

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

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Veterans Day Success!

Thank you to our many veterans and families that attended our Veterans Day Assembly Nov. 11th. We received numerous compliments on how well our students performed and behaved. Many complimented our student body for their display of respect towards our veterans throughout the entire 50 minute program, especially our little ones. I believe weekly Mass helps our student body exceed people's behavioral expectations. All students did an amazing job saying the pledge of allegiance, singing "God Bless America", their class performances and respectfully giving their hand made cards to our veterans. A special shout out to our middle school students who talked with veterans before the assembly, wrote veterans day speeches and helped in the outdoor flag raising.

Watching our students perform and behave appropriately and gaining the community's respect for our students on such a special day truly is one of the most rewarding parts of our job

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AR Awards Ceremony for 1st-8th Grades!

We will be having our first Accelerated Reading Awards Ceremony on Tues, November 21st from 8:00-8:20am in the Gymnasium. All are welcome to join us in the morning. The award ceremony is for students in 1st - 8th grade only. There will be a larger AR awards ceremony at the end of the school year on the last day of school if you are unable to make this assembly. Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes every day!

2022-23 School Calendar Link

Academic Progress

We have already finished the 3rd week of the 2nd Marking Period. Grades and assignments are posted on line for students in Mrs. Koupal's and Mrs. McKuen's classes. 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: kpacella@ollrcs.org and sarajane3754@yahoo.com
- 1st/2nd: rkruse@ollrcs.org
- 3rd: ksmith@ollrcs.org
- 4th-5th: akoupal@ollrcs.org
- 6th-8th: amckuen@ollrcs.org
- Secretarial staff: ollsc@ollrcs.org
- Principal: mjohnson@ollrcs.org



CONGRATULATIONS OCT. DISCIPLES OF THE MONTH & SAFETY PATROL OF THE MARKING PERIOD!

Congratulations to our October Disciples Luke Saxton, Perry King, Nick Nugent, Madison McMorro, Liam Johnson, Ryder Fagerlie and to our safety patrol student of the month, Trenten Powell. We are so proud of your growth and service to others !

Little Caesars Fundraiser Ends Nov. 30th!

Do you know families with kids who enjoy a personal-sized pizza as the perfect after-school snack? Send them your Seller link so they can experience what our Little Caesars Fundraiser has to offer. So far, we've sold 95 items! Hank Zultak is our top seller so far with 20 items! Way to go. We're getting closer to our goal and this is an easy way to earn volunteer hours. If you haven't joined our fundraiser yet, it's not too late. Follow this link to set up your Seller page in less than 5 minutes.

[Link to Little Caesar Fundraiser Setup](#)



SCHOOL CLOSURES

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



Holliday Shoppe is back!

Our Student Council members will be hosting a Holliday shoppe so that your kids can shop for you and others. The store will be open Nov. 27-Dec. 1st for students & parents:

- M, W, F: 10:30-3:00
- Tuesday: 1:30-4:30
- Thursday: 3:15-4:30

[Student Council Holliday Shoppe](#)

NEW LUNCH HELP PROCEDURE

We are trying something new. We need to know if you are planning on helping for lunch/recess supervision. Please use the November calendar link below if you would like to help out. This form is the only way we can guarantee you receive your family service hours. Remember you must have completed a background, virtus and fingerprint if you volunteer over 8 hours a month. Please contact our lunch supervisor, Maria Tomma, at miacozmo1@gmail.com

- [LINK TO NOVEMBER SIGN IN](#)
- [LINK TO DECEMBER SIGN IN](#)

Advent Play Info!

OLLRCS will be holding our annual Advent Play December 19th with performances at 1:00pm and 6:00pm. Every class will have 2 songs to perform and will practice during music class with Mrs. Laur and their dances will be practiced with Mrs. Fagerlie during gym time. We are looking for a stage crew to set up on Dec. 11th and tear down the stage on Wednesday, Dec. 20th. If you are interested in helping with the stage set up or tear down for service hours, please contact our play director, Amy Galea-Ruff at (989)709-6791 or AGALEA81@gmail.com.

Faith Formation Info.

You and your family is welcomed to our 2nd Community Youth Mass on November 19th. Please send an email to macke1aa@gmail.com if your child is interested in participating. Join us for coffee and treats in the school cafeteria afterward. A special thank you to those families who are assisting with serving and lecturing. We pray this will be a spirit filled experience for all the youth who are involved.

[Link to Faith Formation Newsletter](#)
[Message from Bishop Walsh](#)



PICTURE RETAKES

will be Dec. 6th at 10:00am. Students must wear uniform to school and bring clothes needed for their individual picture. Please call the office at 989-366-5592 or email ollsc@ollrcs.org if you need a picture form. Hicks studio will retake your child's picture free of charge only if you return your pictures, state what you do not like about the pictures, and it is a studio error.

HOME & SCHOOL



All families are required to complete 100 service hours per school year. Your account will be charged in April of 2024 for any unfinished hours. Hours may be worked off until the last day of school, June 6, 2024.

[Link to Service Hour Form](#)

Please contact a Home and School officer if you have any further questions:

President: rachelfullmer1@gmail.com

VP: heather.king3115@kirtland.edu

Secretary: lewis.jen913@gmail.com

Treasurer: krisandlea@gmail.com

Reminders from our Staff!

- Hot lunch orders must be received before 8:45 the day of hot lunch. We are having orders called in very late and/or have had between 10-15 students without a lunch each week in November. We do not order extras, so it is very difficult to give your child the hot lunch that the other kids are having if you do not pre-order. We do have cereal and other items available so that no child goes hungry.
- Please have your child bring 1-2 water bottles every day filled with WATER ONLY. Please NO SUGAR DRINKS, PROPEL, ETC.
- As the weather turns colder, please send your child to school with boots, coat, hat, and mittens. PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON ALL CLOTHING. Students may wear red, white, tan/khaki, navy sweaters or OLLRCS sweatshirts while indoors.
- Starting in November, the handbook states NO SHORTS and that leggings must be worn under all skirts/dresses. Thank you.
- Please make sure your child has a healthy option for snack time at 10am, even on hot lunch day. Many are forgetting Wed - Friday.

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

1st Marking Period Honor Roll



Toys for Tots!

OLLRCS is collecting new, unwrapped toys to donate to our local area children. There is a Toys for Tots box located in the gymnasium for students to bring donated items. Thank you for your support of OLLRCS Student Senate and local needy children!

Pay for plaid is Tuesday, November 21st. Students can bring a donation to wear plaid and jeans. All donations will go to an Oasis of Hope for the Homeless. Students are expected to be in uniform if they choose not to participate. Thank you for your support!

4th-8th Grade MI Supreme Court Field Trip

All 4th-8th grade students will be traveling to the Michigan Supreme Court House on Thursday, Nov. 30th. We will depart from OLLRCS at 7:30 and return at 2:30 in time for bus and car pick up dismissal. See the flyer and permission forms below.

[Link to Permission Forms](#)



UPCOMING DATES!

- Mon, Nov. 20th: Library day, return your library books
- Tues, Nov. 21st: Pay for Plaid dress down
- Tues, Nov. 21st: Tutoring & MS play practice till 4:30
- Nov. 22nd - Nov. 24th: Thanksgiving Break/No School
- Mon, Nov. 27th: Library day, return your library books
- Mon, Nov. 27th: Holliday Shoppe for kids open all week!
- Tues, Nov. 28th: 4th-6th grade Battle of Books Speaker
- Tues, Nov 28th: Tutoring & MS play practice till 4:30
- Wed, Nov. 29th: Student led Mass Rescheduled for Friday
- Thurs, Nov. 30th: 4th-8th MI Supreme Court Field Trip
- Thurs, Nov. 30th: STAR Track after school tutoring till 4:30
- Fri, Dec. 1st: Popcorn Friday - Bring \$1 per bag

Dear OLLRCS Parents,

I hope you were able to pick up a copy of the HL Resorter, as we received excellent coverage of our Veterans Day assembly, which the students are well deserving of. They did an amazing job and you should be so proud of your child/children. We received raving reviews from all of our outside guests about our students genuine gratitude, respect, and exceptional behavior. The behavioral expectations that we have for our children our making them stand out in today's world. Thank you for continuing to partner with us to maintain behavioral expectations that are enjoyable and noticed by everyone. We truly are grateful for allowing OLLRCS to be a part of your child's educational journey. We have finished the 3rd week of the 2nd marking period of our school year already! We are allowing students to wear their favorite plaid shirt for a donation to Oasis of Hope for the homeless. Students not participating should come in uniform on Nov. 21st. Thank you for your help with this fun and exciting time. I hope you all have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday! We truly have so much to be grateful for.

Many Blessings,

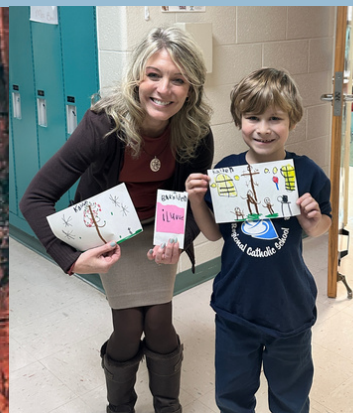
Michelle L. Johnson
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,
Fostering Virtues

4TH/5TH Grade Free Skiing

This flyer was sent to the school and I thought I would share!

[Link to Free Skiing](#)



Thank you Mr. Livingstone, Mr. Pete, and our OLLRCS families for helping us raise over \$1400 for the American Heart Association. Our school body jump roped in conjunction for an hour w/o stopping!

