



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

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Father Blesses Every Room in the School!



Thank You Parents!

How can we ever thank you all for the amazing support you have shown OLLRCS! Thank you for the following:

- Taking extra precautions to keep our students/staff safe & healthy.
- Filling our storage room w/ supplies!
- Selling 50/50 tickets.
- Encouraging your children to do their summer packets - it shows!
- Volunteering your time to help with gym, lunch, recess, library, art, etc.
- Keeping the flow of traffic and driving slowly in the OLLRCS parking lot.
- Supporting our dress code policy

Most of all, thank you for trusting OLLRCS with your most precious gift, your child. Our staff absolutely adores each one of them. They are such amazing kids! Bravo to our parents who are doing an amazing job raising them!

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Arrival & Dismissal

We had an excellent 1st week of school with almost everyone following our Arrival and Dismissal procedure. Just a friendly reminder to enter the back of the school from the EAST entrance (by the post office) and drop off their child at the back cafeteria door and exit the school using the WEST exit, by the dollar store. If you are walking your child up to the school, we ask that you park your car away from the building to not disrupt the flow of traffic. We are allowing parents to walk their child into school the first week and the first few weeks for new students & families. For dismissal, please line up by the back gym entrance and we will dismiss your child to you. Please give myself or staff the name of the child you are picking up and your relation to the child. We try to dismiss in 5-10 minutes, but we may be a little rusty and have a few new families this year. Your patience is appreciated.

2023 GALA PLANNING

The OLLRCS Gala will be October 7th, 2023. If you would like to share your talents and be a part of this special day, please contact our Home and School co-president Rachel Fulmer at rachelkrohn15@yahoo.com. Gala tickets are available to sell. We have a limited number of tickets. We also have 6 tables left to reserve for \$600 per table. Stop into the front office to sign out Gala tickets to sell. You will receive 1 service hour/ticket you sell.

2023-24 School Calendar Link

Big Cash Raffle Tickets!

Our "Big Cash Raffle Tickets" are here and can be checked out in the school office M-F between 7:30am-4pm. The tickets sell for \$10. We will have up to three \$5000 winners that will be drawn. You will receive 1 service hour of credit for every 2 tickets your family sells. I believe this is the easiest way to get hours, especially when we have so many visitors at our churches. Please feel free to call our school office at 989-366-5592 for additional info.

[Link to Church Sign Up](#)



10TH ANNUAL STARGAZER GALA

10/07/2023 DOORS OPEN AT 5
DINNER/DRINKS/RAFFLES DINNER SERVED AT 6
\$60 a ticket (general admission)
\$600 Reserved 8top tables available (Limited)
THEME ATTIRE SUGGESTED ROARING 20'S
Tickets available to pick up at the open house
1 hr volunteer credit per ticket sold



Lunch Help Needed!

Please welcome Maria Tomma to our school who will be this year's Lunch room supervisor. We are so excited for her to join our team, as she has previous OLLRCS lunchroom help experience. If you are interested in helping with lunch this year, please contact Maria Tomma at miacozmo1@gmail.com or text 248-730-5995. All volunteers must complete an ICHAT Background Check Form, complete an online VIRTUS Training, and be fingerprinted(Contact office).

[ICHAT Background Check Form](#)

[Virtus TRAINING LINK](#)

Student Insurance Coverage Available!

[Link to Student Insurance Info.](#)

School Lunch Information!

- OLLRCS requires all students to bring a healthy lunch every day.
- Mondays & Tuesdays: Bring a healthy sack lunch & daily snack.
- Wednesdays: Randy's Chicken Nuggets and tator tots for \$4.00 for a generous portion.
- Thursdays: Buccilli's Pizza w/salad. First slice - \$2.50 Additional slices - \$1.25/each additional slice. Salad only option for \$1.50.
- Friday's: Generous sized hot dog and tator tots for \$4.00. Additional hot dog can be purchased for an additional \$2.00.
- Please purchase through our FACTS family portal system and due by 8:00am every morning. Lunches can be purchased up to a month ahead of time, but can not be reimbursed if your child is not at school.



Student Council

Student council positions for 2022-23 school year will be determined soon. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McKuen will be handing out information next week to all interested 5th-8th grade students. Students are asked to prepare a speech stating why they are a good candidate for the desired position on student council. Positions will be determined by their peers.

Family Service Hours

Bravo to those of you who have already started on your 100 family service hour commitment. You must turn in the form below to the office to receive credit for the work you have done and it must be approved by the Principal. You do not need to fill out a form for lunch help, attend meetings, or online fundraisers. All other hours must be kept track of by you.

[Link to Service Hour Form](#)

Charges for unfinished services hours will show up on your FACTS account in April of 2024. For additional questions, contact Rachel Fulmer at rachelkrohn15@yahoo.com

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Religion Corner

with Amber Buccilli

We are so excited to add a new faith focused portion to our weekly newsletter. It will be filled with new and exciting ways to deepen the faith of our children at home, and deepen our faith as parents as well. It will be filled with information, resources and fun ways to continue to invite God into your family, your home and your life.

[A Prayer For Our School](#)

God, our Father and Creator,
be with us in our school.

Help us to treasure your gift of life
and treat one another with care.

Let us always remember that we are all created
in your image.

Come, Lord Jesus, and be with us in our school.

Guide our teachers,
guide our parents,
and lead our students

to recognize you in all people.

Come, Holy Spirit, and be with us in our school.

Give us a vision for the future,
and the determination for shaping a faith-filled
future.
Amen.

[Link to Why & How we Pray](#)

[Link to Faithful Families Newsletter](#)

[Link to Tucking God's World in Our Hearts](#)

Practices that help our staff

- Make sure your child has a refillable water bottle for our new filtered water fountains.
- We need your help in making your child more independent: Practice tying shoes, zipping coats, opening their own packaged food, dressing themselves including coats, snow pants, hats and mittens, and scarfs. Also, please wear shorts or leggings under dresses/skirts.
- PreK-2nd graders: Please remember to return your class folders every day. This is how our teachers communicate with parents daily. Thank you!
- Please contact the office or send a note with your child for all drop off/pick up information. Please do not email or text teachers - they do not always get a chance to check their phones/emails while teaching multiple grades/subjects.
- Our lunch help is assisting 90 students this year in our two 25 minute lunch periods. To help them out, please keep foods that need to be heated in a microwave to a minimum and we ask that your child use a thermos if their item needs to be microwaved more than 30 sec.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

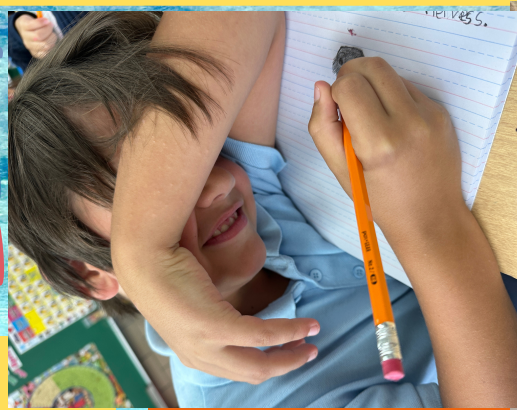
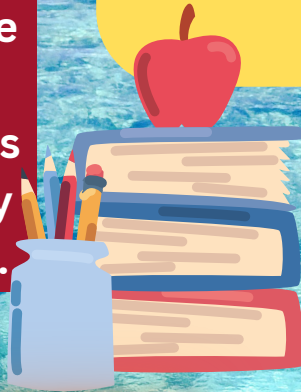
School doors open at 7:40am this year. Please do not drop your child off before 7:40am, unless your child is safety patrolling. State licensing prevents us from opening our doors earlier. I am very sorry for the inconvenience.

After School Tutoring/Programs

OLLRCS will begin our after school (STAR Track) tutoring program on September 12th. It will run every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30pm throughout the school year. All K-8th grade students are eligible to attend after signing the permission form included in the family packet you will receive at our Open House August 17th or in the link below.

[Link to STAR Track Tutoring Info.](#)

[Link to STAR Track Permission Form](#)



UPCOMING DATES!

- Mon, Aug. 28th: Library Day. Please return books!
- Tues, Aug. 29th: Gym Day. Please bring gym shoes.
- Wed, Aug. 30th: Student-led Mass @9am. All are welcome for Mass. Please do not wear shorts for Mass. Chicken Nuggets available through FACTS portal.
- Thurs, Aug 31st: All OLLRCS shirt orders Due!
- Thurs, Aug 31st: Pizza Day - Pay through FACTS portal.
- Fri, Sept. 1st: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend
- Mon, Sept. 4th: NO SCHOOL - Labor Day Weekend
- Tues, Sept. 5th: HL bussing available for morning only. Full Day of School for OLLRCS - 1/2 day for HL students. Gym Day - Please bring Gym shoes.
- Wed, Sept. 6th: HL Bussing starts in am & pm.
- Wed, Sept. 6th: Chicken Nugget Day-Pay through FACTS
- Thurs, Sept. 7th: Pizza Day - Pay through FACTS portal
- Fri, Sept. 8th: Popcorn Friday! Please bring \$1/bag. Gym today - Bring gym shoes. Hot Dog Day - Pay through FACTS portal

Dear OLLRCS Parents,

We had a wonderful start to the school year with all smiles on every student and a few tears from our Moms (I was one of those Moms too and it seems like just yesterday I was in your shoes, so I completely understand how difficult it is watching your child grow up and be independent). We ask that parents either send all paperwork with their child in their folder or drop it off in the front office. The office is open from 7:40am - 4:00pm Monday through Friday. Please don't hesitate to call at 989-366-5592 or email at ollsc@ollrcs.org if you have any questions.

After working for 3.5 years straight for OLLRCS, I received approval 2 years ago to take a vacation with 7 other couples Aug. 28th - Sept. 8th. I am completely confident that my amazing staff and parent volunteers can hold down the fort in my absence and I will be available for emergencies as well as our Superintendent, Penny Clemmens. I can't thank our amazing school community enough for their support of my leave.

Michelle L. Johnson,
OLLRCS Principal



Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtue

