

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

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Welcome Back Father Eke!

Father Eke returned back from Nigeria on Thursday around 3:00pm! *It is great to have him back and resuming Student-Led Mass on Wednesdays. Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday Masses will be taking place in the school Gymnasium while the Church is under reconstruction. We welcome everyone to join us on Wed, Feb. 1st for our first Student-led Mass in the school gymnasium.*

Gala Preparations Underway!

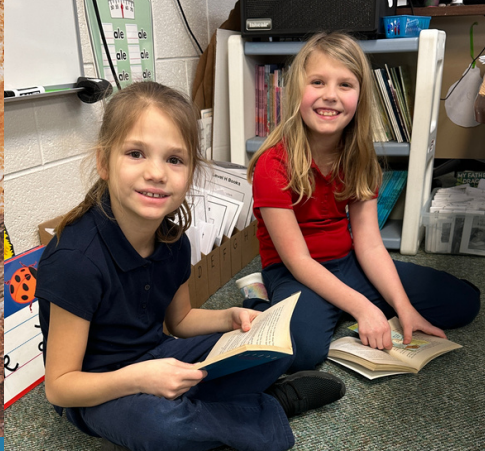
The Home and School Committee met Wednesday, January 18th and have already begun setting up committees for next school year's Gala. We have a tentative date of October 7th, 2023. We will need many people to coordinate this huge annual event. Please contact a Home and School officer if you are able to share your talents.

[Link to a Message from H&S President](#)

Presidents: Rachel Fulmer: rachelfullmer1@gmail.com
& Casey Reed: caseyreed611@gmail.com
Vice Pres: Heather King: heather.king3115@kirtland.edu
Secretaries: Rose Johnson & Kait Paiva
Treasurer: Lea Demel: krisandlea@gmail.com

Fruit Fundraiser coming soon!

We will be holding our annual online fruit fundraiser Feb. 6-17th. This is an optional fundraiser for those families that need to get some service hours in. We needed to start the fundraiser this early to ensure fresh, in-season fruit would arrive. For more information, contact Laura McNeill at lauralee_1982@yahoo.com. A flier with instructions will be out soon.



Academic Progress

All K-8th grade students had report cards sent home Wed, Jan. 25th! We have now finished the first week of MP#3. Please keep track of your 4th-8th grade student by checking 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

Catholic Schools Week Field Trips

[Link to Catholic Schools Week Agenda](#)

Thursday, February 2nd:

Mrs. Johnson and up to 6 parent chaperones will take 2nd-8th grade students to tube at Hanson Hills on the HL bus. We have rented a bus this year to keep us all together in our travel. All other parent chaperones are welcome to meet us at Hanson Hills at 11:45am. All parents welcome & are asked to pay the daily rate if they choose to tube.

[Link to Hanson Hill Permission Form](#)

[Link to Hanson Hill Transportation Form](#)

Friday, February 3rd:

Mrs. Johnson and parent volunteers will take PreK-1st grade students to the Gladwin Ice Arena. They use 5 gallon buckets for small kids to push around on the ice, but only have a dozen of them. **If you have any extra 5 gallon buckets we can use, please bring them into the school for our field trip.** We plan to leave OLLRCS at 8:15am.

[Link to Gladwin Ice Arena Permission Form](#)

[Link to Gladwin Arena Transportation Form](#)

[Link to Middle School Ice Arena Perm. Form](#)

We are selling Little Caesar Pizza Kits! Check out the link to find out how easy it is.

Please contact Carie Milburn for info. Her info is included in the flier.



[Little Caesar Pizza Kit Information](#)

Little Caesar Pizza Update!

We have a handful of families participating and have already made \$780 for our school so far.

Time is running out to buy Pizza Kits to support our fundraiser! Every week, we are getting closer to our goal but we really need everyone to work together and participate. Make sure you've sent your link to anyone who will support you and our fundraiser. Think of anyone you know who likes pizza...HINT HINT, that's everyone! Best Sellers so far: Cole Family-23 kits; Powell Family-25 kits; and AVA EVANS-31 kits.

Thanks to all the sellers. Last day of fundraiser is February 8, 2023.

Recess Rules-1st/2nd grade Soccer on Hold

We have had complaints that our 1st/2nd grade boys that play soccer are being too rough with each other and tackling each other. Keeping every student safe is our first priority. We are putting the soccer playing at recess time on hold until Monday, Feb. 6th. Thank you for your help/support in talking with your child about recess rules.



4th-6th BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We are proud to announce that OLLRCS has 3 Battle of the Books (BOB) teams that will compete with other local schools this year. Practices are held every Tuesday and Thursday after school until 4:30pm and will end March 9th. On Tuesday, Feb. 7th, our BOB teams will eat lunch at the public library and meet one of the authors of the books they are reading. 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.



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.

[Link to Protect Young Eyes Email](#)

Talent Show Information!

The talent show will be held April 27th or 28th so, be thinking about something you would like to perform! Mrs. Jamie Fagerlie will be in charge this year with the assistance of Mrs. Amy Galea. Forms will be coming home soon and practices will start up the end of February or beginning of March. We hope you will encourage your child to participate!

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!

- Tues. Jan. 31st - 100th Day of School
- 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 17th - St. Patrick's Dress Down

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



UPCOMING DATES!

- Sun, Jan. 29th: Student Pancake breakfast after 9am Mass
- Mon, Jan. 30th: Library - Please return library books
- Tues, Jan. 31st: Dress Down - 100th day of school
- Tues, Jan. 31st: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Wed, Feb. 1st: Student led Mass @9am in gym. All welcome
- Thurs, Feb. 2nd: All student eat FREE Buccilli's Pizza
- Thurs, Feb. 2nd: 2nd-8th grade Tubing Field Trip
- Thurs, Feb. 2nd: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Feb. 3rd: PreK-1st Field Trip. We leave OLL at 8:15am
- Fri, Feb. 3rd: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per bag
- Mon, Feb. 6th: Optional Online Fruit Fundraiser Begins
- Mon, Feb. 6th: Library - Please return library books
- Tues, Feb. 7th: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Wed, Feb. 8th: Student led Mass @9am in gym. All Welcome
- Thurs, Feb. 9th: BOB Practice & STAR Track tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Feb. 10th: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per bag

Dear OLLRCS Parents,

Next week starts our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. It is by far the most fun week we have of school.

We have numerous fun activities for the students every day of the week. Please see the link to the agenda located on the 2nd page of this newsletter under Catholic Schools Week Field Trips. All parents are invited to come on the field trips with us.

We ask that parents meet us at Hanson Hills at 12:00pm, as we have rented a HL bus to take all students together. We thought we would give it a try and hopefully make driving arrangements easier for the office ladies and parents.

For the Ice skating field trip, we want as many parents as possible to be there as we can use as much help as we can get, including drivers. We will have 17 of our middle school students joining us to help buddy up with the younger students that do not have a parent attending. This way, every student has someone attending to them at all times and cheering them on as they will all fall at first. You will be amazed at how quickly our young students get the hang of ice skating. Please bring in a 5 gallon bucket to the school with your last name on it.

The kids do much better pushing around a bucket and the ice rink only has about a dozen walkers. I am so excited for next week!!!

Many Blessings,

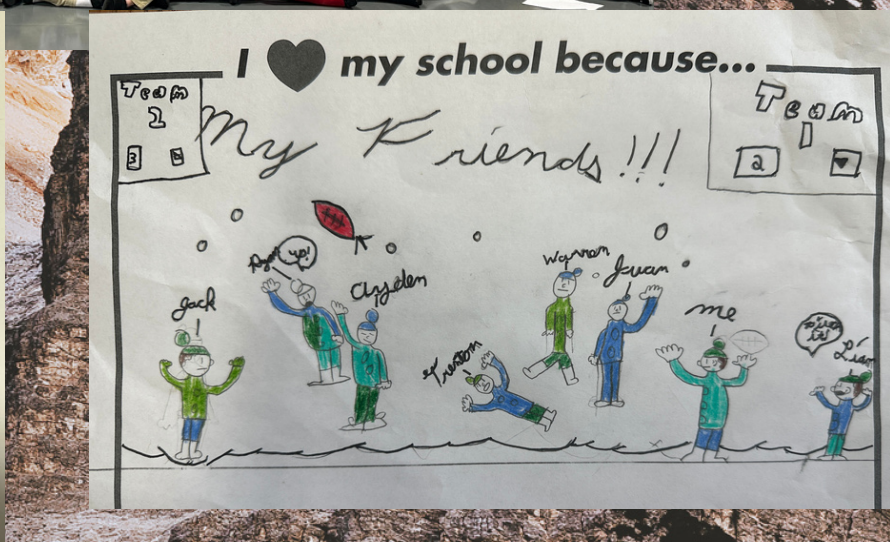
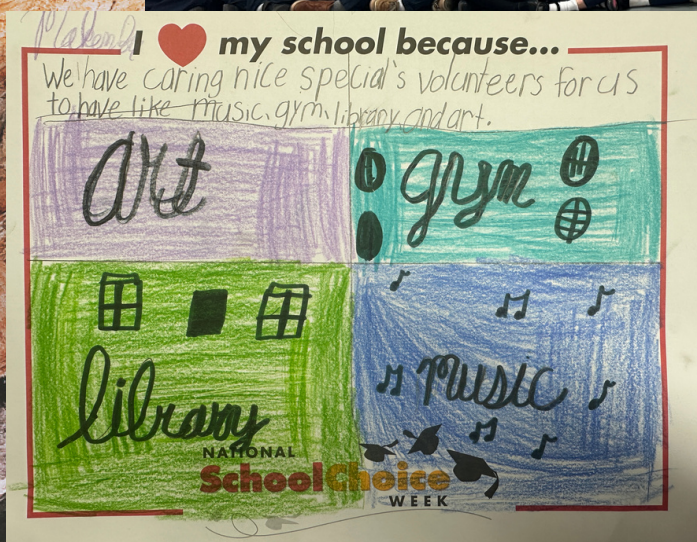
Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtue



National School of Choice Week!

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



Congratulations 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

All A Honor Roll students maintained 92% or higher in every class. All A/B Honor Roll students maintained 83% or higher in every subject.

