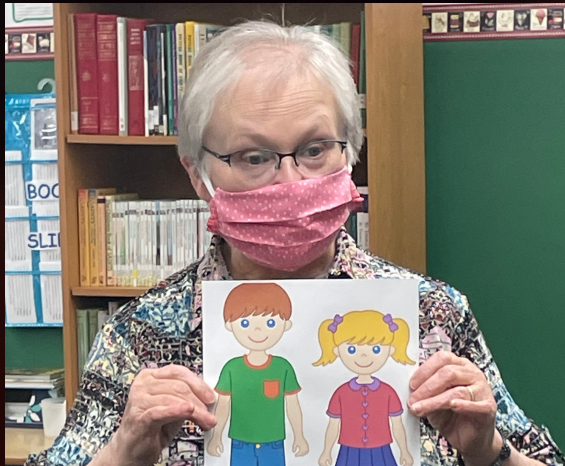




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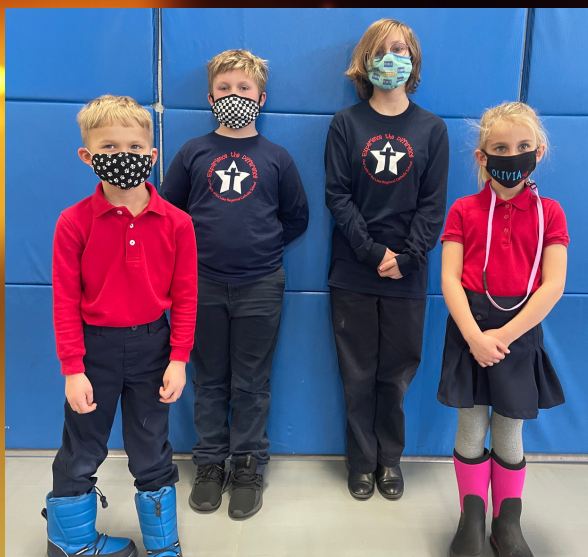
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MARCH

National Reading Month

We have had a fantastic kick-off to March promoting students to read during National Reading Month. Monday, the students had library time with Mrs. Chudzinski. Tuesday, students and staff celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by dressing as their favorite character or in comfortable clothes for an afternoon read-in. To end the week on Thursday, students were able to meet and ask questions of local author, Mrs. Cindy Laur, former OLLRCS music teacher. Mrs. Laur is the author of the Christian-based book titled "The Quest for Truth". Her book is available for purchase in the office for \$12.00.



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February Disciples of the Month

Bryce Boals, PreK/K
Olivia Campbell, 1st/2nd
Ryder Fagerlie, 3rd-5th
Emma Hoogerhyde, 6th-8th

Students were chosen for their Christian behavior, kindness to others, and the efforts they are making to build good character. Students were treated to Bucilli's Pizza last Friday.
Congratulations!

Academic Progress

We have 3 weeks remaining in marking period #3. The end of the marking period is March 25th, which 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



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.

We have had several inquiries about enrolment for the 2021-2022 school year. Enrolment information will be announced to the general public after Spring break. 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. As you can see below, we are giving our existing families first priority to re-enroll for the next school year.

- Registration for returning families begins April 19th
- Registration for registered parish parents/guardians from OLL and any of 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. We can not save spots for returning families as enrolment opens up for registered parish families on May 3rd and the general public on May 10th.

Online Fruit Fundraiser to help with Service Hours!

Laura McNeill has graciously brought an easy online fundraising opportunity to earn your required 100 hours in service. Your oldest child will bring home fruit fundraising information on Monday, March 8th. You will have until spring break or March 25th to sell the fruit packages. It's all done online and the delivery is done for you. So you can sell online to your relative in Texas and they will receive the box of fruit. For every \$12 the school earns, one service hour will be credited to your family's service hours. 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 "Lenten 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.



Upcoming Talent Show

March 17th, 2021

- We have 10 acts signed up for the Talent show on March 17th at 1:00 pm.
- Practices with Mrs. Amy Galea-Ruff are March 9th & 16th during school at 1:00..
- Click [Registration & Rules](#) link to access the required forms.
- Parents/grandparents are invited to watch and will enter through the gymnasium entrance. Temperature checks will be taken and social distancing is encouraged when choosing your seat.
- The talent show will be recorded and available to watch on the evening of March 17th.

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Fundraiser Results!

A huge thank you to Cindy Cook and Carrie Milburn for heading up a very successful Pizza Kit Fundraiser! Collectively, our families sold 532 pizza kits raising \$3192 for our school. There were 266 service hours earned, saving families \$2660 of service hour fees. Thank you to all that participated!

Little Caesars is donating a pizza party to the top-selling class. The results are below.

- 1st place - PreK/K selling 171 pizza kits**
- 2nd Place - 1st/2nd selling 153 pizza kits**
- 3rd place -3rd-5th selling 143 pizza kits**
- 4thplace 6th-8th selling 65 pizza kits**

The date of Mrs. Bawek's PreK/K class is being determined.

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.

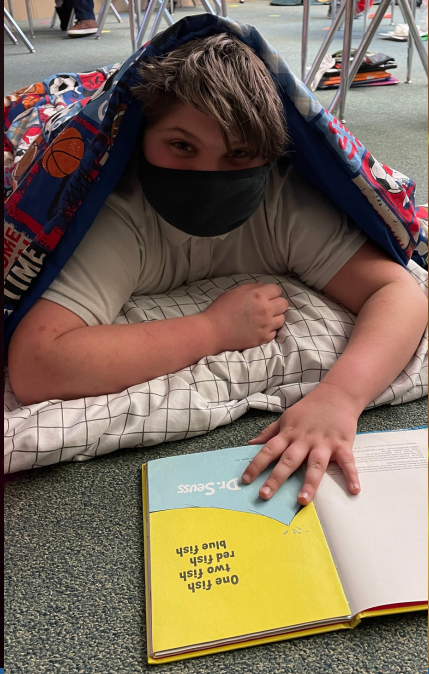


"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

March 11th will be our 120th day (or 2/3) of the school year. Many Accelerated Reading (AR) Certificates will be distributed to acknowledge the amazing job students are doing in reaching their AR goals!

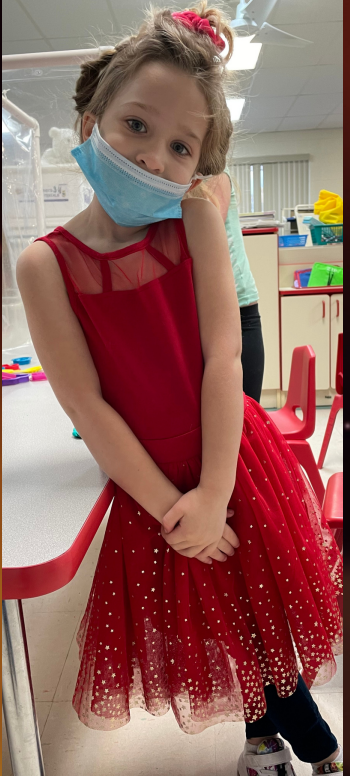
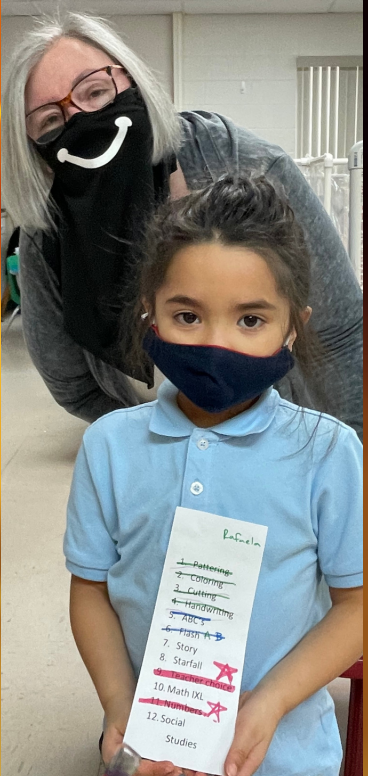
- Help Needed**
- Lunch/Recess help needed daily.
 - Support our script card program by either purchasing or spreading the word. Please click the link below to our school website for more information on our script program. There are numerous gift cards available for purchase.

[Script Card List](#)



UPCOMING DATES

- March 5th: No school/Teacher Inservice day
- March 8th: Online fruit fundraiser starts-students will bring home information today.
- March 9th: Talent show practice during school
- March 11th: AR recognition and certificates
- March 11th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- March 16th: Talent show practice during school
- March 17th: Dress down day - Wear green!
- March 17th: Talent show at 1:00pm - parents/grandparents welcome.
- March 18th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- March 18th or 19th: 3rd-8th grade Lenton retreat with Mr. Steve Sandoval



We have had an amazing start to March, which is reading month! Your children were so adorable dressed up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character and had a great time with the read-in. Many students asked to do it again. Students asking to read? Bravo parents! Cindy Laur, author of the book, "The Quest for Truth" met with each of our classes and marveled at their excellent behavior. We have 10 copies of her book in the office and they sell for \$12.00. If your child would like to purchase a copy, please bring the exact change as we do not keep cash in the office. Thank you to the many parents that are still bringing in bottled water for classrooms and still sending water with their child in water bottles to school. We are not able to use the drinking fountains this year and are looking into water stations for next year. Enjoy this beautiful weather God has given us. Spring is around the corner!

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