



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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**Father Peter blesses every room in the school
before student arrival, Monday, Aug. 30th!**

Welcome Back Students & Staff!

We are excited for everyone to return to school on Monday, August 30th at 8:00am! You may drop off your child as early as 7:40am to the back cafeteria door.

Monday, August 30th is a half day and will dismiss at 11:10pm. Please bring a healthy snack and water bottle for our shortened day. All students are assumed to be picked up by a parent or guardian, unless the office is notified.

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OPEN HOUSE CANCELLED

FAMILY PACKETS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO PICK UP YOUR PACKET, THEY WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH!

REMINDER: PRE-SCHOOL (4 YEAR OLDS) MUST HAVE THE FORM BELOW COMPLETED BEFORE THEIR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

[LINK TO PRE-SCHOOL FORM](#)

Forms may be dropped off Aug. 30th when you drop off your child.

Teacher Assignments!

We are so very blessed to have increased our teaching staff from 4 to 6 teachers this summer during a national teacher shortage.

Teachers are teaming together to work in their areas of strength to offer the very best education for our students.

PreKindergarten - Mrs. Bawek

Young 5's/Kindergarten - Mrs. Pacella
w/Mrs. Smith for Religion and penmanship

1st Grade - Mrs. Kruse w/Mrs. Sandoval for Religion

2nd/3rd Grade - Mrs. Smith w/Mrs. Pacella for Math & Mrs. McKuen for Science

3rd-5th - Mrs. Koupal (3rd graders in this class were notified in July by principal)

6th-8th Grade - Mrs. McKuen w/Mrs. Smith for Religion.

Below are the teachers email addresses:

abawek@ollrcs.org

kpacella@ollrcs.org

rkruse@ollrcs.org

ksmith@ollrcs.org

akoupal@ollrcs.org

amckuen@ollrcs.org

School Mask Policy

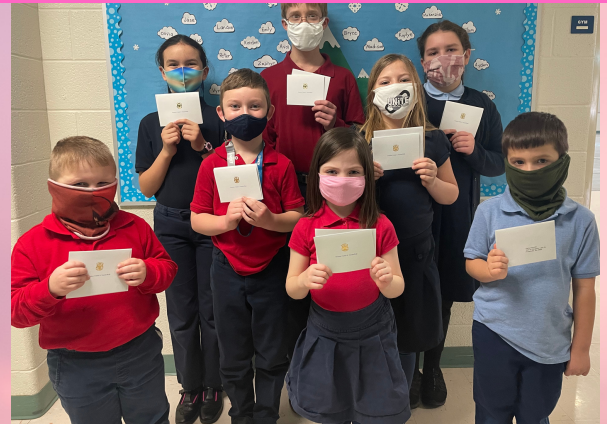
Our staff along with the CDC highly recommends the use of masks while in common areas of the school. However, the decision for your child to wear a mask while in school will be the parents choice. OLLRCS will NOT require mask wearing at this time, but is subject to change depending on government mandates. Please contact the office at 989-366-5592 if you wish for your child to wear a mask while at OLLRCS.

[Link to Mask Policy](#)

2021-22 School Calendar Link

Arrival & Dismissal

We will be arriving and dismissing school the same way we did last year. We ask that parents enter the back of the school from the **EAST** entrance (by the post office) and drop off their child at the back cafeteria door and exit the school using the **WEST** exit, by the dollar store. If you are walking your child up to the school, we ask that you park your car away from the building to not disrupt the flow of traffic. Parents are not allowed in the building at this time, except for the office, where you can park at the front of the building and buzz in. For dismissal, please line up by the back gym entrance and we will dismiss your child to you. Please give myself or staff the name of the child you are picking up and your relation to the child. We try to dismiss in 5-10 minutes, but we may be a little rusty and have a few new families this year. Your patience is appreciated.



Dress Code/School Shopping

As you are back-to-school shopping, please keep OLLRCS's dress code in mind. OLLRCS requires navy uniform pants, skirt, jumper, or shorts (in summer months). Short or long sleeved polo shirts in red, white, navy, and light blue are required. Students can wear a uniformed colored sweater or OLLRCS sweatshirt in the colder months. Leather patten shoes in blue, black, or brown are worn for daily wear and a separate pair of gym shoes of any color are needed for gym use. Last year, Father Eke approved of all black tennis shoes for daily use in place of the leather shoes. Please make sure they are completely black if you choose this option. For a more complete description of our dress code policy, please click the link below to see pages 20-21 of our handbook.

[Link to OLLRCS Dress Code Pg. 20](#)

[Link to OLLRCS Dress Code Pg. 21](#)

We invite you to visit the uniform closet and take what you need for the start of school.

Home and School Meetings

The Home and School Committee is our parent involvement group that heads up our fundraisers and meets throughout the year with the principal. Many valuable improvements to our school were suggested from members of our Home and School committee. Please consider joining our Home and School committee meetings which earns your family with service credit and helps our students.

Our next Home and School meeting is scheduled for September 14th after school in the cafeteria. Participants will earn family service hours. Contact Liz Hoogerhyde at (989)915-1201 with questions.

50/50 Tickets

50/50 TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FROM 8:00AM-4:00PM, M-F. YOU MUST SIGN THEM OUT SO WE HAVE A RECORD OF ALL TICKETS. EVERY 2 TICKETS YOU SELL EARNS YOUR FAMILY 1 SERVICE HOUR. PLEASE TURN IN SOLD AND UNSOLD TICKETS, AS THE DECISION TO ORDER MORE NEEDS TO BE MADE. CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SIGN UP TO SELL AT ONE OF OUR LOCAL MASSES ON SATURDAYS OR SUNDAYS!

[LINK TO SIGN UP TO SELL 50/50 TICKETS](#)
[ST. HUBERTS, ST. JAMES OR OLL MASS](#)

OLLRCS Bus Schedule

Please thank John Duncan, our new OLLRCS Bus Driver, for helping us out in our time of need! Mr. Duncan has agreed to drive the OLLRCS bus until we can find a replacement. He is able to do all routes with the exception of Thursday afternoons. Alternate transportation should be arranged on Thursdays for pick up.

If you are riding the OLLRCS or HLCS bus, please notify the office at 989-366-5592 or send a note the day your child is riding the bus.

School Lunches

OLLRCS requires all students to bring a healthy lunch every day. Buccilli's Pizza w/salad will be available for purchase on Thursdays and white or chocolate milk will be available for purchase daily.

First slice - \$2.50 Additional slices - \$1.25/additional slice. Milk - \$0.25

Payments and orders can be made on our FACTS family portal system.



"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

Yard Signs for sale!

Yard signs are \$20 and available in the office from 8:00am-4:00pm.



Thank you for supporting OLLRCS!



UPCOMING DATES!

- Aug 30th: First day of School (Half Day - dismissal at 11:10am)
- Sept. 2nd: All School Forms Due
- Sept. 3rd: No School-Labor Day weekend
- Sept. 6th: No School - Labor Day
- Sept. 9th: OLLRCS Sweatshirt Orders Due
- Sept. 14th: STAR Track Tutoring Permission Forms due
- Sept 14th: Home & School Meeting @3:20pm
- Sept. 16th: STAR Track Tutoring until 4:30pm - you must have permission slip signed



Dear OLLRCS Parents,

We are so excited for the return of students on Monday, August 30th. Our staff has been working hard to get the school ready and there are many exciting changes we can't wait to show students. Please partner with us in supporting school protocols as we strive to keep everyone safe while cases continue to rise. Our staff will be wearing masks in common areas and we hope you consider having your child do so as well. It will make the transition to full mask wearing much smoother, if we are mandated at a later date to do so. We also ask that all students bring a water bottle, as our drinking fountains are not in use. In closing, I am so grateful for your trust in OLLRCS. It is truly a joy to have parents, students, and staff working together to provide the best educational experiences for our students!

May God continue to bless you all,
Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal