

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

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Congratulations Nov. Disciples of the Month!

Congratulations to the following students that were November's Disciples of the month.

PreK - Carson Cole

K - Lemmy Robb

1st - Colton Johnson

2nd/3rd - Liam Johnson

4th/5th - Jory Meigs

6th-8th - Thomas Janisse

Students were chosen for their Christian behavior and were treated to Bucilli's pizza Nov. 30th.

Home & School Zoom Meeting

December 8th at 7:00pm

The home and school committee is holding a zoom informational meeting over the upcoming wreath/mini tree fundraiser and Little Caesar pizza kit fundraiser. Zoom information is provided below:

Link to Meeting

Meeting ID: 340 170 1245

Passcode: bXc43r

Contact Denise Strauss at motorcitydtw@gmail.com or 734-679-6141 for questions regarding the wreath fundraiser. Contact Carie Milburn at carie70@yahoo.com or 989-202-5023 for questions regarding the Little Caesar's pizza kit fundraiser.

Staff Reminders

- All alternate after school rides, including bus rides, need to be arranged with the office no later than noon. Please make sure your child is clear on how he/she is getting home. We will go by what was asked of the parent, not the child. We have experienced confusion at dismissal time and can't get ahold of a parent to confirm.
- As the weather turns colder, please send your child to school with a coat, boots, hat, and mittens. **PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL CLOTHING.**
- Our lunch staff asks that you do not send students with items that take more than 30 seconds to heat up. There is not enough time to cook items.
- Our lost and found box is filling up. We will have all lost and found items on display Dec. 16th during the Advent play or you may stop in any time and look through it. The box is located in the cafeteria.

2021-22 School Calendar Link



On-line Grading

Students in Mrs. Koupal and Mrs. McKuen's class have grades posted on-line in our FACTS system.

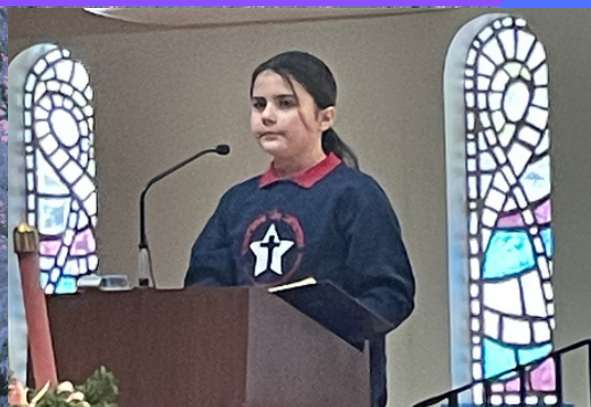
Follow the prompts below:

- Family Portal
- Student
- Grades

We are half way through the 2nd Marking Period. You should see 2nd marking period grades online at this time. The next report card will show MP#1, MP#2, and the semester overall grade.



School closures due to inclement weather will be announced on 9& 10 News & a parent text alert will be sent by 6:30am!



Advent Play Information

OLLRCS will be holding our annual Advent Play December 16th. This year's play is titled, "A Christmas Carol" and we will have performances at 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Every class will have at least one song to perform and will practice with Mrs. Galea on Thursdays. Below is a link to sign up for play help. All help will count towards service hours.

[Link to Sign up for Advent Play Help](#)

[Link of attire your child should bring by Dec. 13th](#)

Please contact our play director, Amy Galea-Ruff at (989)709-6791 or AGALEA81@gmail.com for further questions.

COVID-19 at OLLRCS

Very minimal spread

COVID rates are on the rise in Roscommon County. We are extremely blessed that OLLRCS has had very minimal direct contact of COVID-19 to report. A huge thank you to those that quarantined for precaution and the safety of others in our school family.

In the event that your child has direct contact for 15 minutes or more with someone testing positive to COVID, you will be notified by our office staff.

Students wearing masks will not be required to quarantine, while unmasked students will be asked to quarantine for 5 school days to maintain a safe, healthy school environment.

NOTE: Our Lady of the Lake Regional Catholic School recommends all staff, volunteers, and students wear masks full time. It is your choice whether or not you/your child wear a mask.



Wreath/Tree Auction

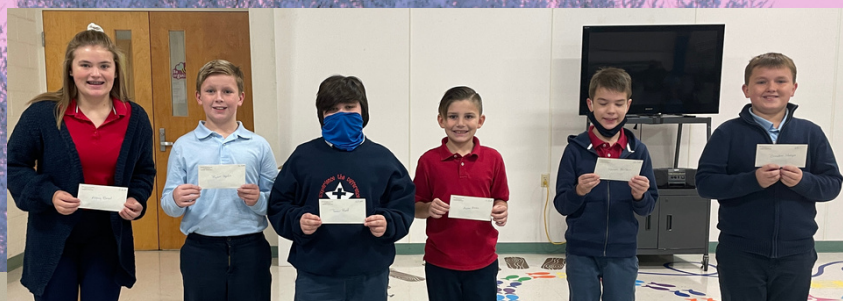
WREATH AND TREE AUCTION WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 16TH BEFORE THE EVENING PERFORMANCE FROM 5:00-6:00PM. PLEASE READ THE LETTER FROM HOME AND SCHOOL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
[WREATH/TREE INFO. LETTER](#)

We are selling Little Caesar Pizza Kits!

Check out the link to find out how easy it is.

[Little Caesar Pizza Kit Info.](#)

2 pizza kits sold=1 service credit hr.



Do you shop through Amazon?

Please consider using Amazon Smile for all your purchases through Amazon. OLLRCS gets a percentage of your purchase at no extra cost to you. Use the link: [AMAZON SMILE](#) or to see more ways to help, click: [6 Ways to help OLLRCS flyer](#)

Liz Hoogerhyde, President
help4usw@yahoo.com
989-915-0006

Cold Weather Dismissal

We are getting fairly good at knowing what car belongs to what child. If you would like to stay in your car to avoid the cold weather, drive from the east side (by church) around 3:15ish. After we have released all the students that have parents lined up, we will release the students that have parents waiting in their cars. Hope this helps. We are open to other suggestions.



Popcorn Fridays

- Popcorn Fridays will take place every Friday at lunch
- Bags of popcorn will be \$1.00 each
- All money collected will go to our school field trips, special activities, and additions for our school

Thank you
Our Lady of the Lake Student Council!



"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Arrival/Dismissal-Be SAFE!

We were alerted that arrival/dismissal time is getting dangerous, especially with slippery weather approaching. Please follow the steps below to keep the flow of traffic and keep our children safe:

- If you help your child out of the vehicle at morning drop-off, please park your car in the back. The fast drop off lane is for cars that take 30 seconds or less. We are experiencing big backups.
- When there is a backup, please wait in line to drop off. We are worried someone is going to get hit when passing on the left. The line should go faster when cars that take longer park in the back.
- For arrival and dismissal, we ask all cars enter from the East or church side and exit out the West or gym side. Many cars are going against the flow of traffic. When slippery, this can be dangerous.
- Make sure to let Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, or the person responsible for dropping off/picking up your child know our school's drop off/pickup protocol.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL SAFE FOR EVERY STUDENT!

A Note from OLLRCS Student Council President

We would like to invite you to participate in the OLLRCS student council cookie walk! What's a cookie walk? A cookie walk is where you buy a tin and select cookies to fill it. If you do not want cookies, but still want to contribute to the council, you can put a donation in our donation bin. All proceeds go towards the 7th & 8th grade Washington D.C educational field trip (and other activities) This cookie walk will take place on December 12, 2021 after Mass in the OLLRCS upper elementary and middle school hallway.

See you after Mass on Dec. 12, 2021

Thank you for your time
- Abbey Bosel

Dec.18 through Jan 2nd is Christmas break!



Toys for Tots!

Student Senate is collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to our local area children. There is a **Toys for Tots** box located in the gymnasium for students to bring donated items. Thank you for your support of OLLRCS Student Senate and local needy children!

OLLRCS Participating in Battle of the Books

OLLRCS 4th-6th grade students will be competing with other schools in a "Battle of the Books" competition. All 4th-6th grade students visited with the HL public librarian this Tuesday, Nov. 30th. Students in grades 4-6th were given a pamphlet explaining the upcoming competition. OLLRCS would like to put together 2-3 teams of students that would like to participate. Please email Mrs. Johnson at mjohnson@ollrcs and Mrs. Koupal at akoupal@ollrcs if you would like to coach a team or be a parent helper.



Middle school students have play practice after school every Tuesday!



Accelerated Reader (AR) Recognition

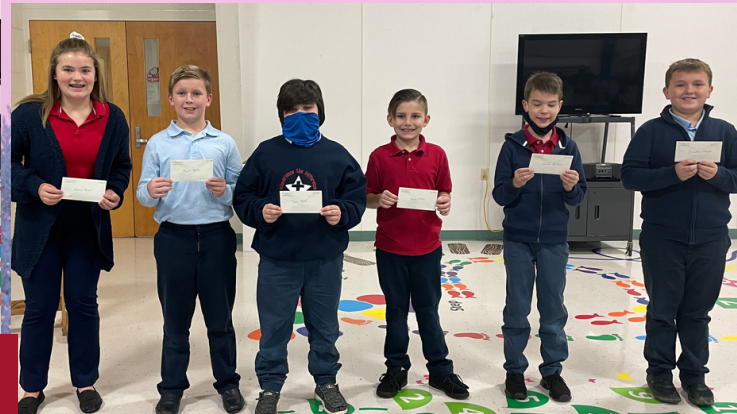
Congratulations to the many students that have started our accelerated reading program. We have several students that were recognized for their phenomenal reading efforts outside of school during an in-school assembly held Nov. 23rd. Many students are very close to the beginning level and should be recognized at our next AR assembly scheduled for March 8th once they reach that 5 point mark for 2nd/3rd graders and 10point mark for 4th-8th graders. Students are encouraged to read accelerated reading books and take the comprehension test to earn AR points.



Our Youngest AR Readers



5-9 AR points



10-24 point group



Independent Readers (25-49pts) - Faith, Mya, Kumi, Ari, and Ashley.
Super Readers (50-74pts) - Vera and Kayla (both absent)
Advanced Reader (75-99pts) - Olivia
Fantastic 4 Reader (150-199pts) - Laura, Star Reader (100-149) Annie

November Updates

Student Senate lead our school's can drive collecting 877 items. Items were used for food baskets made up by our local police department and excess items were given to the Roscommon food pantry. Our middle school class were the winners of our 50/50 ticket selling class challenge. Mrs. Bawek's Preschool class were the runner ups. Both classes were treated to an ice cream party on Wed, Dec. 3rd.

We already have 21 families participating in the Little Caesar Pizza Kit fundraiser & our school has already made over \$500! Thank you for selling!



UPCOMING DATES!

- Mon, Dec. 6th: Library - Return your library books
- Mon, Dec. 6th: St. Nicholas Day - He usually visits OLL
- Tues, Dec. 7th: STAR Track After School Tutoring
- Wed, Dec. 8th: Pick up wreaths in the cafeteria today
- Wed, Dec. 8th: H&S zoom meeting @ 7:00pm
- Thurs, Dec. 9th: Pizza Day - pay through FACTS
- Thurs, Dec. 9th: STAR Track After School Tutoring
- Fri, Dec. 10th: Dress down day - 2nd Fri. of the month
- Fri, Dec. 10th: Popcorn Friday! Bring \$1 for popcorn.
- Monday, Dec. 13th: Please bring assigned Advent Play clothes that your child is assigned by Dec. 13th to keep in your child's locker. We will use them this week.
- Monday, Dec. 13th: Library - Return your library books
- Tues, Dec. 14th: STAR Track After School Tutoring
- Thurs, Dec. 16th: NO AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
- Thurs, Dec. 16th: Pizza Day - pay through FACTS
- Thurs, Dec. 16th: All wreaths dropped off in morning
- Thurs, Dec. 16th: Advent play @1:00 & 6:00pm - All students should be at the school by 5:30pm for evening performance.
- Fri, Dec. 17th: Christmas dress down day!
- Fri, Dec. 17th: Popcorn Friday! Bring \$1 for popcorn.

Dear OLLRCS Parents,

Wow! It is hard to believe it is already December and we only have 2 weeks left of school in the year 2021! It is so rewarding to see your children grow, learn, and mature in their individual ways. Every student has their own success story that we are so grateful you have allowed us to be a part of. We invite everyone to join us for our annual Advent play Dec. 16 at 1:00 and 6:00pm. The afternoon performance is usually has less attended and will be safer for COVID concerns. We will take temperature checks and have seating that is distanced away from other groups, similar to last year's performance. We highly recommend everyone wears a mask, but they are not required. The gym will be fogged in between performances. A reminder that there is NO after school tutoring Dec. 16th as it is our staff Christmas party that evening. On behalf of our entire staff, we want to thank the many parents that volunteer regularly at our school. Our volunteers are the backbone of our school and we could not operate without their help. Our staff would also like to thank you for your kind words, encouraging emails, and the support you show on a daily basis. We are extremely blessed to have such an amazing school family and support!

May God continue to keep our OLLRCS community safe & healthy,
Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtue

