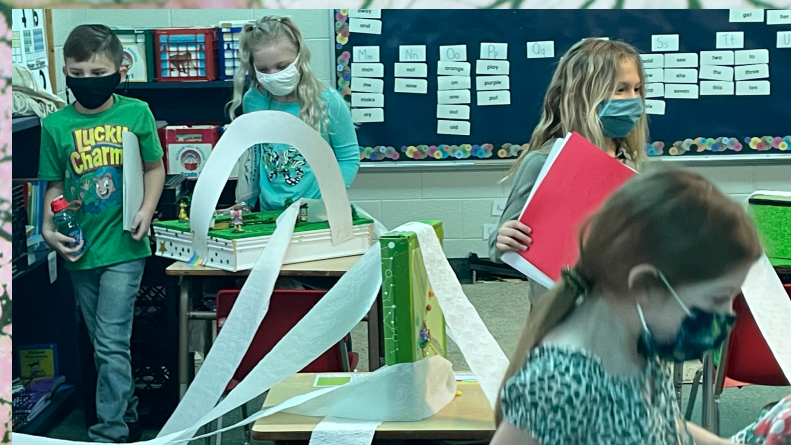
March has been a very exciting month for us at OLLRCS. We have had a lot of fun focusing on reading this month. The talent show was my favorite of our many events. I encourage you to watch it by searching OLL317. I was amazed at the stage presence, talent, confidence, and courage our students have at such a young age. Every act left me wanting more. I can not wait to see what is in store for next year. We have a Lenten retreat planned after lunch today and Marc Milburn read to our younger students this morning. I say it all the time, but the reason this school operates so smoothly is because of the unbelievable parental support we have. I am lost for words at the enormous generosity and unity I see at OLLRCS. When we are in need, the next day one of our volunteers or parents provides. You all have come together to give our children a "normal educational experience" in very challenging times. I can not thank you enough for all you do for our students! Enjoy this beautiful weather God has blessed us with & stay safe!

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

**Thank you Dr. Lamburg for
visiting the 1st/2nd
classroom to read with us
on Mondays!**



**What did that leprechaun do to Mrs.
Pacella's room? Nobody caught the
leprechaun this year, but we sure
could tell he made a visit. The traps
everyone brought in were amazing!**



**Thank you to the Kartz family
for the sap for maple syrup.
Trisha did an amazing job
explaining the process of
making maple syrup to the
3rd-8th grade classes.**

