

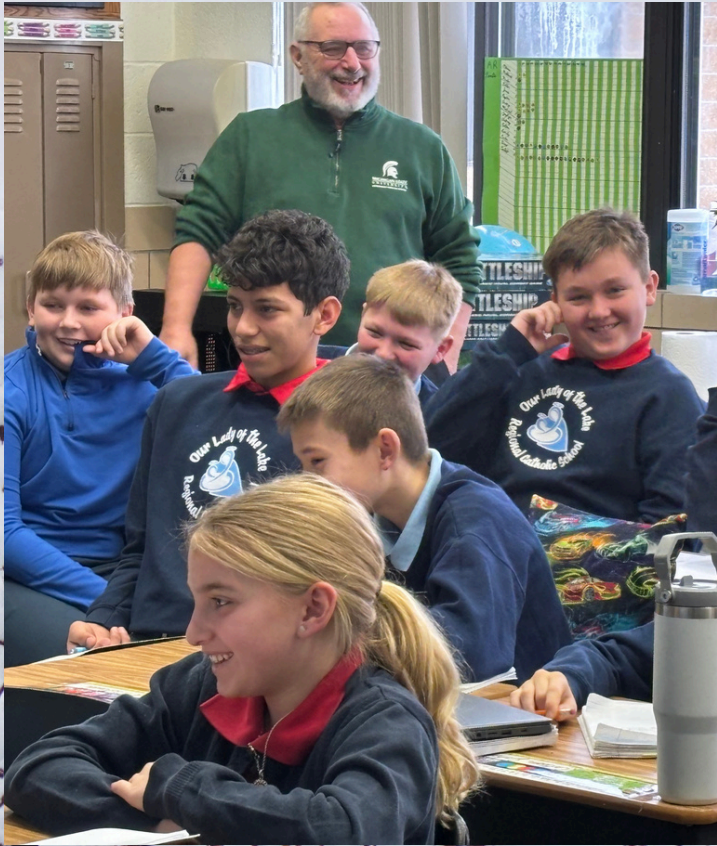


# OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Community Service Project Food Drive

The students have expressed interest this year in holding a 2nd Food drive for the Roscommon Food Pantry. We came so close to our goal of 1000 items in the fall and want to achieve this goal this winter when families really need the help. Please pass the word along using this flier so that we can make a difference this Catholic Schools week where we celebrate community!

[Link to Catholic Schools Week Food Drive](#)

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

All students ages 9-14 are encouraged to participate in the annual K of C Free Throw Contest during school on Jan. 31st. Students must have a completed parent release for filled out and proof of age to participate. We have extra forms in the office and below is a link.

[Link to K of C Free Throw Contest](#)



## 2024-25 School Calendar Link

### 6th Grade Catechism Bee Feb. 28th!

All 6th grade students will compete in a catechism bee at OLLRCS on Feb. 28th to decide who will represent their school at the Diocese of Gaylord competition. Students from other schools in the diocese will compete together for scholarships that will be applied to next year's tuition. Annie Barnes was the last person from OLLRCS to win a \$500 tuition scholarship and all of our students have been in the top half in the Diocesan competition. Below is a link to all the questions students should be studying at home. We will hold a mock catechism bee in January to help prepare students.

[Link to 6th Grade Catechism ?'s](#)



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

### Academic Report Cards come home Wed, Jan. 22!

Students in Mrs. Koupal's & Mrs. McKuen's & classes have grades posted on-line. Follow these links in the FACTS family portal to access their progress in each subject.

- Family Portal
- Student
- Grades

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

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

### Golf Outing - June 6th, 2025

The Golf Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8th. We are grateful to have 4 OLL parishioners helping and supporting us this year as we build our committee with parents. The minutes to the meeting are below:

[Jan. 8th, 2025 Golf meeting minutes](#)



### HOME & SCHOOL

All families are required to complete 100 service hours per school year. All hours completed now will go toward the 2024-25 school year. Hours may be worked off until the last day of school, June 11, 2025.

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

Please contact a Home and School officer if you have any further questions:  
President: samantha.opperman@fmins.com  
VP: heather.king3115@kirtland.edu  
Secretary: open for vote  
Treasurer: krisandlea@gmail.com

### 4TH-6TH Grade Battle of the Books

Keil Stevens from the HL Public Library hosted the annual Battle of the Books kickoff on Saturday, Jan. 11th. I am thrilled to report that OLLRCS will have 6 full 5 person teams. Practices started this week on January 14 after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays until 4:25. Make sure your child is reading every night. Thank you. Below is a link for more information.

[Link to HL Public Library](#)



## Catholic Schools Week Field Trips

[Link to Catholic Schools Week Agenda](#)

**Thursday, January 30th:**

Mrs. Johnson and up to 5 parent chaperones will take 3rd-8th grade students tubing at Hanson Hills on the HL bus. All other parent chaperones are welcome to meet us at Hanson Hills at 11:30am. Parents that choose to tube are asked to pay the daily rate.

[Link to Hanson Hill Permission Form](#)

[Link to Hanson Hill Transportation Form](#)

**Friday, January 31st:**

Students in grades K-2nd will attend Skye High Gymnastics Center from 8:45-10:15 by HL bus leaving OLLRCS by 8:15am and returning before 11am. Adults that want to attend must view from the waiting room. The gymnastics center only allows coaches and OLLRCS staff to be inside the facility. We plan to leave OLLRCS at 8:15am.

\*PreK students will be doing special fun activities in the classroom. It is becoming too difficult to maintain the many strict childcare requirements and take them out of the building.

[Link to OLLRCS's Skye High Permission Form](#)

[Link to Skye High Gymnastic Permission Form](#)

[Link to Skye High Transportation Form](#)

*All Forms are due no later than Jan. 24, 2025*

## Reminders from our Staff!

- Please make sure your child knows how they are getting home from school. Phone use is for emergencies only.
- Hot lunch orders must be received before 8:45 the day of hot lunch. We might not be able to honor late orders.
- Students are asked to wear boots to school, change into school shoes, and bring hats, coats, gloves for when we have outside recess.
- PLEASE LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING.

## Faith Formation Info.

Below is a link to the youth registration form and faith formation calendar. All students are welcome. If you have any further questions, please text Steve at 801-644-6085.

[Link to Youth Faith Formation Form](#)

[Link to Faith Formation Calendar.](#)

If you would like to be more involved with our church ministry and see how your child can contribute, please contact [Amber Buccilli](#) at [amber.buccilli@nmcac4kids.org](mailto:amber.buccilli@nmcac4kids.org). Our student-led Mass is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 9am. Hope you will consider sharing your child's talents with us.

[Link to Faith Formation Newsletter](#)

[Message from Bishop Walsh](#)



## Lunch Help Needed Everyday!

To join our lunch staff, please sign up using the calendars below if your background requirements are completed:

[Link to January Lunch Help](#)

All hot lunches are available through our FACTS portal & must be purchased prior to 8am.

## Requirements to Help in the School

All volunteers that work with students 8 or less hours/month need to have a background check and complete an online virus training. If you are working with students more than 8 hours a month, you will also need to get fingerprinted.

[ICHAT Background Check Form](#)

[Virtus TRAINING LINK](#)

For fingerprinting we use <https://www.identogo.com/services/live-scan-fingerprinting> and the most cost effective is West Branch or Gladwin & we will pay half if you turn in your receipt.

"If we love one another, God remains in us, and His love is brought to perfection in us." John 4:12



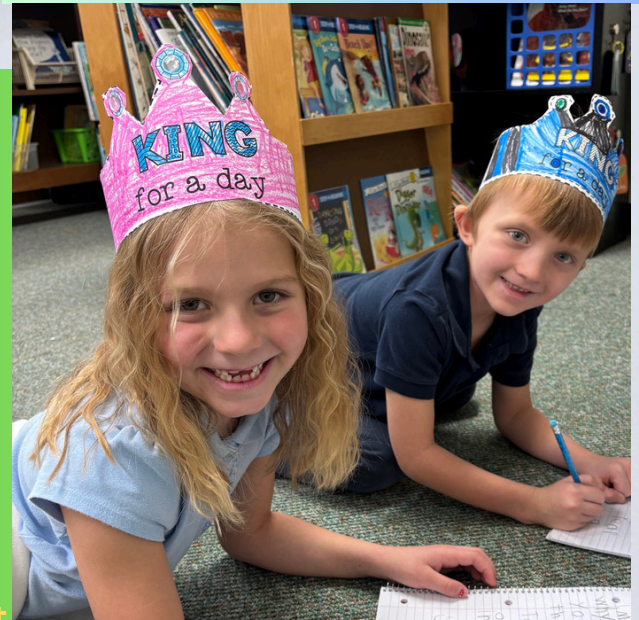


## UPCOMING DATES!

- Mon, Jan. 20 - NO HL Bussing
- Mon, Jan. 20 - Library - Return your books!
- Tues, Jan. 21 - Gym Day - Bring gym shoes.
- Tues, Jan. 21 - BOB Practice & Tutoring until 4:30
- Wed. Jan. 22 - Student Mass @9am at OLL-All welcome!
- Wed. Jan. 22 - MP #2 report cards sent home today.
- Thurs. Jan 23 - BOB Practice & Tutoring until 4:30pm.
- Fri, Jan. 24 - Popcorn Friday! Please bring \$1/bag.
- Fri, Jan 24 - Gym Day - Bring gym shoes.
- Sun, Jan 26 - Pancake Breakfast at OLL after 9am Mass - 4th/5th grade help needed: [Link to Help w/Breakfast](#)
- Mon, Jan 27 - Library - Return your books!
- Mon. Jan 27 - Mock Free Throw & Mock Catechism Bee
- Tues, Jan. 28 - Gym Day - Bring gym shoes.
- Tues, Jan. 28 - Family Trees due - Enrichment rotations
- Tues. Jan. 28 - Bring favorite Heritage/family snack
- Tues, Jan. 28 - BOB Practice & Tutoring until 4:30pm.
- Wed. Jan. 29-Student-Led Mass @9am - All are Welcome
- Wed. Jan. 29 - Food Drive items due/Chip. Nature Center
- Thurs, Jan. 30 - Free Buccilli's Pizza for all!
- Thurs, Jan. 30 - 3rd-8th grade Hanson Hills Field Trip
- Thurs, Jan. 30 - BOB Practice & Tutoring until 4:30pm.
- Fri, Jan. 31 - Popcorn Friday! Please bring \$1/bag.
- Fri, Jan 31 - Gym Day - Bring gym shoes.
- Fri, Jan. 31 - K-2 Skye High Gymnastics Field Trip
- Fri, Jan. 31 - K of C free Throw Contest

## TUT This Weekend!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Alex Evans (TUT court), for bringing in TUT badges for every student at OLLRCS! TUT is the last 2 weekends in Jan. Please contact Mrs. Evans at [ladyevans8925@gmail.com](mailto:ladyevans8925@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer at TUT!



## Dear OLLRCS Parents,

It's hard to believe that half of our school year is over and we have completed a full semester of classes. Next week is National School of Choice Week and we thank all of you for choosing OLLRCS! We have an amazing week planned out to celebrate Catholic Schools week this year starting Jan. 26-Jan. 31. We thank all of you that help out during this fun and eventful week! I thank you all so very much for sharing your precious children with us. They are amazing in so many different ways and we have so few problems here at OLLRCS. We feel truly blessed and Catholic Schools week is a way to celebrate our amazing students. Be sure you visit our Facebook page for more pictures and as always, thank you for your continued support of OLLRCS and have a wonderful weekend!

Many Blessings,

Michelle L. Johnson  
OLLRCS Principal

Nurturing Minds, Strengthening Faith,  
Fostering Virtues





# Epiphany Parties 2025!

