



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Kentucky Field Trip

We gave our 7th and 8th graders a school-wide send-off to Kentucky on May 12th. Students visited Mammoth Cave National Park, the Ark Encounter, which is a life-sized replica of Noah's Ark, as well as the Creation Museum. Our students were complimented on their behavior everywhere they went and represented OLLRCS extremely well. A huge thank you to Mrs. McKuen, her husband and daughter, and the many parent chaperones that made this amazing trip possible.



Spring Reminders

- Students may need to pack 2 water bottles as the weather turns warmer, especially for older students.
- Reminder to wear shorts under your skirts when not wearing tights or leggings.
- Please encourage your child to start cleaning out their cubbies and lockers. There are still winter apparel items at school.
- Thank you for packing lunch items that take little or no time to heat up. We have been really short on help lately.

Academic Progress

We only have 3 more weeks of school. Please teach students in 3rd-8th grades how to access their grades online. We encourage students to take ownership in their academic progress.

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

Upcoming 2021-22 Fundraiser Letter

We will have a COVID relief fundraising letter in place of our annual Gala for the 2021-2022 school year. There are several service hours available for those who choose to help with this huge fundraiser. Many of the hours can be done at home and over the summer. If you are interested in helping with next year's COVID relief fundraising letter, please join us at our next Home and School zoom meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 25th.

[Link to Home & School Zoom Meeting](#)

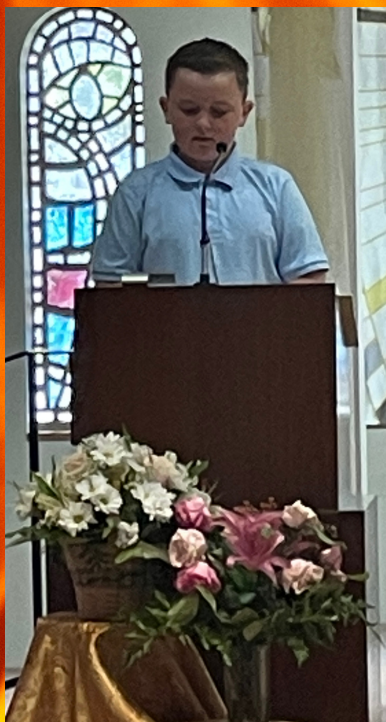
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Service Hours Available

The following can all be counted as service hours:

- Extra office help next week
- Lunch help from 11:15-12:45
- Maintenance/cleaning help
- Sorting books/Library help
- Earn 2 hours per golfer or sponsor
- Wording of the 2021-22 COVID letter

Call 989-366-5592 if you would like to help



Report Cards & Summer Packets

Report Cards will be sent home on the last day of school, June 11th. Summer packets will also be sent home to minimize summer learning loss. The summer packet will include fun educational websites that your child can work on as well as worksheets to retain Language Arts and Math skills that were taught over the school year. Please encourage your child to read and work on the packets 1-2 hours a week over the summer.



Ava flying high!

8th Annual Alumni & Friends 2021 Golf Outing PINEVIEW HIGHLANDS

Friday, June 4th, 10:00 am – Shotgun Start

This is a huge fundraiser for our school. Please encourage businesses to sponsor a hole and your friends to sign up for golf. You will earn 2 hours of service credit per golfer and per sponsor. 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!



Home and School Meeting

We hope you can join us at our next zoom Home and School meeting this Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm.

[Link to H & S zoom meeting](#)

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Service Hour Fees

This month, your remaining service hour balance was applied to your tuition, if you did not complete the 100-hour requirement. Service hours may still be earned until June 11th. As you turn your hours in, your balance will be adjusted accordingly. Donated service hours that were randomly given and not designated to a specific family cannot be applied until the end of the school year.

Kindergarten Graduation!

OLLRCS kindergarten graduation ceremony will be held Wednesday, May 26th at 1:00 pm in the gymnasium. We will have 10 graduates and we welcome your entire family to join us in honoring our hard working students!

We ask that our guests do a temperature check, wear masks, and maintain social distancing while inside the building.

8th Grade Graduation!

Please join us in celebrating our four 8th grade graduates after 9:00 school Mass Thursday, June 3rd at 10:30 am!

Owen Barnes

Chris Cook

Sidney Horski

Trisha Kartz

The 8th grade graduation is scheduled to start at 10:30 at and is expected to last about an hour. First-8th grade students will be in attendance as well as any family members you wish to invite. There is a luncheon immediately following for 8th grade students and their families! A huge thank you to the 8th grade parents for your support in organizing, planning and supplying the luncheon! You all have been amazing families to work with and we will truly miss you all!

Public Library Resources

Below is a link to the Houghton Lake Public Library. I encourage you to get your child involved in some of our public library's children's programs to help prevent summer learning loss and keep your child engaged with reading and learning. We have made so much progress this year and want to be able to start the year with minimal reteaching of concepts learned in the previous grade level.

[Link to HLPL's children's programs](#)

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

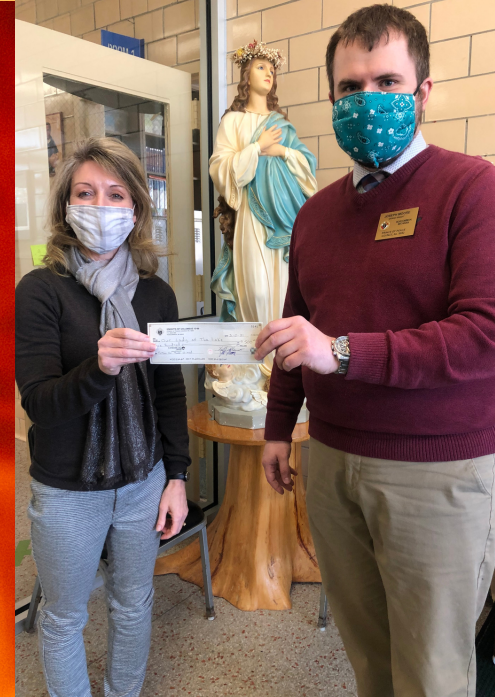
**Friendly Reminder
that there will be
no OLL bus
Monday, May 24th.**



We will have several subs in the building on June 4th, the day of our annual golf outing as the majority of our staff will be participating. Please be patient at dismissal time as our substitutes may not recognize the person picking up students. Student safety is our top priority and it may take extra time to dismiss students Friday, June 4th. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

UPCOMING DATES

- May 21st: Happy birthday to OLL bus driver, Mr. Gruber
- May 21st: Recycle with Rosemary from 2:00-4:00
- May 24th: No OLL Bus
- May 24th: Make ice cream w/Mr. Doehring for PreK-2nd
- May 25th: Home and School Meeting
- May 26th: Kindergarten Graduation in Gym at 1:00
- May 27th: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- May 28th: 1/2 Day - Dismissal at 11:10
- May 31st: No School - Memorial Day
- June 3rd: 8th-grade graduation ceremony (approximately 10:30) following 9:00 Mass
- June 3rd: Star Track after school tutoring until 4:30
- June 4th: 8th Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser at Pine View Golf Course starting at 10:00 am



**Thank you to our
generous supporters!**



**Annie, Laura and Vera altar serve for
student mass on May 19th.**

The end of the school year is always a very exciting time for our students and staff. We have many fun, educational activities coming up including making ice cream by hand, middle school dissection in science class, field day, OLL golf outing, Kindergarten graduation, 8th grade graduation and end of the year awards ceremony. With 3 weeks left of school, please encourage your child to meet or exceed their personal Accelerated Reading (AR) goal. I want to thank all of the parents that have worked together to provide opportunities for our students. I have never seen a better display of parent involvement as I have this year. Our parents and volunteers are the behind the scene heroes that greatly contributed to OLLRCS's successful year. My sincere thank you for all you do to support our school! Have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend!

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