



## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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## Student Council 2024-25

We congratulate all of our 2024-25 Student Council officers and representatives.

- President: Trenten Powell
- Vice President: Warren Milburn
- Secretary: Brayden Hodges
- Treasurer: Ava Schaittone
- 8th grade Representative: Ashley King
- Middle School Rep: Ayden Brooks
- 6th grade Rep: Zach Maurer
- 5th grade Rep: Micheal McNeill
- 4th grade Rep: Ava Evans

Over 20 students wrote and gave excellent speeches, some with visual aids to entice their peers to vote for them. I was extremely impressed with their efforts, composure, and sportsmanship.

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## HOME & SCHOOL NEEDS HELP

**Stargazer Gala is September 21st!**

We need help setting on the 20th and 21st. We need help at the event on the 21st from 5:00-10:00pm, and we need help cleaning up on the 22nd. Please email Sam Opperman at [samantha.opperman@fmins.com](mailto:samantha.opperman@fmins.com) if you are available to help out.

We also need to sell 50-80 more tickets to have a respectable showing at the Gala. Gala tickets are available at the school office and at the Chamber of Commerce.



## Gala & Big Cash Raffle Church Sign-up

Thank you to the Korbinski, Benson, and Dull family who are selling Gala and Big Raffle tickets again this week at church. We still need parents to sell at St. Micheal's and St. James. on the form below. Earn 1 service hour for every gala ticket sold and 1 hour for every 2 big cash raffle tickets sold! Tickets can be signed out in the school office between 8am-4pm.

[Click Here to Reserve your spot!](#)

WE NEED  
your  
SUPPORT!

Please help  
sell GALA  
tickets!  
Sign out  
tickets in  
the office.

## [2024-25 School Calendar Link](#)



Our Lady of the Lake Regional Catholic School  
Annual Stargazer Gala Presents:

## A Night Under The Northern Lights"

September 21st, 2024

Tickets \$40 Advanced / \$50 at the Door

Purchase 8 tickets together to be a Table Captain.

This reserves you a table for 8 and Captains will be entered to win a \$200 value Ticket Package drawing at the start of the event!

Doors Open at 5pm - Dinner Served at 6pm

Raffles - Live Auction - Cash Bar

Have cash on hand! Games and Raffles all night long  
with lots of great prizes!

Big Cash Raffle Tickets will be Available at the Gala

Drawing will take place after Mass on November 17th, 2024

Need not be present to win

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN TO SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL!

Tickets Available to Purchase at Our Lady of the Lake School

## 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](mailto:samantha.opperman@fmins.com)

VP: [heather.king3115@kirtland.edu](mailto:heather.king3115@kirtland.edu)

Secretary: open for vote

Tresurer: [krisandlea@gmail.com](mailto:krisandlea@gmail.com)

## Substitute Teachers Needed for 2024-25 School Year!

We are in need a a few more substitute teachers for the school year. If you have 60+ college credits, we would love to have you apply to be a substitute teacher with our school. Please email Mrs. Johnson if you are interested at [mjohnson@ollrcs.org](mailto:mjohnson@ollrcs.org).



# Academic Progress

All 4th-8th grade students have grades posted online. 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/K: abawek@ollrcs.org & 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

## Hot Lunch Schedule

- Monday & Tuesday - Bring a sack lunch - Help our lunch staff by packing items your child can open themselves & use a thermos.
- Wednesday - Chicken Nuggets & Tater Tots
- Thursday - Buccilli's Pizza by the slice & salad
- Friday - Pasta w/ Marina sauce & bread sticks

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

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

[Link to September Lunch help](#)

## Advent Play Help Needed!

We are holding auditions in September for 6th-8th graders for our annual advent play. If you are interested in helping in the set up, tear down, or decorating, please feel free to text Jamie Fagerlie at [jamiefagerlie@gmail.com](mailto:jamiefagerlie@gmail.com). The play will be December 19th. Practices with the Middle School students will be after school one day a week and permission forms will be sent home this month. Helping out is a great opportunity to get service credit hours and work with the kids. Middle School auditions will be during school in a few weeks.

Friendly reminders:  
No Dogs on school grounds unless papers are registered in the office.  
Also, only water can be in water bottles sent from home.  
No sugary drinks. Thank you!



## Faith Formation Info.

Thank you to all that have shared their talents with the church over the summer. Your service is greatly appreciated! If you would like to be more involved with our church ministry and see how your child can contribute, please contact [Amber Buccilli](mailto:amber.buccilli@nmcac4kids.org) 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](#)

[Link to Bishop Walsh Daily Prayer](#)

[Message from Bishop Walsh](#)



## Requirements to Help in the School

WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP at lunch and recess from 11:15-12:45 everyday. 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 need to get fingerprinted in addition to the background check and online virtue training.

[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. Please contact the office if you have been fingerprinted at another facility. We may be able to save you this step.



## Upcoming Dress Down Days

- 9/27 - Wear your favorite athletic team jersey or shirt
  - 10/3 - School Picture Day
  - 10/10 - Barts Day/Fleming Farms Field trip
  - 10/31 - Wear your favorite pumpkin shirt - NO COSTUMES or GORY SHIRTS
  - 11/1 - All Saints Day - Dress as your favorite Saint today. Those not participating must be in uniform.
- \*Please NO sweat pants, joggers, leggings, holey jeans, tank tops, spaghetti straps, crop tops, open toed shoes or short skirts/shorts. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate conservative clothing for a Catholic School environment.

Thank you!

## **UPCOMING DATES!**

- Mon, Sept. 16 - Library - Return your books!
- Tues, Sept. 17 - Gym Day - Bring gym shoes.
- Tues, Sept. 17 - Constitution Day!
- Tues, Sept. 17-Tutoring after school until 4:30-Must have permission slip turned in. NO PreK students allowed.
- Wed. Sept. 18 - Student-Led Mass @9am - All Welcome!
- Thurs. Sept. 19-Class challenge winners-Ice Cream Party
- Thurs. Sept. 19 - Tutoring after school until 4:30pm.
- Fri, Sept. 20 - Popcorn Friday! Please bring \$1/bag.
- Fri, Sept. 20 - Set up for Gala in gym. Gym class outside
- Sat, Sept. 21 - Gala in OLLRCS gym at 5pm - All welcome!
- Sun, Sept. 22 - Help clean up gym at 10am - All welcome!
- Mon, Sept. 23 - Library - Return your books!
- Tues, Sept. 24 - Tutoring after school until 4:30pm.
- Wed. Sept. 25 - Student-Led Mass @9am - All Welcome!
- Thurs, Sept. 26 - Tutoring after school until 4:30pm.
- Fri, Sept. 6 - Favorite athletic Jersey or shirt dress down
- Fri, Sept. 6th: Popcorn Friday! Please bring \$1/bag.
- Fri, Sept. 6th: Gym today - Bring gym shoes.

## **Vehicle Name Signs-Dismissal**

Thank you to those families that have made a sign of their last name to display in the window at pickup time, if you choose to stay in your car for dismissal. It helps so much. Please have your child's last name in black THICK letters and display it in the passenger dash of your car. Thank you for your support in keeping our school efficient & safe!



## **After School Tutoring/Programs**

OLLRCS will begin our after school (STAR Track) tutoring program on September 17th. It will run every Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30pm throughout the school year. All K-8th grade students are eligible to attend for free after signing the permission form included in the family packet you will receive at our Open House August 15th or in the link below.

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

[Link to STAR Track Permission Form](#)

## **Dear OLLRCS Parents,**

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. I thank you so very much for the support you have shown with the dress code. There has been a noticeable difference from last year. Thank you. Also, I can't thank you enough for getting students to school before 8am. We have had very few students walk in late this year, which starts our educational process without disruptions. Again, I thank you so very much. I encourage you to promote our Stargazer Gala and sell Gala tickets. This is our biggest event of the year and the more people we have, the better chance of fundraising success. Make sure you visit our Facebook page for more pictures from this week 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



