



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

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Ash Wednesday is March 2nd and the Lenten season begins!



We begin our Lenten journey next Wednesday.

Lent is the season of reflection and preparation before Easter. It is a time of sacrifice, penance, and prayer in preparation of the risen Lord. As a Catholic school we approach the Lenten season with great anticipation. We see Lent as the greatest season of the year as we prepare for the second coming of Christ. Please consider talking with your child about Lent this year. Below is an excellent link to help you prepare for the 40 day lenten season March 2nd - Easter Sunday.

[Link to teach kids about Lent](#)

SPAGHETTI DINNER/DANCE

Changed to March 14th

5:30-7:30pm

Adult Tickets - \$8.00

Children 11 and under - \$6.00

Student Senate is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for their class trip to Mackinaw this year and Washington DC next year. The destination for this year is a change. For additional information, click the link below.

[7th/8th Grade Spaghetti Dinner Flyer](#)

Latest COVID Updates

Click the link below to see the latest COVID-19 Updates.

[Link to Covid-19 school procedures](#)

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.



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 already half way into the 3rd Marking Period. Feel free to email your child's teacher concerning their academic progress/behavior.

- PreK: abawek@ollrcs.org
- Y5/Kindergarten: kpacella@ollrcs.org
- 1st Grade: rkruse@ollrcs.org
- 2nd/3rd: ksmith@ollrcs.org
- 3rd-5th: akoupal@ollrcs.org
- 6th-8th: amckuen@ollrcs.org
- Secretarial staff: ollsc@ollrcs.org
- Principal: mjohnson@ollrcs.org

VALENTINE DRESS DOWN DONATIONS FOR 7TH/8TH GRADE CLASS TRIP WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, COLLECTING ALMOST \$300! THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF STUDENT SENATE!

Back to SCHOOL

2022-2023 School Registration



Student Registration information for next school year!

OLLRCS has been blessed with amazing students/families this year! We have 4 of our 6 classrooms completely filled. Our school office has already received inquiries for the upcoming school year and indicators show we will be at our full capacity in some sections. Classrooms will be soft-capped at 15 and hard-capped at 18 students in all classes 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 \$100 registration fee plus the \$10 FACTS fee as soon as you are eligible to do so if you intend on returning. As you can see below, we are giving our existing families first priority to re-enroll for the next school year.

- Open registration for returning families begins April 4th
- Open registration for parish families begins April 18th
- Open registration for all families begins April 25th

Once a section is filled, students will be placed on a waiting list. Additional sections will open when/if OLLRCS hires a highly qualified teacher that possesses the loving, caring, hard-working, and extremely 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. We can not save spots for returning families past April 17th as enrolment opens up for parish families and the general public on April 25th.



TALENT SHOW POSTPONED

NOW: APRIL 14TH!



DUE TO THE MANY ICE DAYS, THE TALENT SHOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED TIL APRIL 14TH BEGINNING AT 1:00PM DURING SCHOOL! TALENT SHOW PRACTICES ARE ON THURSDAYS. PLEASE BRING ALL MATERIALS FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE. BELOW IS A LINK TO THE GUIDELINES WE WOULD LIKE STUDENTS TO FOLLOW IF THEY ARE PARTICIPATING.

LINK TO TALENT SHOW RULES

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE 2022 TALENT SHOW, PLEASE CONTACT AMY GALEA AT AGALEA81@GMAIL.COM



ROOF REPAIR FUNDRAISER

Your child will be bringing home a cheesecake and Mrs. Fields Cookie brochure home next week. You may start selling now through March 17th. All proceeds will go towards our school roof repairs. You will earn service credit hours for your sales. A huge thank you to Courtney Miller for heading this fundraiser. For questions, please contact Courtney Miller at courtney.miller@midmichiganhs.org.

March is reading month! Dress as your favorite Dr. Seuss character March 1st to kick off National Reading month and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday!

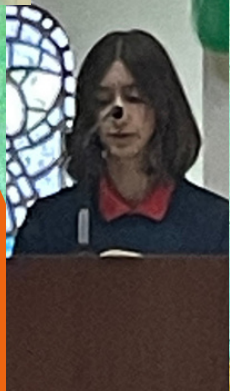


Service Hour Forms

To receive service hours, you must turn in the form below to the office. Make sure to count your hours at home too! You do not need to fill out a form for lunch help or the online fundraisers. All hours must be approved by the principal, not a teacher. An arrangement with the teacher should be made if helping in a room.

[Link to Service Hour Form](#)

Home and school committee wants to remind families that have under 100 service hours that they will be charged \$12 per unfinished hour the 3rd week of April. Please be turning in your service hours to avoid this charge. For additional questions, contact: Pres. Liz Hoogerhyde, help4usw@yahoo.com 989-915-0006



OLLRCS Girls Team took 2nd at Mock Battle!

February 12th, our girls team took 2nd in the Mock Battle of the Books practice competition, while our boys teams was playing youth basketball. BOB practices are every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:30pm and will end March 3rd. The Elimination Battle will be held at Houghton Lake High School March 5th. Thank you to our BOB team members for committing themselves to this rigorous reading program.

Good luck March 5th!



Hicks Studio scheduled for Wednesday, March 2nd!

All yearbook pictures will be taken March 2nd after 9:00am Mass. Please have your child look their best in their school uniform. If you have additional questions, please contact the office at 989-366-5592.

"As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; in Jerusalem you will be comforted."
Isaiah 66:13



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS BRINGING 1-2 WATER BOTTLES DAILY

Thank you to all that have brought in packages of plastic water bottles. We should have enough to get us through the year, but please continue to have your child bring in their individual water bottle from home. Our plastic water bottles stock is for emergency only.
Thank You!

An AR reading ceremony will be held on March 8th. Please encourage your child to read AR books so they can be recognized during our celebration!



UPCOMING DATES!

- Mon, Feb. 28th: Library - Please return library books
- Tues, March 1st: **School wide Read-In - Wear your favorite Dr. Seuss attire** to kick off March Reading Month and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday!
- Tues, March 1st: Feb. Disiples of Month Pizza Lunch
- Tues, March 1st: After School Tutoring/BOB Practice
- Tues, March 1st: Fat Tuesday - Prepare for Lent
- Wed, March 2nd: Student Mass - Ash Wednesday
- Wed, March 2nd: Hick's Studio takes yearbook pics.
- Thurs, March 3rd: Pizza Day-Purchase through FACTS
- Thurs, March 3rd: After School Tutoring/BOB Practice
- Fri, March 4th: Bishop Walsh's Ordination at 2:00pm
- Fri, March 4th: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1.00/bag
- Mon, March 7th: PreK Hearing and Vision Testing
- Tues, March 8th: AR Recognition Assembly
- Tues, March 8th: After School Tutoring til 4:30pm
- Wed, March 9th: Student-led Mass at 9:00am
- Thurs, March 10th: Pizza Day - pay through FACTS
- Thurs, March 10th: After School Tutoring til 4:30pm
- Fri, March 11th: Popcorn Friday! Bring \$1.00/bag

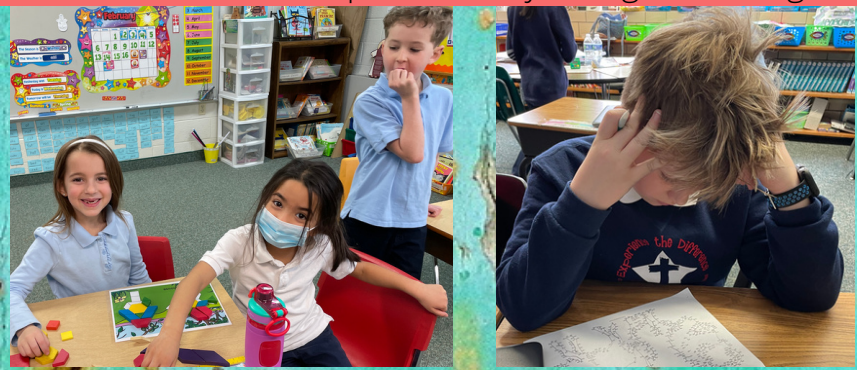
Dear OLLRCS Parents,
Wow, having a week off for mid-winter break and ice days made all of us at OLLRCS really miss your children! I loved seeing their smiling faces when we finally returned on Thursday. It was a shock to see the snow and ice return on Friday. Our bus supervisor, Bob Bryant, from HL schools reported that conditions turned bad quickly on Friday morning. Recently, we had a visit from our State Licensing Department for our PreK and we got great reviews, but was advised that we are no longer able to open our doors any earlier than 7:40am in the morning to stay within the States guidelines. I deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you in the busy mornings. Thank you for continuing to pray for the health and well being of our school families, as we have experienced very little quarantining and illness due to COVID since Christmas. We ask that you join Bishop Hurley and our entire diocese to pray for peace in Ukraine.

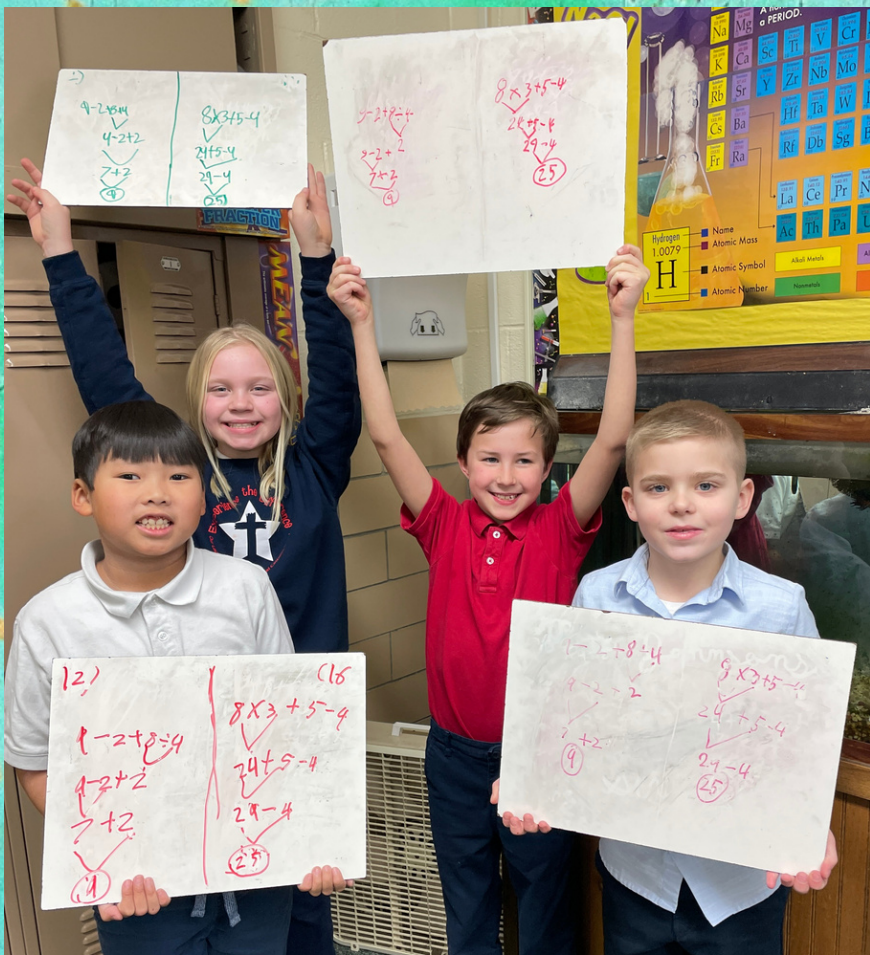
[Link - Message from Bishop Hurley - Ukraine](#)

May God continue to keep our OLLRCS community safe & healthy,

Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtue





Yes, these are 3rd grade students doing "order of operations" correctly! Wow, Great things happening at OLLRCS!



Thank you Dr. Lamberg and Happy Birthday Wyatt!

