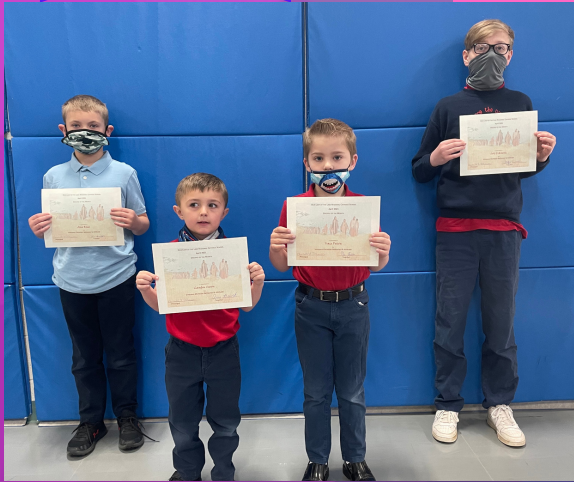


OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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April

Disciples of the Month

Congratulations to our March Disciples of the Month!

PreK/K - Landon Caron

1st/2nd - Trace Paiva

3rd-5th - Alex Bosel

6th-8th - Colt Eckstorm

Students were chosen for their Christian behaviors, thoughtfulness to others, and doing the right thing when nobody is watching.

March and April Disciples will be treated to Buccilli's Pizza on Friday, April 30th.

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Spring Reminders

As the weather gets warmer, we are encouraging all students to take winter clothes home that are in their locker.

- Students may wear uniform shorts all days of the week, except Wednesday. Please make sure they have solid white, navy, or black socks.
- Reminder to wear shorts under your skirts when they are not wearing tights or leggings underneath.
- Please make sure your child has a sweatshirt or sweater for those days that are cooler in April.
- Please pack lunch items that take little or no time to heat up. We only have 2 microwaves.



Academic Progress

Online grades for 3rd-8th grade students should show marking period #4 grades. Please be checking grades at least once a week with your child. Jessica will be available to show you how to access grades on line at our STEAM night. OLLRCS staff is dedicated to help your child succeed. Please feel free to reach out by email at any time with concerns.

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 at 989-366-5592 for help.

2020-2021

OLLRCS School Calendar

Optional STEAM Night

A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night will be on April 28th from 3:30-5:30. This is a change in time from the last newsletter. All teachers will be available to answer questions on student progress, 3rd-8th grade science projects will be on display, and both secretaries will be available to answer FACTS and online grading questions. There will be a book fair where you can purchase reading materials and you will be able to vote for your favorite yearbook cover made by our students. Your child's teacher should have sent home a time to schedule a short conference. This is an optional night and you do not have to attend if you do not want to. We wanted to provide an opportunity for parents to meet with teachers, see student work and get questions answered if needed.

Kremer Foundation Scholarship Applications

The Kremer Scholarship application was sent home with your child Monday or Tuesday of this week. Please complete and return to the office no later than May 4th. OLLRCS has a strict deadline of when this scholarship has to be completed. Please call the office if you need an extra copy or have any questions.



2021-22 Student Registration

Copy of the finance committee regarding 2021-22 tuition rates.

[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.

**8th Annual Alumni & Friends 2021
Golf Outing
PINEVIEW HIGHLANDS
Friday, June 4th, 10:00 am – Shot
Gun Start**

This is a huge fundraiser for our school. Please encourage businesses to sponsor a hole and your friends to sign up for golf. Below is the registration and sponsor form.

Registration and Sponsor Form

A huge thank you to John Duncan and Ashley Boals for heading this fundraiser!



Thank you for being our gym teacher Mr. Pete!

7th & 8th Grade Field Trip

A huge thank you to Mrs. McKuen for organizing an end of the year field trip to the Mammoth Caves and Ark Encounter (Life size Noah's Ark) in Kentucky! The trip is scheduled for 7th & 8th grade students and families to leave school around 2:00pm on May 12th and return in the early evening May 16th.

Thank you Father Eke!

Father Peter Eke has graciously approved of allowing families with excess service hours to donate their extra hours to a family in need for the year of 2020-21 only. Please contact the office at 989-366-5592 if you want to donate your extra hours beyond the required 100 service hours to families in need. This has been a difficult year for many and your kindness will be greatly appreciated.

**Info from our Librarian,
Mrs. Scott**

Walk For Life
May 22, 2021

575 Court Street, West Branch, MI

Registration: 8:30 am

Walk: 9:00 am

We ask you direct your questions to
989-345-3909 or
ChooseLifeConnection.org

A message from Mrs. Scott

OLLRCS would like to thank the anonymous, generous donor who allocated their donation for new books for the library. If you would like to assist in building the library titles, please support our book fair starting on STEAM night, April 28 through May 6th or checks can be made out to OLLRCS with "library" in the memo section. Many little donations can make a BIG difference. Also, if you have time to help get a slew of books ready for the students for next school year, I will be accepting help beginning June 21st. Just send a note with your name, days available and a way to contact you (phone/email). There is a lot to do... Thank you for your generosity and support!

Mrs. Scott, OLLRCS Librarian



"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10



Thank you for helping us make bird feeders Miss Riley!

UPCOMING DATES

Book Fair 2021

Students will be able to purchase book fair items on the following dates:

- April 28th from 3:30-5:30 during STEAM family night
- May 3rd during student's library time
- May 6th during school hours

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OUR LIBRARY



Help Needed

- Daily Lunch/Recess help.
- We will need help organizing an end-of-the-year field day. Mrs. Tracey Haggart will help the person in charge with activities that have been done in the past
- We are looking for people to help with the 2021-22 COVID letter fundraiser. This fundraiser replaced our annual gala. Please contact Liz Hoogerhyde at 989-915-0006 if you would like to join the committee.



- April 23rd: Superintendent Buell visits OLLRCS
- April 28th: STEAM night from 3:30-5:30
- April 29th: ACRE Testing for 5th & 8th-grade students
- April 29th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- April 30th: Pizza lunch for March and April Disciples
- April 30th: 7th & 8th-grade zoom meeting at 7:00 pm
- May 3rd: Registration opens for Parish families
- May 3rd: Book fair during library - bring \$ to purchase
- May 4th: Kremer scholarship applications due
- May 4th: 8th-grade visit HLHS (Roscommon tour-TBD)
- May 5th: May crowning after school Mass
- May 5th: Open house for new families 4:00-6:00 pm
- May 6th: Last day of the book fair
- May 6th: Diocesan Catechism Bee (Thomas Janisse)
- May 6th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- May 10th: Open enrollment/registration for all families



I would like to congratulate Bryce Chudzinski, Griffin Gross, Tanner Reed, and Alex Bosel who made their First Holy Communion and were confirmed last Sunday. These young men have been preparing all year during Faith Formation classes to be able to receive these sacraments. A friendly reminder that returning student enrollment registration is open for one more week before we include parish families and the general public. Unlike previous years, we have classes capped for the safety of our students and we can not hold a spot for your child if you are not registered. Once open enrollment begins, we anticipate that several students will be on a waiting list until we hire additional teaching staff. We also anticipate that some of our class structure of grades 1-5 will look different next year depending on enrollment. This is a very exciting time for our school and I hope you are equally excited to embrace what God has in store for OLLRCS. Enjoy this beautiful weather we have been blessed with & stay safe!

Congratulations Bryce, Griffin, Tanner, and Alex!

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