

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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March

Disciples of the Month

Congratulations to our March Disciples of the Month!

- PreK/K - Aubrey Ciaramitaro
- 1st/2nd - Ari Buccilli
- 3rd-5th - Jory Meigs (absent)
- 6th-8th - Trisha Kartz

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 at the end of April.

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- 7th/8th Grade Field Trip
- Thank you Father Eke

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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 send 2 water bottles or 1 big water bottle. With the warmer weather, they are drinking more.



Academic Progress

Report cards were sent home with your child this Wednesday for marking period #3. PreK students do not receive a report card. Online grade should show marking period #4 grades as of today. 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 and we will be happy to assist you.

2020-2021

OLLRCS School Calendar

Optional STEAM Night

A STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) night will be April 28th from 4:00-6:30. 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. We are in the process of making a schedule to ensure a safe environment for all. 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.

Next Home & School Meeting:

Please join our next Home and School zoom meeting on April 22nd at 7:00 pm to share your ideas.

Meeting ID: 853 2925 9592

Passcode: 738852



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 to golf. Below is the registration and sponsor form.

[Registration & Hole Sponsor Form](#)

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



**MSU Extension Online
Resources for
Our Northeast
Michigan Community**

MSU Extension is offering numerous free online webinars in the month of April. I thought I would pass them along. There seems to be a little something for everyone. Below is the link to check it out.

[Link to MSU Extension Resources](#)

**Mrs. Johnson's April book
pick for busy Moms**

It seems like just yesterday I was a busy Mom with young children. I frequently beat myself up for not being good enough for my 3 kids. I compared myself to other Moms who seemed to have it more together and I know many of you (who are amazing) are doing the same thing. Over spring break, I read the book, "Girl, Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis and wished I would have stumbled across this great find about 10-15 years ago. I have been listening to Rachel's podcast, "Rise Together" for a few years. I love how real she is and the Christian advice her and her husband give. Try the podcast out on spotify (it's free!) and the book is sold on amazon.

A huge thank you to Mrs. McKuen for organizing a end of the year field trip to the Mammoth Caves and Ark Encounter (Life size Noah's Ark) in Kentucky! The next zoom meeting for 7th & 8th grade parents will be April 20th at 7:00pm.

Meeting ID: 845 5412 0616

Passcode: 487939

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 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.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



Last month, 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!



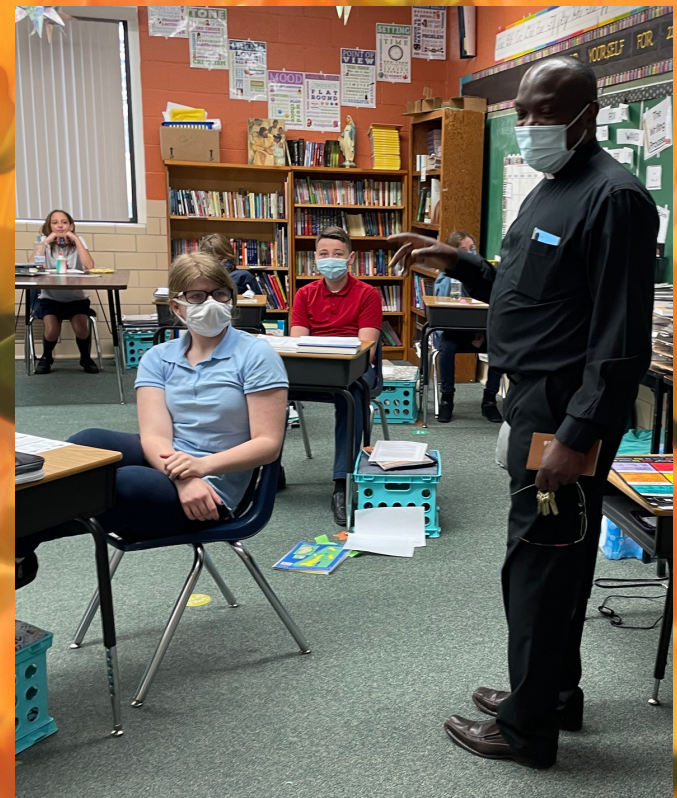
UPCOMING DATES



Help Needed

- Lunch/Recess help needed daily.
- 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 ask that you send your child with a lunch that does not take over a minute to warm up. We only have 2 microwaves and 2 volunteers to accomodate 30-33 students at a time. Thank you!

- April 13th: No OLL Bus
- April 15th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- April 19th-30th: Returning Family Registration 2021-22
- April 20th: 7th & 8th grade zoom meeting at 7:00pm
- April 21st: Secretaries Day
- April 22nd: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- April 22nd: Earth Day & Dress down Day
- April 22nd: Home & School Meeting at 7:00pm



I hope you all enjoyed your Spring/Easter break! I had a wonderful break, but I sure did miss all of our students! It has been a great week back, as the students got into the swing of their daily school routine better than expected. I am so proud of our students' thirst for learning! Most of our students are reading well above grade level and they didn't seem to miss a beat in Math over break. I am thoroughly enjoying working with many of our 2nd-7th grade students in Math. It has been so rewarding to see their progress and it helps me with missing classroom teaching. Once again, thank you to our many volunteers! OLLRCS had to report the number of volunteers in our school and we counted 23 people that regularly come in to help our students. We are so very fortunate to have such an amazing volunteer staff. Our volunteers make our school days operate so much more efficiently and I am truly grateful for your help! Enjoy this beautiful weather God has blessed us with & stay safe!

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