

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

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## January Disciples of the Month!

Congratulations to the following January Disciples of the month.

PreK - Ezzeraya Lezotte

K - Natasha Hibbard

1st - Kaiden McClelland

2nd/3rd - Olivia Campbell

4th/5th - Violet Pillkey

6th-8th - Trenten Powell

Students were chosen for their virtuous behavior and were treated to Buccilli's pizza Tuesday, January 31st.

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## One Week Left for Fruit Fundraiser!

Your child brought home information this week Feb. 3rd about our annual online fruit fundraiser held Feb. 6-17th. This is an optional fundraiser for those families who wish to earn service hours. This is an easy online fundraiser where the fruit is delicious & delivered to the buyer. For more info, conta Laura McNeillctat [lauralee\\_1982@yahoo.com](mailto:lauralee_1982@yahoo.com)

[Link to Fruit Fundraiser Instructions](#)

[Mobile App Participant Instructions](#)

[Link to Fruit Fundraiser Flyer](#)

## 9 & 10 Newsroom Field Trip 4th-8th Grade Students

Mrs. Koupal and Mrs. McKuen's class will be touring the 9 & 10 Newsroom in Cadillac on Tuesday, February 21st. Permission slips were sent home this week.

Students will travel together on a big bus that OLLRCS is renting from HL schools. Unfortunately, we are at full capacity with our 34 students and 2 teachers and the Newsroom is not able to accommodate extra parent chaperones on this trip.

Below is a link to the permission slip required to attend this field trip.

[Link to 9 & 10 Newsroom Field Trip](#)



## Spaghetti Dinner/Dance Tickets Available Now!

Hosted by student council/**PARENT HELP NEEDED**  
Email Mrs. McKuen at [amckuen@ollrcs.org](mailto:amckuen@ollrcs.org) if you can help w/music, chaperoning, cooking, or clean-up

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023  
where: OLLRCS Cafeteria & Gym  
Dinner Served: 5:00 - 6:30pm in Cafeteria  
Music & Dancing: 5:30- 7:00pm in Gymnasium

\$8 for Adults and Children 12 and Up  
\$6 for Children under 12

Tickets available From Student Council Members,  
Mrs. McKuen, Mrs. Smith, or the School Office

[Link to Spaghetti Dinner Flyer](#)

## Academic Progress

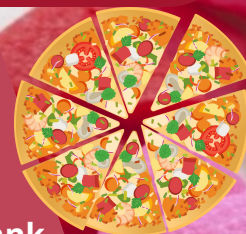
We have already finished the 3rd week of MP#3 which will end March 23rd. All 4th-8th grade students progress is posted online at all times using our FACTS system following the prompts below.

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



## GALA 2023

Our Fall Gala is tentatively scheduled for October 7th, 2023. Please click the link below for information from our H&S President.

[LINK TO H&S MESSAGE](#)

Thank you for participating in our Little Caesar Pizza Kit Fundraiser!

OLLRCS profited \$1254 and parents collectively earned 104.5 hours towards their service hour

commitment. The Cole family sold 47 kits and the Opperman family sold 46 kits. Wow, that is impressive! Thank you Carie Milburn for heading this fun and easy fundraiser.

## Talent Show Information!

Thank you to Jamie Fagerlie and Amy Galea who will be running this year's talent show. The talent show will be held Friday, April 28th at 1:30pm during school. There is a sign up form in the office for students/groups that want to participate. The first talent show practice is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 14th and talent show try-outs will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21st during school hours. Please send all props for your child to practice their act for the upcoming talent show on the 14th and 21st of February. We hope you will encourage your child to participate!



## Protect Young Eyes

I attended a principal's meeting in November and they had a guest speaker who was definitely one of the better speakers I have listened to in my 29 years of education. The speaker has developed a company that is devoted to protecting young children from what they are exposed to on social media and internet. To say that I learned a lot is an understatement. West Branch's principal and I are trying to coordinate a day together where we can bring the speaker back to talk to parents. In the meantime, I have attached an email that I received from him that I thought parents might find informational. Sorry, the first page is blank and the email starts on the 2nd page.

[Link to Protect Young Eyes Email](#)

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS LUNCH

Battle of the Books practices are going well and held every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:30pm until March 9th. The public library will be rescheduling the Author Luncheon that was scheduled Feb. 7th and cancelled due to a snow day. Saturday, February 11th is the first Mock Battle is at 1:00pm at the public library. Thank you to our BOB team members for committing themselves to this rigorous reading program.

## Safety Procedures

A school safety specialist met with our administration team for over 2 hours and had some excellent suggestions to keep our students/staff safe. We ask that all parents help us out by signing in/out at the front office outside of regular drop off/pick-up times (7:25-8:00am, 3:10pm and 4:30pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays). So if you are dropping off after 8am or picking up before 3:10 or 4:30pm, please use the FRONT entrance to sign in/out your child. This will help our staff keep accurate records of our students at our busiest times of the school day. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## [Link to Service Hour Needs](#)

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

"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

## Upcoming Dress Down Days!

- Feb. 2nd/3rd - Your field trip day only
- Feb. 14th - Pay for Pink (Proceeds go to St. Jude's Children's Hospital)
- March 2nd - Dr. Suess' Birthday
- March 10th - 2nd Friday of the Month
- March 17th - St. Patrick's Dress Down

Thank you Father Eke for approving these special dress down days!



## UPCOMING DATES!

- Sat, Feb. 11th: BOB Mock Battle - Public Library @1:00pm
- Mon, Feb. 13th: Library - Please return library books
- Tues, Feb. 14th: Pay for Pink Dress Down Day - Any donation accepted and donated to St. Michael's Children's Hospital.
- Tues, Feb. 14th: Talent Show Practice during school hours
- Tues, Feb. 14th: BOB Practice CANCELLED/STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Wed, Feb 15th: Student led Mass @9am in gym. All welcome
- Thurs, Feb. 16th: BOB Practice CANCELLED & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Feb. 17th: Last day for Online Fruit Fundraiser
- Fri, Feb. 17th: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per bag
- Mon, Feb. 20th: NO SCHOOL - Mid Winter Break
- Tues. Feb. 21st: 4th-8th grade Newsroom Field Trip
- Tues, Feb. 21st: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Wed, Feb. 22nd: Student-led Mass @9am.- All Welcome
- Thurs, Feb. 23rd: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Feb. 24th: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per bag
- Fri, Feb. 24th: 6th-8th grade Catechism Bee

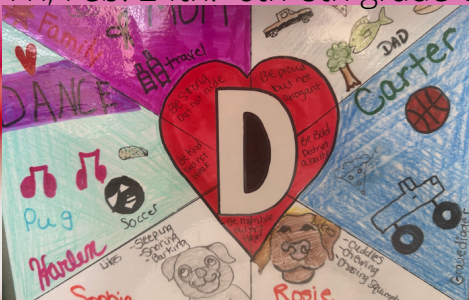
### Dear OLLRCS Parents,

Thank you to our numerous parent volunteers that helped make Catholic Schools Week a huge success for OLLRCS! The community baskets we gave were very appreciated and our students had a fun week. I was very impressed by our Middle School students who stepped up and did an excellent job buddying up with the younger kids while ice skating. I am also very grateful for their willingness to help with setting up the gym while our church is under construction. They also have been a huge help at lunch time and while safety patrolling. Please join me in showing appreciation to this amazing group of Middle School students. We have a fun 6 weeks planned for our students, including many dress down days, field trips, and spaghetti dinner/dance before a long 2 week spring break! I personally thank you for allowing our staff to be a part of your child's educational journey. It truly is an honor for myself and our staff!

Many Blessings,

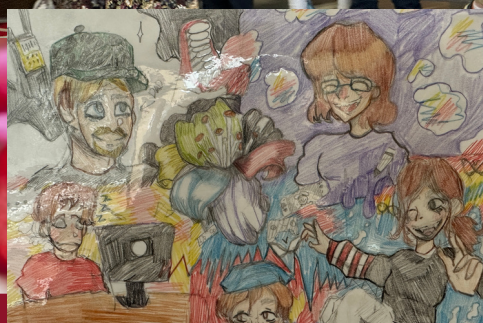
Michelle L. Johnson  
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,  
Fostering Virtue



# Catholic Schools Week!

Thank you for allowing OLLRCS to be a part of your child's educational journey!



## 2023-2024 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 full capacity in some sections next year. 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 non-refundable 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 3rd
- Open registration for parish families begins April 17th
- Open registration for all families begins April 24th

Once a section is filled, students will be placed on a waiting list. An additional section will open when/if OLLRCS is able to hire 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 16th as enrollment opens up for parish families and the general public on April 24th.