



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

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Congratulations December Disciples of the Month!

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

PreK- Mattie Haf

K - Carson Cole

1st - Peyton King

2/3 - Zephyr Buccilli

4th/5th - Liam Johnson

6th-8th - Lillian Ekdahl

Students were chosen for their Christian behavior and were treated to Buccilli's pizza December 21st.

Our Lady of the Lake Christmas Mass Schedule

It is Christmas time and as a church, we raise our eyes and our voices to praise why the season is important to us. We welcome all families to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Christmas Eve :

4:00 PM

Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord :

9:00 AM

New Year's Eve-The Solemnity of Mary :

4:00 PM

News Year Day-The Solemnity of Mary:

9:00 AM

Safety Patrol of the Month Trenton Powell!

Sixth grade student Trenton Powell was named December's AAA safety patrol student of the month and is also is our AAA Safety Lieutenant. Trenton has been a huge help to our staff with getting students on and off the bus or out of their parent's car safely and/or walking students down the hall to get ready for daily announcements, morning prayer, and pledge of allegiance to start our day off.

Thank you for your dedication and efforts in keeping our students safe!



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

OLL Church Repairs

Beginning in January, OLL Church will have major restoration work and repairs that are a result of extensive water leaks in the roof of the Church and gathering space. The leaks have caused considerable damage to the drywall, ceiling, carpets, etc. The insurance will be covering the cost of all the interior repairs. The Parish will be paying the deductibles. The plan is to start the repairs in the Church gathering space and interior of the church on Monday, January 9, 2023. Since the carpet and pews will be removed during this period, Mass will be celebrated in the school gym. More information will be provided as the Liturgy Committee is currently working on the details

No Student-Led Mass in January!

We wish Father Peter safe travels to his home in Nigeria on Christmas Day! Father Peter will be with his family for the holidays and will return January 25th. We will have no student-led Mass on Wednesday's in the month of January.

Student-led Mass will resume February 1st during Catholic Schools Week! We hope Father has an amazing time with his family and thank him for his support of OLLRCS and his ministry!



Academic Progress

We have already finished 7 weeks in Marking Period #2. The end of MP#2 ends January 20th, so we have 3 weeks left. Students in Mrs. Koupal and Mrs. McKuen's class have grades posted online in our FACTS system following the prompts below.

Go to FACTS & click :

- Family Portal
- Student
- Grades

Feel free to email your child's teacher concerning their academic progress/behavior.

- PreK: abawek@ollrcs.org
- Kindergarten: msavage@ollrcs.org
- 1st/2nd: rkruse@ollrcs.org
- 2nd/3rd: ksmith@ollrcs.org
- 4th-5th: akoupal@ollrcs.org
- 6th-8th: amckuen@ollrcs.org
- Secretarial staff: ollsc@ollrcs.org
- Principal: mjohnson@ollrcs.org

Student Council GAP Project

Thank you for supporting our Student Council members who collected 23 packages of personal care items for those in need. The items were delivered to St. Vincent's this week!

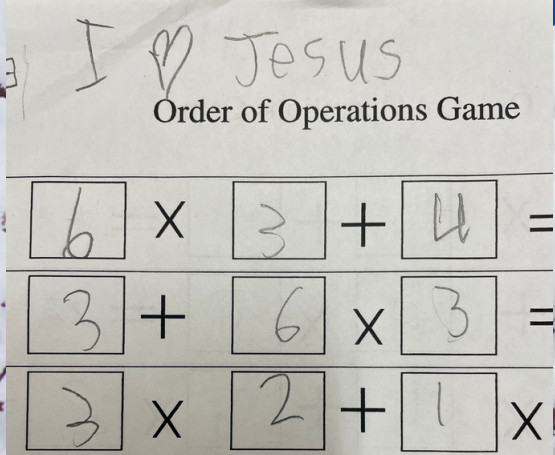
[Link to Service Hour Needs](#)

DONATED ITEMS

OLLRCS have been blessed over the years to receive an incredible amount of school supplies. We had so many items that we have no room to store them. The items are intended to be for our students. This year we were able to set up a "store" for the students to pick out items for themselves and family members for "free" the last day of school Dec. 20th. The students have such fun deciding between donated items. I was truly touched by the number of students that chose to pick out items for family members and siblings instead of themselves. You are doing such an amazing job instilling generosity in your children at such a young age. I believe most of them know the true meaning of Christmas!

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS MEETING

HL Public librarian, Kiel Stevens, held a meeting on Monday, Dec. 12th for all 4th-6th grade students. Students received a pamphlet with information and the registration form that must be signed to participate. We have extras in the office if you need another pamphlet. We are looking for students and parent coaches to participate in this amazing program. Last year, OLLRCS had 2 teams compete and they represented OLLRCS very well. We even had one team place 2nd in a tie breaker question. If you are interested in being a coach, please feel free to join our meeting and/or contact akoupal@ollrcs.org for more information.



The paper above was found on the floor by a 3rd grader with no name on it, but whoever's paper it is, my heart is filled knowing they love Jesus!



Service Hour Commitment

Every family has a 100 hour service hour commitment or they will be charged \$12 per hour they are short. Please contact the school office at 989-366-5592 or a Home and School officer for more information on your service hour obligation to avoid a charge in April. All hours must be turned in on a the service hour form in the link below.

[Link to Service Hour Form](#)

- Home and School officers for 2022-23 school year:
- Presidents: Rachel Fulmer & Casey Reed
- Vice President: Heather King
- Secretary: Rose Johnson & Kait Paiva
- Treasurer: Lea Demel

Classroom Epiphany Parties January 6th!

In leu of Christmas parties, OLLRCS has a tradition to have classroom Epiphany parties! Please read the artical below for an explanation of an Epiphany holiday.

[Link to Epiphany explanation](#)

Please watch for information about your child's classroom Epiphany party details. Each teacher celebrates Epiphany in their unique way.

"I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!" Psalm 34:4-5, 8

Thank you to Mrs. Amy Galea-Ruff, Mrs. Jamie Fagerlie, and the numerous volunteers that helped with the set-up and tear-down of the play!



UPCOMING DATES!

- Sat, Dec. 24th: OLL Christmas Eve Mass @4:00pm
- Sun, Dec. 25th: **Merry Christmas!** - Mass @9:00am
- Sat, Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve-Mass @ 4:00pm
- Sun, Jan. 1st: Happy New Year's! Mass @ 9:00am
- Mon, Jan. 2nd: NO SCHOOL - Happy New Year's!
- Tues, Jan. 3rd - School resumes
- Tues, Jan. 3rd: STAR Track after school tutoring till 4:30
- Wed, Jan. 4th: Student led Mass @9am-CANCELLED
- Thurs, Jan. 5th: STAR Track after school tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Jan. 6th: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per Bag
- Fri, Jan. 6th: Classroom Epiphany Parties

Dear OLLRCS Parents,

My heart is just overwhelmed with joy seeing your children preform in the Advent play. It is evenings like this that warm my heart with pride of how far each and everyone of our students have grown in so many different ways. I feel so blessed to be a part of this school community and witness the love of your children on a daily basis. It is the smiles, hugs, and genuine love I see everyday that keeps myself and staff wanting to give our students the biggest education leg up as we possibly can. On behalf of our entire staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and safe New Year's!

Many Blessings,

Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtue

